

JCIA ACTION PLAN GROWERS

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MANDATE

- To provide relevant information and timely support on all aspects of growing Castor seeds
- To work closely with government agricultural agencies JAS/RADA and research institutions in identifying and preserving best practices and varieties for benefit of growers

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Contact established with RADA and JAS for broad based inclusion of Government Agencies
- Building Data Base of Farmers by Region, Parish and County to establish island capacity
- Presentation made at Parish monthly leadership meeting of Kingston and St Andrew JAS/RADA, over fifty farmers in attendance. Presentation was favorably received
- Establishing twelve acres research Centre in conjunction with Bodles Research Station - Ministry of Agriculture, to create growing, reaping and storage protocols for the industry

ONE YEAR ACTION PLAN

- Conduct island-wide survey to establish level of interest and commitment to planting Castor Beans
- Establish data base of all **MARGINAL** and idle lands that can be made available to JCIA and its members
- Parish Associations to be established using strategic membership outreach programmes in every community in conjunction with JAS/RADA
- Establish relationships with Academic and Agricultural Institutions and relevant Government agencies, to act as conduits for information and assistance to the Parish associations

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- Potential to impact rural employment islandwide