

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	Jamaica
Program Title:	Environment
Pillar:	Economic Growth, Agriculture and Trade
Strategic Objective:	532-010
Status:	New in FY 2005
Planned FY 2006 Obligation:	\$2,246,000 DA
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$100,000 DA
Proposed FY 2007 Obligation:	\$2,269,000 DA
Year of Initial Obligation:	2005
Estimated Year of Final Obligation:	2009

Summary: USAID's environment strategic objective (SO) intends to promote sustainable management of natural resources by working with the Government of Jamaica, nongovernmental organizations, and private sector organizations to strengthen linkages between effective natural resources management and sustainable economic growth in rural areas. The strategic objective will achieve this result by focusing on sustainable resource utilization, improved environmental practices and biodiversity conservation; and reduced risk profile of communities for natural disasters.

USAID is in the process of developing a new strategy to be submitted in FY 2006, that will dramatically scale down and more tightly focus the overall program. The new strategy is expected to encompass some of the activities delineated in this Data Sheet.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2006 Program:

Improve Sustainable Management of Natural Resources and Biodiversity (\$2,246,000 DA, \$100,000 Prior Year Unobligated funds). USAID is providing technical assistance to implement environmental management "best practices" within targeted river basins and conservation sites. This assistance develops legal, policy and regulatory frameworks for land use and development planning that reduce and prevent negative environmental impacts from improper zoning and land use practices. USAID works with Jamaican nongovernmental organizations (NGOs), which have been delegated management authority for designated protected areas, to improve management of terrestrial and marine parks and protected areas to address biodiversity conservation. USAID also supports private sector alliances and partnerships, using leverage from the Development Credit Authority (DCA) loan guarantee program, to facilitate access of rural and urban households and communities to clean and adequate water and sanitation facilities. USAID is using \$100,000 of DA funds for the DCA related activities. USAID supports the development of new pilot ventures such as ecotourism, community tourism, or heritage tourism related enterprises. This approach involves the development of trails to historic sites along with basic amenities required for the comfort of the tourist. Prospective partners will include the Ministries of Agriculture and Land and Environment, local Parish Development Councils, Jamaica Hotel and Tourist Association, and Jamaica Manufacturers Association. USAID may also provide limited technical assistance and training to agribusiness in organic farming, water harvesting and cost effective irrigation techniques. Activities include the introduction of appropriate technologies for irrigation and soil conservation. Principal contractors and grantees: PA Government Services.

FY 2007 Program:

Improve Sustainable Management of Natural Resources and Biodiversity (\$2,269,000 DA). USAID will support a holistic approach to conservation and development. The SO will implement skills and capacity building initiatives targeting community and national level personnel, especially in the government agencies that will sustain USAID's initiatives. Assistance may help develop

sustainable use of natural resources, through the creation and growth of community or ecotourism related enterprises, as an income generating alternative and tool for strengthening conservation activities. Sustainability of previously created tourism enterprises will be consolidated and new ecological and heritage tourism enterprises may be developed if resources allow. Support of the expansion of rural water supply and sanitation improvement will continue. Principal contractor: PA Government Services.

Performance and Results: Activities under this SO have not yet begun. In the aftermath of the devastation caused throughout the Caribbean region by Hurricane Ivan in September 2004, USAID focused much of its staff effort on designing, developing and implementing the 12 months, \$18 million hurricane recovery program. As a result, initiation of activities under this new SO was delayed. However, steps have been taken to develop a SO performance monitoring plan to facilitate speedy start up early in the second quarter of FY 2006. The implementation contractor will be tasked with a rapid scale up of SO activities after the contract is awarded to ensure the SO gets back on track.

Expected outcomes by the end of this strategy in 2009 include the integration of natural resource considerations into economic development planning with a greater national awareness and adoption of environmental management systems and natural disaster risk reduction approaches. As a result, there will be greater awareness of the close relationship between poverty, especially rural poverty, and environmental degradation. Several models of new environmentally friendly economic enterprises in rural areas will provide employment and generate income while also reflecting judicious management of the natural resource base. Public-private partnerships demonstrating environmentally sustainable management practices will be integral elements of the program. Partnerships are expected in agriculture sectors such as certified organic coffee, and to achieve improved water and sanitation services in rural areas. There will be an overall improvement in environmental awareness at the national level and strengthened local governance mechanisms for natural resources management at the community level.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Jamaica

532-010 Environment	DA
Through September 30, 2004	
Obligations	0
Expenditures	0
Unliquidated	0
Fiscal Year 2005	
Obligations	3,716
Expenditures	21
Through September 30, 2005	
Obligations	3,716
Expenditures	21
Unliquidated	3,695
Prior Year Unobligated Funds	
Obligations	100
Planned Fiscal Year 2006 NOA	
Obligations	2,246
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2006	
Obligations	2,346
Proposed Fiscal Year 2007 NOA	
Obligations	2,269
Future Obligations	14,542
Est. Total Cost	22,873