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Bluefields Bay Fish Sanctuary: Now and Then

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"Bluefields Bay Jamaica's Sanctuary"



Fishers Survey 2005 & 2007

2005 Survey

99% of fishers surveyed

- Cave
- Farm
- Belmont
- Brighton
- Mearnsville
- Auldayr

2007 Survey

100% of fishers surveyed

- Smithfield
- Paradise, and
- Savanna-La Mar

IN FAVOR of a fish sanctuary
in the Bluefields Bay

Declaration by the Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries

2007

1. Establishment of five new fish sanctuaries
2. **overwhelming responses of those in favor from the Bluefields Bay area**
3. BBFFS wrote to the Minister and was accepted.

2009

1. **Fisheries Division met with the Society members and representatives from the different fishing beaches to sign off on the designated area.**
2. The sanctuary was declared in March 2009.



BLUEFIELDS BAY FISH SANCTUARY



Enforcement

- A MOA was signed in December 2010 between MOAF & BBFFS to manage the sanctuary with a subvention from the government.
- The subvention allowed for:
 - **boat rental and fuel**
 - **six wardens, a manager, a supervisor, and a part-time accountant.**



Strengthening of Enforcement

- On November 9, 2012 BBFFS and The CARIBSAVE Partnership signed a MOA for US\$91,000 to do the following:
obtain a patrol boat and engines, base at sea, do research, more employees and 1 ½ mesh wire for trap exchange.

New Patrol Boat & Engines



Fisheries Inspector & Marine Police

Paradise

- A. 18° 9'9.43"N, 78° 1'58.45"W
- B. 18° 11'28.15"N, 78° 3'40.64"W
- C. 18° 12'17.10"N, 78° 5'12.29"W
- D. 18° 12'20.72"N, 78° 5'12.29"W

BLUEFIELDS BAY

Cave

Mernsville

Belmont

Bluefields Bay FISH SANCTUARY

is a nursery for **juvenile fish** and other marine life. Help us **protect** it in order to increase the **fish stock** in the greater Bluefields Bay area!

NO FISHING



NO SPEAR FISHING

Be aware of the **rules and regulations** of the Fish Sanctuary. Fishermen in **violation** are subject to **arrest and confiscation of catch and equipment!** **Funded by**



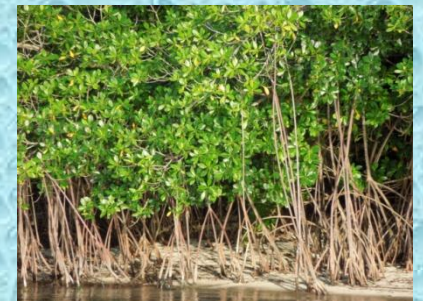
2012 Fishers Survey

Results

Fishers surveyed from Cave to Belmont

- Fishers seeing an improvement in their catch
- Fishers think the fish sanctuary is a good idea
- Persons in Blacks Bay think the sanctuary should be extended

Improvements in the Bay



Next Steps...

- Continue improvements in the sanctuary
- Promote sustainable fishing practices
- Outreach to fishers
- Provide alternative employment opportunities through sustainable hospitality development
- Research in the Sanctuary



Research in the Sanctuary

- Researchers must get a **permit** to do research in the sanctuary and bay
- **Catch and release policy** or taken to a lab
- **Only permitted to kill lionfish**



Team Members!



Bluefields Community Development Committee (CDC)

