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### ABSTRACT

#### Sustainable Development and Integrated Coastal Zone Management: A Critical Examination of Jamaica's Ocean and Coastal Management Policy

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Sustainable development and Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM) it has been argued have the acceptable principles through which tourism development on Jamaica's coastal zone can be managed. Sustainable development/ICZM provides the policy framework through which the protection and management of Jamaica's natural resources can be accomplished. The ICZM plan is aimed at balancing the different activities in the coastal zone against overuse through effective management. The ICZM/sustainable development framework has the potential to create and maintain a sustainable tourism product over an extended period through the effective implementation of the Ocean and Coastal Zone Management (OCZM) Policy created out of the sustainable development/ICZM framework.

The methods used in the research included an analysis of the sustainable development theory to determine its influence on Policy, its objectives and characteristics. ICZM was defined and its principles used to analyse Jamaica's OCZM Policy. Interviews were conducted with members of the National Council and the findings used to draw conclusions in regard to the operationalisation of the Policy in Jamaica and the critical examination of the OCZM Policy.

The findings are significant. They prove that Policy based on the accepted ideas of sustainable development and ICZM is not enough to prevent degradation in the coastal zone or influence positive action.

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