

ABOUT

THE ENVIRONMENTAL FOUNDATION OF JAMAICA (EFJ)

The EFJ is an independent special purpose foundation with a mission to promote sustainable development in Jamaica, through support for civil society organisations.

The Foundation has helped to set the local agenda and create focused attention in:

- sustainable use of Jamaica's natural resources;
- creation of a secure future for vulnerable children.

The EFJ is working to identify and secure partners to develop new funding sources to continue their success across the island by building on its record of leadership and financial impeccability.

MISSION

"...to serve the public good by promoting and implementing activities designed to conserve and manage the natural resources and environment of Jamaica in the interest of sustainable development and to improve child survival and child development."

IMPACT

The EFJ is a pacesetter in support of non-government action for environmental and child development in Jamaica. In less than 20 years EFJ has funded more than **1,200 projects** totaling **J\$2.8 billion** or **US\$36.9 million**.

STRUCTURE

Board of Directors:
There is one representative each from the Government of Jamaica, the Government of the United States and the University of the West Indies. The other six members represent local NGOs working in the areas of child development and natural resources management.

MEMBERS

The EFJ is a member-based organisation open to NGOs that share our goals. Members also shape our work by nominating most of our Board of Directors. In turn, we strengthen their capacity and facilitate networking.

NETWORK & PARTNERS

Meaningful relationships have been developed with government institutions, local and international organisations, academic institutions and other key stakeholders.

ASSESSMENT

"EFJ has made significant contributions to national development policies and plans, and its work is clearly aligned to **Vision 2030**. Furthermore, its contribution to Youth at Risk and Early Childhood development standards is highly commendable. EFJ-supported initiatives also contributed to **two UN Conventions**—Rights of the Child and Biological Diversity."

EFJ IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT,
JANUARY 2011

STAFF

The EFJ's mandate is carried out by a motivated, professional staff of **11 persons** who manage the day-to-day financial, technical and programmatic tasks of this dynamic entity.

JAMAICA BRIEF

Location:	Northern Caribbean Sea
Climate:	Tropical
Biodiversity:	High level of indigenous & endemic species
Forest Cover:	31.2% of total (2007)
Population:	2.7m (est. 2008)
Pop. 0-14yrs:	29.4% (2009)
Area:	4,411 sq mls/10,991 sq km
GDP per capita:	US\$5,570.8 (2008)

(Statistics from UN data)



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