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The Dolphin Head Forest Reserve

Jamaica has dedicated the Dolphin Head forest reserve to be a part of the Queen's Commonwealth Canopy (QCC) project. The dedication is one of 20 committed by countries across the Commonwealth to the initiative.

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, accompanied by His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh, hosted a Reception at Buckingham Palace on November 15, 2016 to acknowledge the various countries' dedications. Jamaica was represented at the Reception Ms. Angella Rose-Howell, Deputy High Commissioner at the Jamaican High Commission in the United Kingdom and Ms. Marilyn Headley, CEO & Conservator of Forests at the Forestry Department.

The QCC, which is designed to highlight the best examples of forest management throughout the Commonwealth, was launched by Her Majesty The Queen at the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in Malta in 2015.

Through the project, Jamaica is expected to benefit from the sharing of knowledge and best practice among the Commonwealth network which will lead to better conservation measures to preserve the Dolphin Head Forest Reserve's rich biodiversity.

Honourable Daryl Vaz, Minister without Portfolio in the Ministry of Economic Growth and Job Creation, in a letter endorsing the Dolphin Head Forest Reserve's nomination said the government was committed to the sustainable management of the island's forest resources. "The Government of Jamaica remains committed to managing all the country's forest resources at the highest standards for the benefit of present and future generations and we are happy that the initiative is aimed at raising awareness within the Commonwealth of the value of indigenous forests and the need to preserve them for future generations," Mr. Vaz said.

Meanwhile, Ms. Headley says the Forestry Department welcomes the initiative, noting that the Agency has been constantly working to promote the sustainable management and utilization of forest resources in the reserve.

The Dolphin Head forest reserve, which is located in western Jamaica, is managed by the Forestry Department with support from the Dolphin Head Local Forest management Committee (LMFC) which was launched by the Dr. Christopher Tufton, then Minister of Agriculture in 2009.

"The Agency created the Dolphin Head LMFC to help in establishing and developing conservation based activities to support sustainable forest management. This stemmed from the need to eliminate the threat of fragmentation and isolation of forest blocks as a result of forest clearance for agriculture, structural degradation of forests resulting from unregulated logging and extraction of timber products and other activities," Ms. Headley said.

The CEO & Conservator of Forests said that through the establishment of the Dolphin Head LMFC, 6.5 hectares (sixteen acres) of denuded and degraded forest lands have been reforested and LFMC members have been able to secure other sustainable livelihood income streams.

"The LMFC has established an apiary in the area, which serves as a thriving honey business and they have also established an agroforestry plot on privately owned land in close proximity to the reserve. With the creation of the LMFC what we find is that communities surrounding the reserve and persons who were using the forest resources in an unsustainable manner, are now using organised approaches to access these resources which has mitigated some of the problems we were facing," she said.

Ms. Collett Grant, Chairperson of the Dolphin Head LMFC, says the Committee's members are elated about the dedication. "We gladly welcome the opportunity to work with all stakeholders associated with the QCC as the partnership can help in building, protecting and preserving the forest and its environs," she said.

The Dolphin Head mountain range is recorded to have a higher density of local endemic plant species and rare or threatened plants per unit area than anywhere else in Jamaica. Therefore the effective mitigation of the threats and ensuring the effective conservation of the biodiversity in this ecologically fragile ecosystem is a priority for the island.

The forest reserve covers approximately 1167 hectares and includes six forest estates Quasheba Mountain, Raglan Mountain, Geneva Mountain, Bath Mountain, Baulk Pen and George's Plain Mountain.

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Industry News

FORESTS: STABILIZING CLIMATE AND SUPPORTING DEVELOPMENT

With the Paris Agreement entering into force early November, negotiators who attended the 2016 UN climate meeting (COP22) in Morocco worked on the specific rules and guidance that will translate Paris commitments into action. Achieving the Agreement goals will require a strong focus on protecting, restoring, and sustainably managing all types of forests.

