

Trash Free Waters Partnership

Project Description

The Trash Free Waters Initiative is a partnership between the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Peace Corps, the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Cartagena Convention Secretariat, UNEP Regional Office for Latin America and its Caribbean Sub-Regional Office.

The main objective of the partnership is to reduce and ultimately prevent land-based trash from entering watersheds, coastal waters, and the marine environment.

Donor/Funding Agency

United States Environmental
Protection Agency

Project Duration: 2015 -
2019

Location:

Wider Caribbean Region
Beneficiaries (Pilot): Jamaica
and Panama

Project Budget: USD
60,000

Project Partners

UNEP Cartagena Convention Secretariat
UNEP Regional Office for Latin America and its Caribbean
Sub-Regional Office
Peace Corps

Executing Government Agencies:

National Environment and Planning Agency (Jamaica)

Autoridad Nacional del Ambiente (ANAM) de Panama/
National Authority of the Environment in Panama

Implementing Agencies:

Sandals Foundation (Jamaica)

La Asociación para la Conservación de la Naturaleza
(ANCON) (Panama)

Main Activities



Solid Waste Reduction Project in Bluefields and Whitehouse, Westmoreland, Jamaica



Solid Waste Reduction Project – Juan Diaz Community, Panama City, Panama

Main Achievements/Results

Jamaica



Over 200 labelled bins were placed in over 30 locations in the communities.



Outreach efforts impacted approximately 2,400 students and over 1,045 adults.



Five local schools were provided with reusable utensils for their students.



A metal garbage skip was constructed to increase the capacity of the waste disposal system.

Panama



More than 400 students, from four educational institutions were trained in solid waste management.



The shoppers and business owners of Libros Los Pueblos Shopping Center in Juan Diaz were educated on the value of better solid waste management practices.



Ten volunteers were trained in community sensitization on proper waste disposal.

Convention/Protocol Articles that the Project Supports:

Article VII of the Convention

Sustainable Development Goals Aligned with the Project:



For further reading on this initiative, please visit:

- <https://www.unep.org/cep/trash-free-waters-initiative-caribbean>
- <https://www.epa.gov/trash-free-waters>

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