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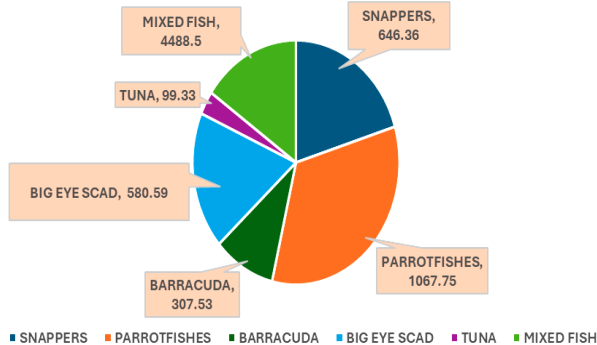
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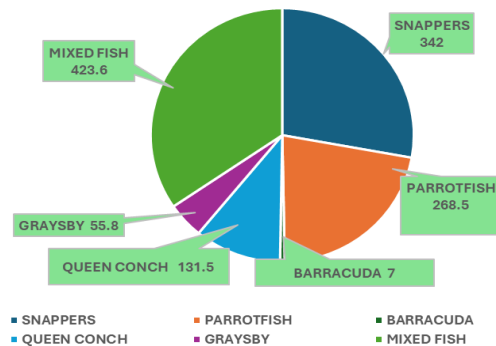
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### TOP 5 SPECIES

OBSERVED LANDINGS (kg) FOR TOP 5 SPECIES GROUP  
NORTH COAST - JAMAICA



OBSERVED LANDINGS (kg) FOR TOP 5 SPECIES GROUP, SOUTH  
COAST - JAMAICA



Mixed fish, as indicated above, is a collective term for various fish species caught without separating or recording their individual weights.

### SEA MOSS



*Euचेuma cottonii*



NFA Sea Moss By-Product

Irish moss is valued as a superfood, rich in iodine and antioxidants that support thyroid health, which aids growth, reproduction, and cell repair. Four wild sea moss species are abundant in Bowden and Whitehorses (St. Thomas), Manchioneal (Portland), Discovery Bay (St. Ann), Big Bridge (Westmoreland), and Alligator Pond (Manchester).

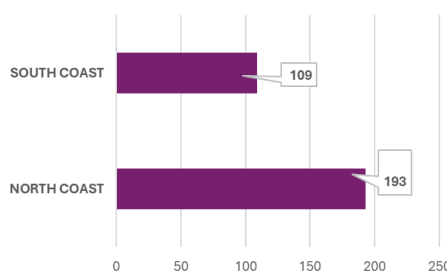
There are currently three initiatives aimed to train and support sea moss farmers:

- A national sea moss survey and report
- A husbandry pilot testing growth and regulatory monitoring at Bowden Bay
- Guidelines for cultivation and production are currently being drafted

In early 2025, cultivated sea moss of 363 lbs (wet weight) yielded 14.1 lbs of dry sea moss. A second harvest in May, yielded 13.42 lbs. dry sea moss from 268 lbs. of wet weight. This is a conversion factor of 4% for wet to dry weight.

### SITE VISITS

MAY 2025 SITE VISITS, PER NORTH  
AND SOUTH COAST, JAMAICA



MAY 2025

Preliminary Estimates (MT)

Artisanal Fin-Fish

Production

791.1 MT  
valued at US \$11,457,242.17

### May Statistics for Licensing and Registration Unit

#### Fisherman Licence & IDs

Categories	Renewals	New	Total
Artisanal	292	112	404
Recreational	9	19	28
Vendor	1	2	3
Authorization	4	0	4
Aquaculture	0	1	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>457</b>

#### Vessels

Categories Vessels	Renewals	New	Total
Artisanal	111	26	137
Recreational	4	1	5
Temporary Recreational	1	0	1
Industrial	1	0	1
Sport Charter	2	0	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>146</b>





### SEA MOSS (CONT'D)

*Comparison of the potential revenue to be generated between selling wet sea moss versus dry sea moss.  
Based on current local market prices*

Description	Unit Price (\$/Lb)	Quantity (Lb)	Income (\$)
Wet Sea Moss	1 000.00	366.86	366 860.00
Dry Sea Moss	16 000.00	14.3	288 800.00

#### Social Outreach

On May 23, 2025, a collaborative beach clean-up effort took place at the St. Ann's Bay landing site, bringing together 43 soldiers from the Jamaica Defence Force (JDF) Coast Guard, four representatives from the National Fisheries Authority (NFA), and 10 local fisherfolk. The group focused on a 500-meter stretch of beach, where they successfully collected and removed 30 bags of solid waste. In addition, three holes were dug in the sand to bury large amounts of washed-up sargassum, helping to restore the natural aesthetics and environmental health of the shoreline. This initiative highlights the ongoing partnership between government agencies and local stakeholders in preserving Jamaica's coastal environments and promoting sustainable use of marine resources.



**JDF-NFA Labour Day Project 2025.** JDF Rank Officers, NFA Compliance and Statistics & Data Management Unit

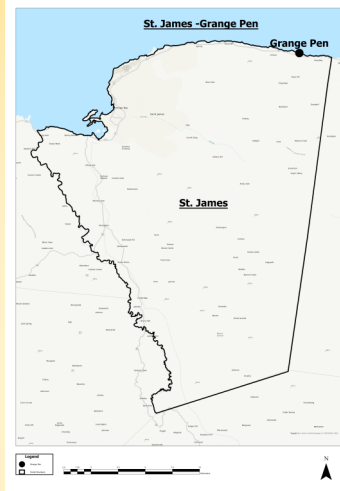


In St. Ann's Bay, seagrass was separated from solid waste and placed in dug-out holes for composting to support coastal restoration, by JDF, NFA and local fishers.

#### MAY BITES

#### Another Sanctuary

Grange Pen sanctuary was designated in 2024. This marked a significant step in Jamaica's ongoing efforts to promote marine conservation and sustainable fishing practices. In May 2025 an official ceremony took place at the Iberostar Hotel in St. James to sign a MOU. The event was attended by several key stakeholders, including the Honourable Floyd Green, representatives from the National Environment and Planning Agency (NEPA), and members of the National Fisheries Authority (NFA), led by CEO Dr. Gavin Bellamy. Their presence underscored the government's commitment to safeguarding the country's marine resources for future generations.



#### Shells on Conch

The conch harvesting season runs from March 1 to July 31, 2025, where fishing is permitted with a valid licence. Conch are tropical marine molluscs with spiral shells, found in warm, shallow waters.

Landed conchs reflect the processing grades:

- **Dirty:** all features intact
- **50% clean:** guts and organs removed
- **100% clean:** white meat only



In May 2025, total industrial landings were 52,698.4 kg, and artisanal landings were 6,518.5 kg. Average weight per conch at 50% clean was 0.110 kg; for other processed grades, 0.098 kg.