Deforestation, forest degradation, and land use change account for around 12% of all greenhouse gas emissions on the planet, so it's clear that forests will play a critical role in helping countries meet their nationally determined contributions to fight climate change.

The World Bank Group supports work with countries to meet these targets and address the impacts of climate change through its forest programs.

Last month, the BioCarbon Fund Initiative for Sustainable Forest Landscapes (ISFL), along with the International Finance Corporation (IFC, the World Bank Group's private sector arm) signed its first public-private partnership deal with Nespresso. The ISFL will provide \$3 million through the IFC to Nespresso to support training activities implemented by the non-profit organization TechnoServe in Ethiopia.

Through the programme, 20,000 farmers will be trained on standards for sustainable production and processing of coffee beans over two years. Assistance will also be provided to improve the operations of 77 wet mills (where coffee cherries are sorted through immersion in water) that process sustainably produced coffee. This landmark deal will be combined with a \$3 million loan funded by the IFC.

As part of the deal with IFC, the project supports planting shade trees on coffee farms, which helps keep the microclimates in which

in which the coffee grows cooler, in turn boosting productivity. The new shade trees can also restore degraded areas by reducing soil erosion, providing habitats for a wider variety of species, and improving water retention. And the carbon sequestered in the tree trunks, branches and leaves also helps address climate change. The results of this work will benefit farmers as well as reduce pressure on forests for agricultural land.

In participation with the Bank's Forest Carbon Partnership Facility, the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), home to the second largest tropical forest in the world, presented the first-of-its-kind, large-scale programme to curb forest loss and to improve the livelihoods of indigenous peoples and local communities in June. The work focuses on reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation through results-based finance (known as REDD+). With this programme, the DRC signaled the momentum to deliver on their national climate change commitments under the Paris Agreement.

The DRC initiative, in the Mai Ndombe region, encompasses 12.3 million hectares total (9.8 million of which are forest) and will focus on activities to address slash-and-burn agriculture, charcoal production, and logging, along with other drivers of deforestation. Collaboration with forest dwellers, NGOs and local communities have been an important part of the design of the initiative, and consultation plans have been validated by these groups to ensure active participation in decision making.

In Mozambique, an integrated portfolio of forest and landscape investments is helping to generate jobs and improve food security for rural communities, while delivering on its commitments to reduce deforestation by 40% and restore 1 million hectares of degraded forest and land. The Mozambique Conservation Areas for Biodiversity and Development Project, known as MozBio, is strengthening biodiversity conservation while creating sustainable livelihoods for local communities and growing tourism opportunities. The Mozambique Agriculture and Natural Resources Landscape Management Project is assisting rural communities with land titles, building value chains, increasing market access, and restoring degraded lands, impacting more than 20,000 households, particularly women.

An investment from the Forest Investment Program, a funding window of the Climate Investment Funds, will help tackle thorny issues of forest sector governance and help address illegal logging, the source of 90% of all traded wood. Combined, these investments, representing \$140 million, will transform the landscapes in Mozambique, with carbon emission reductions rewarded by results-based payments through the Zambezia Integrated Landscape Program.

Investing in forests and trees has the potential to reduce poverty, drive sustainable development and provide vital local and global environmental services that matter for our planet. And, while there are still many unknowns when it comes to how the climate targets laid out in Paris will be met over the decades to come, these countries are showing that taking forest action now is an important first step.

Source:

<http://www.worldbank.org/en/news/feature/2016/11/08/forests-stabilizing-climate-and-supporting-development>

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Decorating your Christmas Tree

If you have a Christmas tree at home, here are some tips to make your tree 'pop':



Placing your Christmas tree in the right spot can go a long way toward giving it a bountiful look. Avoid placing a thin-looking tree in front of a window or light-colored wall, which will highlight its patchy areas. Trees should be kept away from heat sources and radiators, which can drain them of moisture and fullness.



