

**INSTITUTE OF JAMAICA**

Ministry of Education, Youth & Culture



**Zoology Department preparing specimen for preservation**



**Botanist out in the field collecting plant specimens**



**Education department's hands on approach to teaching**



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**Natural History  
Division**

The **Institute of Jamaica** is a government statutory organization devoted to the preservation of Jamaican culture. The Natural History Division was established in 1879 as one of the original divisions of the Institute of Jamaica, and serves as the storehouse of our natural heritage.



**We aim to:**

- Encourage the study and dissemination of scientific knowledge of Jamaican flora and fauna.

- Promote the conservation of the Jamaican natural environment.
- Maintain collections of Jamaican flora, fauna and reference books



**Our facilities include:**

- A natural history library of approximately 10,000 volumes.
- A herbarium which stores over 130,000 international and local plant specimens.
- A zoological collection including representations from all faunal classes found in Jamaica, especially strong in insects.

- A natural history gallery with displays on Jamaican plants and animals and interactive exhibits for children.
- Two field stations: Mason River in Clarendon and Green Hills near Hardwar Gap in Portland.
- The Discovery Room for children.
- The Institute of Jamaica Gift Shop.
- Photograph and slide collections.



We conduct lectures, slide presentations and tours.