

## ABOUT US

The White River Fish Sanctuary is a designated “Special Fishery Conservation Area” off Ocho Rios on Jamaica’s north coast.

Officially established in 2017, the fishery covers 150 hectares/372 acres and is run by the White River Fisherman Association and White River Marine Association in an equal partnership.



## WHITE RIVER FISH SANCTUARY

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# White River Fish Sanctuary



*Protect  
Restore  
Engage*



# WHAT WE DO

Jamaican reefs have endured a lot of damage and seen severe decreases in fish populations and coral coverage since the 1980s due to overfishing, hurricanes, pollution, and rising sea temperatures.

To protect the coral reef from overfishing, we employ 12 wardens to patrol the sanctuary and ensure no fishermen are fishing within the protected areas.

To restore the coral and fish populations, three of our trained coral gardeners build and plant coral nurseries in our 3 nursery sites using well-established methods in Jamaica.

To engage the local community, we focus on spreading awareness about the importance of marine ecosystems for social and economic stability in Jamaica.

**Our goal is to achieve  
500 % more fish  
biomass in 5 years !**

# PARTNER UP WITH US !

## FREE PARTNERSHIPS

To achieve our goal on community outreach and education, we offer free partnerships with the Sanctuary to educate students on the environment, its importance and its protection, by conducting various environmental projects such as having them plant different plants in different soils and track their growth, putting them in charge of collecting plastic as part of a recycling project...

## FIELD TRIPS

We are happy to offer a field trip down to our Fish Sanctuary where our marine biologist would conduct lectures or workshops on environmental hazards, on different ecosystems and on marine environments.

## SCHOLARSHIP

Our sanctuary is proud to announce its current partnership with the American company Shaw Medical Travel Consultants, that is committed to provide scholarships and support prospective students on the basis of their enthusiasm and involvement especially in the environmental field.

**If you have any further questions, please do not  
hesitate to contact us !**

