

# **PART III, SECTION III**

# **SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

# **OF SMALL ISLAND STATES**

## **Introduction**

Canada and small island states share a common and deep concern about the need for the conservation and sustainable use of the world's ocean resources. Canada has made significant efforts to encourage international cooperation on this important issue.

## **Canadian Development Assistance to Small Island States**

The scope of work undertaken by Canada in support of sustainable development in small island states is illustrated by projects in two important regions: the Caribbean and the South Pacific.

### **Caribbean**

Canada has strong historic links to the Commonwealth Caribbean. It is the second largest bilateral official development assistance donor in the region. This assistance has contributed to the region's infrastructure (school, water supply systems, bridges, energy, roads, and airports), to human resource development, and to strengthening key regional institutions.

The Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) has recently undertaken significant sustainable development programming in Jamaica. An example of this is the Trees for Tomorrow project (\$9.5 million). It is aimed at strengthening the institutional capability of the Jamaican Forestry Department to plan and implement sustainable forest management. The recently announced ENACT project (\$21 million) is using a capacity development approach to develop Jamaica's natural resource conservation capabilities. This approach relies on the participation of local expertise and the active involvement of those individuals and groups to be affected by the project. These factors help to ensure that the approach meets local needs and is sustainable.

Air transport is very important to small island states. Assistance with transportation development has been the major focus of Canada's regional programming in the Caribbean.