



## DOCUMENTARY OF MyCOE JAMAICA PROJECT ONLINE

Production was completed on location in Jamaica for a 4 minute documentary short / public service announcement featuring a 2002 MyCOE project from Kingston. The documentary was directed by Jose Luis Lobera and Catalina Walsh, staff at the InterAmerican Development Bank's IDB América TV. Assistance was also provided by the AAG, ESRI, and in consultation with NGS. For the MyCOE program, a group of six students from the Wolmer Girls School undertook a community effort to rejuvenate a neglected downtown area. The video can be download from the MyCOE homepage at [www.geography.org/sustainable](http://www.geography.org/sustainable).



▲ Top: The newly released video shows two girls from the Wolmer School in Jamaica interviewing a street vendor. Below: Danilo Piaggese explains how GIS tools are useful for sustainable development.

## Ocean Fund Announces Support of Model Sustainable Coastal Effort with MyCOE

The Ocean Fund announced a \$40,000 grant to support sustainable development and educational activities to be managed by AAG as a MyCOE activity. In the interest of seeking effective ways to restore and maintain healthy marine environments, the AAG has partnered with the Water Center for the Humid Tropics of Latin America and the Caribbean (CATHALAC) and the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute (STRI) to implement a model Coastal and Marine Cleanup and Restoration Project in the Districts of Chagres, Donoso, Portobelo and Santa Isabel, Panama (see Map below). The project is designed to promote integrated coastal and marine management through capacity building, organizational strengthening, direct public participation and decentralized local governance using a participatory methodological framework to jointly address the negative impact of human activities on the coastal and marine environment. Results of the model project and the lessons learned will be disseminated in part via the MyCOE network. The partnership and funding opportunity resulted from MyCOE's involvement with other Type II partnerships, including the International Center for Sustainable Development and the White Water to Blue Water Partnership activities.



◀ Please help get the word out about the March 1 deadline and solicitation of new youth projects related to the UNDES. A flyer can be downloaded from the MyCOE Homepage, [www.geography.org/sustainable](http://www.geography.org/sustainable).

**NEW !!** MyCOE Minutes  
and Partner Updates

**NOW ONLINE!**

<http://www.geography.org/sustainable/2003-2004programs/partner.htm>

### NEW INTERACTIVE FEATURES ADDED TO MyCOE WEBSITE

Now internet visitors can suggest their own resources for inclusion in the MyCOE library of data and materials to support local youth projects. To suggest a new resource listing, go to <http://www.geography.org/sustainable/resources/index.html> and click on "Suggest a Resource". Submissions will be reviewed for relevance and checked for duplication against the existing set of resources before approval and final posting.

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for Sustainable Development  
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[www.geography.org/sustainable](http://www.geography.org/sustainable)  
Submit a Project!  
**You could win!**

- Trimble Pathfinder Pocket  
GPS Sensor requires PDA or Laptop  
and mapping software, not included.
- ESRI GIS Software
- Mini Digital Camera
- Educational Experience  
Eligible submissions may win a scholarship, internship,  
or Virtual Campus tuition from one of our partnering  
organizations, such as ESRI, AAG, USDA, or others.

Prizes will be awarded by a special committee and selected  
among eligible submissions. See full program information  
online for more details. Prizes are not guaranteed and are  
subject to verification, modification or substitution.

**DEADLINE MARCH 1, 2005**

My Community, Our Earth (MyCOE) is a multi-institutional educational initiative and World Summit on Sustainable Development Partnership involving secondary, college, and university students worldwide in using geographic methods and tools to address local sustainable development. Partners include the AAG (Secretariat), National Geographic Society, ESRI, UNEP, State Department, USAID, USDA, NOAA, IDB, ONR, and USGS. **FOR MORE INFORMATION** point your browser to [www.geography.org/sustainable](http://www.geography.org/sustainable) or email the MyCOE Secretariat at [psolis@aag.org](mailto:psolis@aag.org). **ADDITIONS TO THE MAILING LIST** should be sent with the name and email address to Dr. Patricia Solís at [psolis@aag.org](mailto:psolis@aag.org). Previous updates are posted online at [www.geography.org/sustainable/2003-2004programs/partner.htm](http://www.geography.org/sustainable/2003-2004programs/partner.htm).