

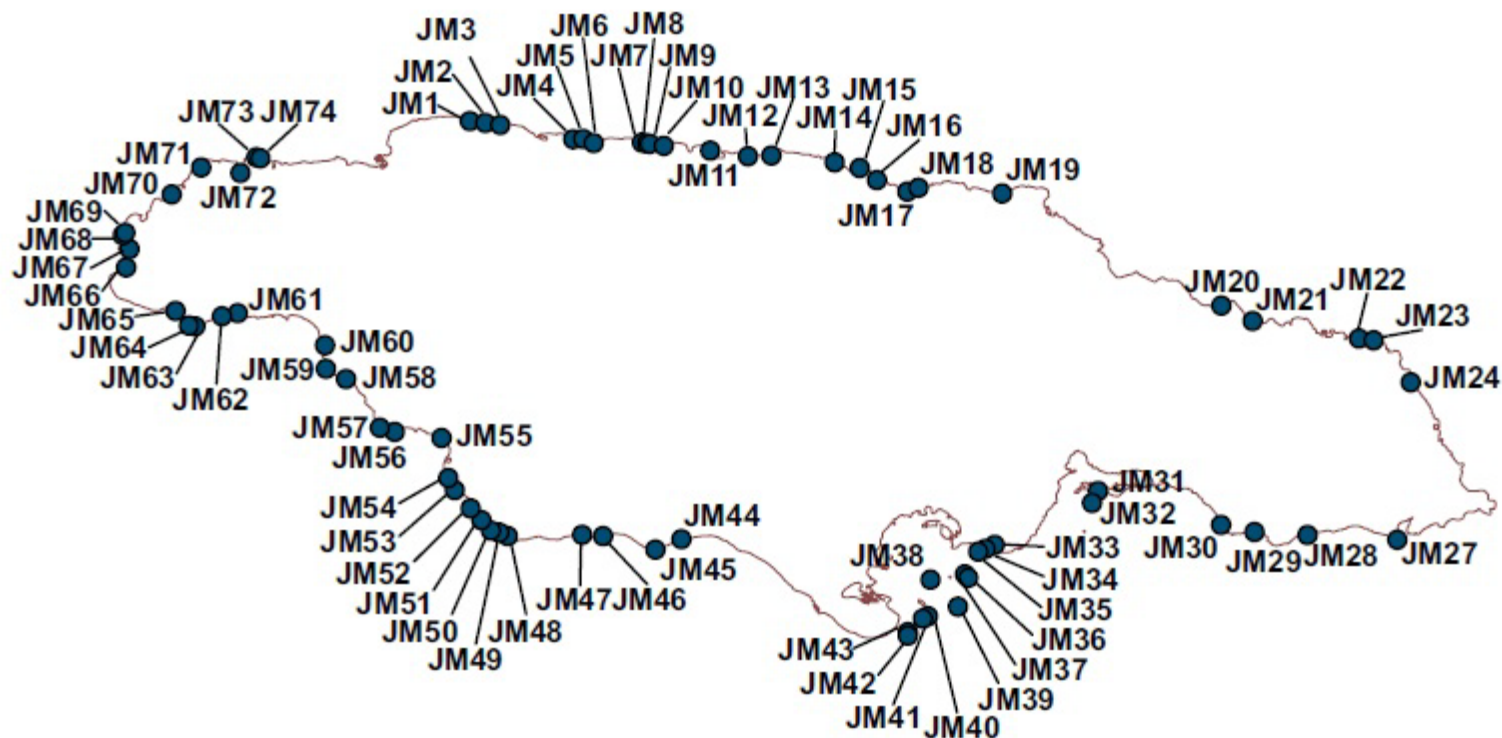
CHANGING ATTITUDES IN JAMAICA



Christine O'Sullivan
Jamaica Environment Trust

JAMAICA

- Third largest island in the Caribbean
- Estimated 82 sea turtle nesting beaches



JAMAICA

- Anecdotal data on turtle presence recorded since 2005
- Limited, ad-hoc nesting data collection occurring
- Sea Turtle Recovery Action Plan published in 2011



SEA TURTLE RECOVERY ACTION PLAN

Problems Identified Included:

- Destruction/Modification of Habitat
- Disease/Predation
- Over-utilisation
- Inadequate Regulatory Mechanisms