Spend time fluffing your tree for a more voluminous look. Start at the bottom of the tree and work your way up, carefully adjusting each section as you go.



Fill gaps by using fish wire to tie inner branches together to reduce the sight of gaps. Also the loose branches lying around at a Christmas Tree Farm can be used to tie onto existing branches to reduce the sparseness in some areas.



Dazzle with Lights. A full, brightly lit, decorated tree gives a feeling of abundance that puts everyone in a happy holiday mood. A lighted garland can go far in filling empty space on a thin tree and creates an even warmer glow. Add any extra lighting before you decorate with ornaments so you're not getting them tangled up.



Ribbons are another simple way to fill out a scraggly tree, and can be found in an array of patterns. If placed horizontally, they should go on after lights and before ornaments. Or use a large, multi-bow ribbon at the top of the tree with ribbon streamers hanging down for a finishing touch.



Decorations aren't just for the tips of the branches. Remember to place lights, ornaments, garlands, picks, stems and other decorations deep and outward to give more dimension to the tree.



On the Road

JSC Week 2016

The Forestry Department placed second in the Jamaica Civil Service Week Spin-off competition on Friday, November 25 and we also placed in the top six for the domino tournament.

Hats off to our Spin-off team members, 'DJ' Andre Morgan and 'Hype-Man' Donovan Bryan, both from our Head Quarter's Nursery.



GIS Day 2016

It was a successful day for team Forestry at GIS Day 2016 held at the University of the West Indies, Mona on Wednesday, November 16.

The Agency was represented by staff from the Forest Science and Technology Services Division and the Public Relations and Corporate Communications Branch.

The team engaged a number of students and teachers as well other exhibitors. The Agency also entered a map competition as part of the day's activities and walked away with the second place trophy.



Jamaica's Climate Walk 2016

The Ministry of Economic Growth and Job Creation in partnership with the Environmental Solutions Limited hosted Jamaica's second Climate Walk on Saturday, December 3, 2016. This was preceded by a two-day Climate Change Expo which started on Friday, December 2, at Emancipation Park, New Kingston.

This year's focus was on water security which sought to highlight how limited water supply affects every aspect of life including agriculture, production, building and education.

Jamaica's Climate Walk is a 4k Health & Wellness walk to raise awareness about climate change and its impacts on Jamaica, our environment and businesses.



How to Show up **B**ig for 2017



Crystal Daye

The New Year is almost here... In less than 40 days 2017 will be here! For me, it's always an exciting time because a New Year means new transitions and more opportunities to do even greater things in my life.

What about you? Are you looking forward to another year? Have you started to reflect on 2016 to see what worked and what didn't work? For many persons, they get disappointed because many of the goals they set for 2016 have not been accomplished or things just didn't work out as they hoped it would have. And guess what? That's fine. But this cannot stop you from becoming the best version of yourself in the upcoming year.

Here are 5 ways to Show Up Big in 2017:

1

Spend some time reflecting on the past year

(Despite how you might) feel that you didn't accomplish everything you hoped to do in 2016, there must have been some "wins". You did some things right so take inventory of your accomplishments and celebrate those. Then reflect on 2 major lessons from your "losses". Yes, even if you had many more, reflect on only 2 and start working on those for next year. Don't bombard yourself with failures, it can be discouraging.

"Evaluated reflection turns experience into insight" – John Maxwell

2

Practice self-care

No matter how much you want to be super-mom/dad, hardest working employee or minister/leader, you are still human. Our body needs rest, relaxation and rejuvenation. When you are sick, physically drained and mentally exhausted then it will affect your ability to 'show up' BIG in 2017. Know your limits and stay healthy. Self-care is not selfish. It is necessary.

