

## **Abstract**

### **United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea**

#### **Marine Genetic Resources**

Panel Discussion, Segment 2a – “Understanding

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Jamaica has a long history of studying the marine environment and is the type locality for many Caribbean species. Also, there are a significant number of publications on research done in the marine environment but these are related for the most part to the biology or ecology of the respective species. Few publications deal specifically with biodiversity or marine genetic resources.

A number of species that occur widely in the Caribbean are known to have useful