

**Fifth Session Third Parliament Republic of Trinidad
and Tobago**



REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

Act No. 22 of 1991

[L.S.]

**AN ACT for the incorporation of the Caribbean Forest
Conservation Association**

[Assented to 28th August, 1991]

WHEREAS since April 1989 there has been established Preamble
in Trinidad and Tobago an association known as the
Caribbean Forest Conservation Association:

And whereas it is expedient that the said association be incorporated for the purpose of exercising the powers hereinafter set forth:

Enactment	ENACTED by the Parliament of Trinidad and Tobago as follows:—
Short title	1. This Act may be cited as the Caribbean Forest Conservation Association (Incorporation) Act, 1991.
Incorporation	2. The Caribbean Forest Conservation Association (hereinafter called “the Association”) is hereby created a body corporate.
Aims and objects	3. The aims and objects of the Association are— (a) to promote the protection of the forests of the Caribbean region from all types of destruction and degradation; (b) to facilitate the establishment of forest-reserves, wild life sanctuaries, national parks, and protected areas with a view to securing the indirect benefits of the forests for the enhancement of the quality of life; (c) to promote the integration of forestry concerns into development planning with particular reference to forests as a resource base for agriculture, the integration of forestry into agricultural systems and the rationalization of forestry in land use; (d) to promote research into the management of tropical forests for sustainable production; (e) to co-operate with institutions dedicated to the protection of the natural environment, land management and the conservation and wise use of tropical forest resources; (f) to promote public awareness at all levels of the society about the importance of environmental protection and forest conservation; (g) to work with educational institutions to develop curricula and training programmes; (h) to sponsor research aimed at improving the understanding of environmental requirements for sustainable development;

- (i) to bring together business, farming, labour, Government and other leaders to encourage their support of environmental programmes in their respective sectors;
- (j) to act on national legislation relating to forestry issues;
- (k) to promote co-operation on forestry matters among member associations in the Caribbean;
- (l) to build an active membership to support the activities of the Association;
- (m) to establish a data base for use of the membership and the general public;
- (n) to promote the development of private and community forestry.

4. The Association may—

- (a) acquire by purchase, transfer, donation, exchange, devise, bequest, fees, subscription, grant, gift, conveyance or howsoever otherwise, any real or personal property or any estate or interest therein;
- (b) accept surrenders or reconveyances and enter into contracts;
- (c) sell, exchange, demise, mortgage or otherwise dispose of and deal with all property which may for the time being be vested in it, subject to any restraint, reservation or condition contained in the document under which it has acquired title.

Powers
of the
Association

5. All real or personal property of whatever nature now held by or vested in any person for the use and benefit of the Association is hereby transferred to and vested in the Association.

Vesting
of property

6. All documents requiring the seal of the Association shall be sealed with the common seal of the Association in the presence of the President and Secretary for the time being in office or, in the event of incapacity or absence from the country, in the presence of some other person or persons authorised for that purpose by the Association, who shall both sign every such document and such signing shall be *prima facie* evidence that the said seal was duly affixed and that the same is the lawful seal of the Association.

Mode of
execution of
documents

Service of
documents

7. (1) The Association shall at all times have a fixed address in Trinidad and Tobago for the service of documents on the Association and that address and any change thereof shall be registered with the Registrar General within twenty-eight days of the date of incorporation or the change of address as the case may be.

(2) Every document to be served on the Association may be served by leaving the same at or sending the same by registered post to the registered address of the Association.

(3) Failure to register the address and any change thereof is a summary offence and renders the Association liable to a fine of one hundred and twenty dollars and to a further fine of ten dollars for each day during which the offence continues after conviction therefor.

Power to
make rules

8. The Association may, from time to time, make rules and regulations for the proper conduct of its proceedings and discharge of its duties, powers and functions with power to vary or revoke such rules.

Saving of State
and other rights

9. Nothing in this Act shall affect or be deemed to affect the rights of the State, or of any bodies politic or corporate or of any person, except such as are mentioned or referred to in this Act and those claiming by, through, from or under them.

Passed in the House of Representatives this 5th day of July, 1991.

N. COX
Acting Clerk of the House

Passed in the Senate this 9th day of July, 1991.

R. CUMBERBATCH
Acting Clerk of the Senate