Recent History of Bluefields Bay Jamaica

Pre European Settlement
- Columbus discovers Jamaica

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Spanish Settlement
- 1494 First Spanish settlement in Bluefields
- 1519 Taino Villages

1492 - 1519

British Settlement
- 1655 British Invade Jamaica
- 1670 Treaty signed formally ceding Jamaica to England

1655 - 1763

Present Day
- 1800's Sugar industry collapses
- 1838 Slavery Abolished
- 1972 Present

1800's - 1972

Present Day
- Parliament dissolved and Jamaica becomes independent

1972 - Present

Small scale subsistence farming
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Clearing of lowland for agriculture
Clearing of the hill slopes for subsistence farming

Reforestation
Small scale subsistence farming