"There comes a time when you have to stop hoping things will get better and simply realize that you DESERVE BETTER." – Rachel Proctor

3

Develop a zero-tolerance for excuses

In my book, "Living A Royal Reality" I devoted a chapter to this topic. To achieve success in any area of our lives, it starts with developing successful thoughts. We have to make up our minds to "not quit" and eliminate all the excuses why "it won't work". Decide that you will not stop until you achieve your main goals for 2017 and not settle for less than you deserve.

"We cannot accept defeat or make excuses. Take your dreams and plans and execute them proficiently- TAKE IT SERIOUSLY."

Set BIG Goals

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Hello.... For you to show up BIG in 2017, you cannot settle for the little goals that don't challenge you. Set compelling goals that will require you to increase your faith, get more creative and bring out some of the strengths that have been dormant in your life.

While setting the goals, develop clear visions and steps to achieve them also. Write them down and don't keep them in your head. If you take steps daily, it's only a matter of time before you reach your desired destination.

"You'll never achieve the goals if you don't set them" – Crystal Daye

Invest in your success

What are you willing to give up to achieve your BIG goals for 2017? Many times we have these goals but we find 'excuses' why we can't achieve them and it's really because we don't want them badly enough. If you really want to show up Big in 2017, you must be willing to make some extra sacrifice and invest in your success. You will have to invest time (you might lose some sleep) and invest money (you might have to take lunch to work instead of buying it). This is a small sacrifice to pay because at the end of 2017, you will look back and be thankful you did.

"Success is nothing more than a few simple disciplines, practiced every day." - Jim Rohn

So what is it that you want accomplish in 2017? Is it starting your own business part-time? Is it finally writing that book? Is it going to get your Bachelors or Masters even Doctorate? Is it to get that promotion you have been praying for? Is it to lose some weight? Is it to grow more in your spiritual life? Is it to finally go on a great vacation with your family?

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. – Jeremiah 29:11

It doesn't matter what your BIG looks like for next year... You owe it to yourself to stop living a life of regret. The last thing that you want to do is give up before you even get started and spend the rest of your life wondering "what if". Get uncomfortable and know that GOD has a great plan for your life and you can do more, be more and live more than you are doing now!

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'Tis the Season to be Thrifty

The Christmas holidays are the most anticipated time of the year; it's the time when we get together with our families and showcase our decorative and culinary skills. It's also the season associated with a lot of overspending as we spruce up our homes, buy gifts for our loved ones and indulge in the choicest foods. Nothing is necessarily wrong with all that, however, with the high cost of living, we have to become more prudent in our spending.

Here are a few tips to help you celebrate Christmas on a budget:

- ? The first obvious one is to create a budget. Work out what you're able and prepared to spend and stick to it. Include everything in your budget including food, presents and decorations and just about anything else you may need.
- ? Take advantage of sales. At this time of the year, several stores will be having sales so visit those ones and ensure to shop around and search for the best deals.
- ? Make your own gifts. We're living in the 'DIY' age. Google do-it-yourself gift ideas for Christmas and just add a personal spin to it.
- ? Make your own decorations. No, it's not being cheap, it's being thrifty. Sometimes, you don't even need to go all out on decorations with Christmas balls, etc, just add a pop of colour with cushions and new drapes. And the good thing about this is that you can use your cushions and drapes at other times throughout the year.
- ? If you happen to buy Christmas decorations, store them properly so that you can use them again next year. When Christmas rolls around again, you won't need to budget for decorations.
- ? Get everyone to pitch in with resources and efforts. Whether you're having a small intimate Christmas celebration with just your immediate family members or you're having a big one with all the sisters, brothers, aunts and uncles, make sure everyone pitches in. You don't only need to save money but your energy.

Our Vision

To become an effective Executive Agency in Jamaica; protecting and improving the forests ecosystems of Jamaica and ensuring the transfer of technical expertise to other Caribbean territories.

Our Mission

Manage government owned Forest Ecosystems; and encourage private participation in forestry according to national environmental policies.

Core Values

Commitment Confidentiality Teamwork Integrity
Professionalism

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Merry Christmas

and a happy new year!