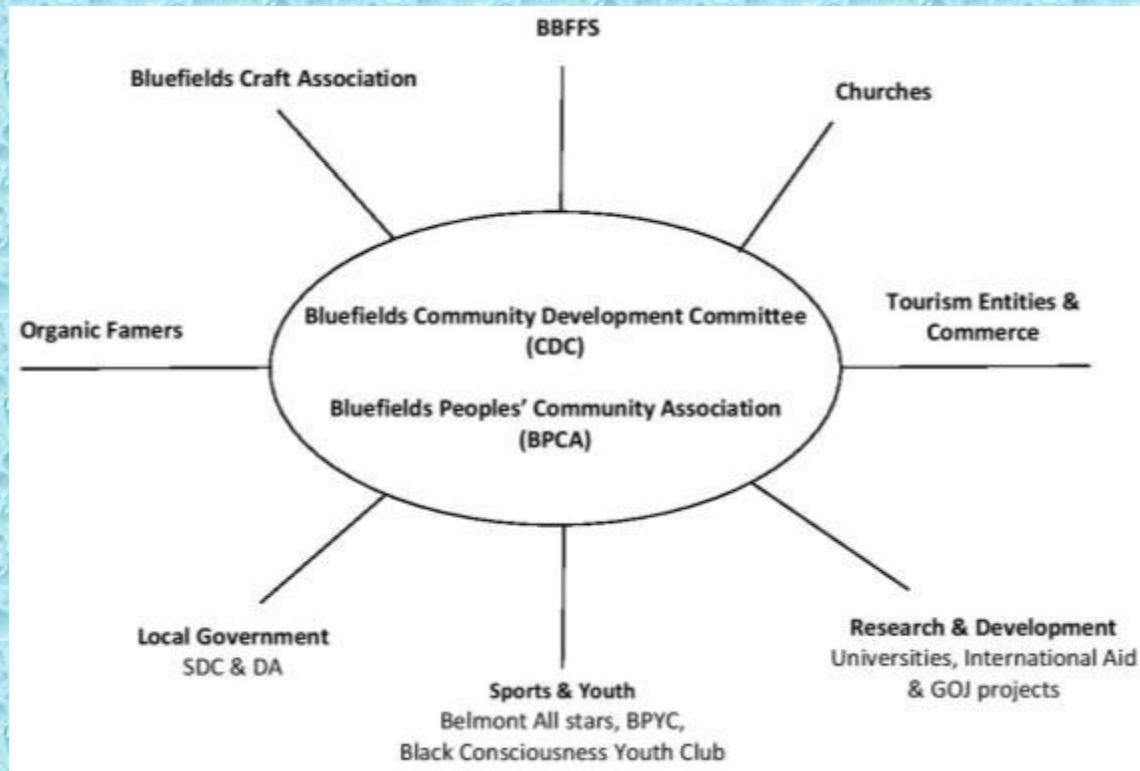
Vision:

To become the leading community development entity in Jamaica and the wider Caribbean.

Mission:

To provide a range of community development services to the people of Bluefields and its environs in harmony with the natural environment. This includes the provision of training and employment opportunities for the residents of the community and helping the residents to improve their economic, social and natural environment. Our development goals:

**Food for All · Education for All · Jobs for All
Protection of Our Natural & Cultural Resources**







Food for All



Education



Workshops



Team Jamaica



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The Jamaican Birding and Eco Tour Specialists



JAMAICA

Has more endemics than any other Caribbean island

The Jamaican bird list currently has 307 species.

This includes 180 migrants

4 endemic genera (*Trochilus* – Black-billed and Red-billed Streamertail Hummingbirds; *Loxipasser* – Yellow-shouldered Grassquit; *Euneornis* - Orangequit; *Neosparr* – Jamaican Blackbird).

The impressive line- up continues with
30 endemic species
19 endemic subspecies,
3 Caribbean endemic species
15 Caribbean endemic races.







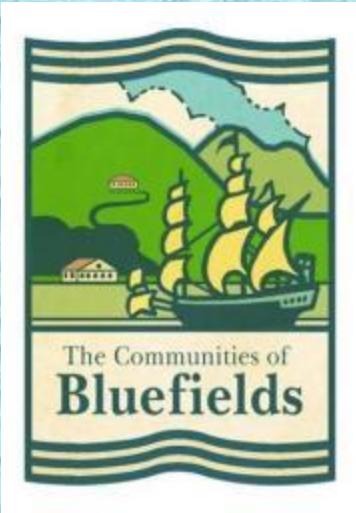
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Natural Resources



Cultural Resources





Community Vision





Bluefields Today and Tomorrow

Bluefields is creating the future from its heritage. A progressive cooperative programme of its agriculture, fishing & tourism sectors is building opportunities for its people.



BLUEFIELDS MODEL PROJECTS

- Bluefields Bay Fishermen's Friendly Society
- Bluefields People Community Association



Sustainable Development of Bluefields Bay Area Communities

Bluefields Bay has plenty to offer its residents but there is much that needs to be done. To secure the future, integrity of our fish, animal forests and people are all that have great potential value for heritage tourism, the environment and health. An environmental will follow.



Bluefields is a world heritage area, making her a global historical agribusiness and porting. Feeding 8 billion people on the global stage. It acts as a model of community heritage tourism that is true friend to the area and the nation.



Development Partners



MOAF & MOT&E



Bluefields Environmental Protection Association



Partners continue