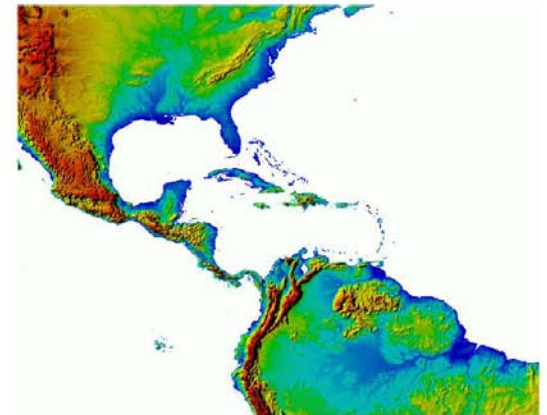
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Sea Turtle Recovery Action Plan for Jamaica



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 **WIDECAST**
Wider Caribbean Sea Turtle Conservation Network

JAMAICA ENVIRONMENT TRUST

2009

- Trained with the Jumby Bay Hawksbill Project
- Trained NGOs in Jamaica on sea turtle monitoring and tagging



JAMAICA ENVIRONMENT TRUST

2010

- Proposal to the Environmental Foundation of Jamaica
- Received additional funding from the Treasure Beach Turtle Group
- Collect data on sea turtle populations in 3 parishes in Jamaica
 - Bluefields, Westmoreland
 - Hope Bay, Portland
 - Treasure Beach, St. Elizabeth



PROJECT OUTLINE

- Community Workshops
 - Perception
 - Sea Turtle Biology
 - Sea Turtle Monitoring
 - Teacher Training
- Daily Monitoring
 - Data Sheets
 - Equipment
 - Field Guides
 - May - November
- Signs on Penalties for Harming Sea Turtles



SAVE OUR SEA TURTLES
Help Protect This Sea Turtle Nesting Beach
They are protected under the Wild Life Protection Act

Under the Wild Life Protection Act it is illegal to:

- Hunt
- Have in your possession
- Take or try to take

Sea turtles, any of their parts or their eggs.

The penalty is a maximum fine of \$100,000 or imprisonment for up to 12 months, and any vehicles or weapons used can be confiscated.

**HELP SAVE SEA TURTLES NOW
SO OUR CHILDREN CAN SEE
THEM IN THE FUTURE**

TO REPORT BREACHES PLEASE CONTACT THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING AGENCY AT 1-888-991-5005

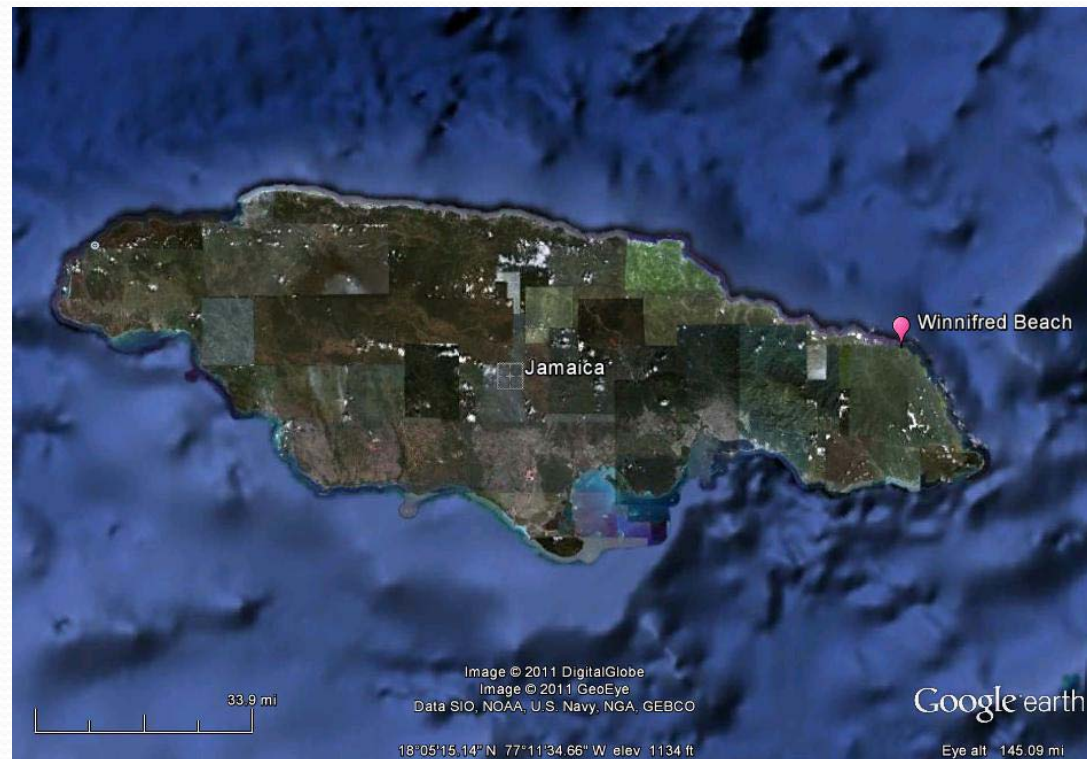
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PROJECT OUTLINE

- Canada Fund
 - Winnifred Beach
 - August – November
 - Exchange Workshop



Portland

- Two Sites
 - Caenwood
 - Winnifred Beach
- Monitored by the Portland Environment Protection Association and Free Winnifred Beach Benevolent Society



Portland Monitoring Groups

- Caenwood

- Jaja
- Yanique
- Shavelle
- Machel
- Ivor
- Gifford
- Raz
- Brea



Portland Monitoring Groups

- Winnifred
 - Francine
 - Rodney
 - Eric
 - Tyson



PORTLAND SUCCESS STORIES

- Lloyd Walker
- Winnifred Beach



Treasure Beach

- Four Sites
 - Old Wharf
 - Billy's Bay
 - Black Spring
 - Harvey's Beach
- Monitored by the Treasure Beach Turtle Group



Treasure Beach Monitoring Group

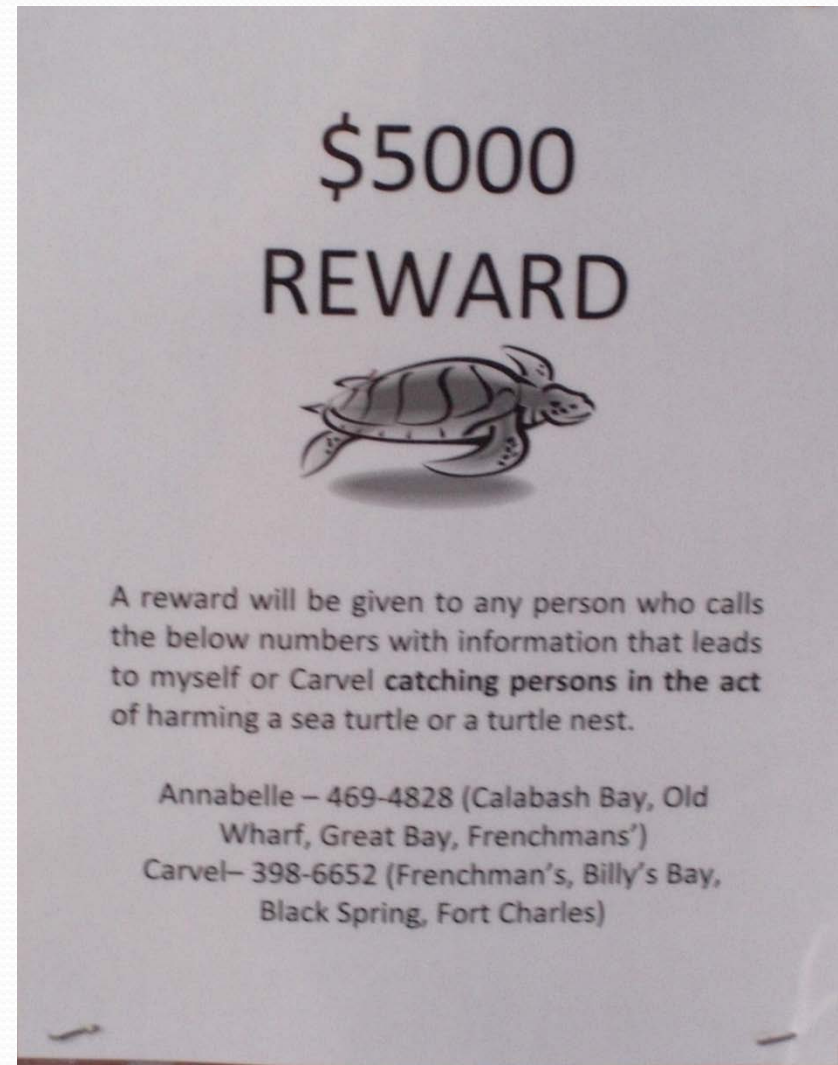
- Bobby
- Carvel
- Annabelle
- Sheldon



TREASURE BEACH SUCCESS STORIES

2 Poaching Attempts

- Community Response



Bluefields

- Farm
- Monitored by the Bluefields Bay Fishermen's Friendly Society



Bluefields Monitoring Group

- Roy
- Barbara
- Emsley



BLUEFIELDS SUCCESS STORIES

- Teacher Training Workshop Impacts
- Community Awareness / Involvement



Thank you



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*Environmental Foundation
of Jamaica*

**Treasure Beach
Villa Owners**



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