



Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries
Praedial Larceny Prevention Coordination Unit

**Roles and
Functions of the
PRAEDIAL
LARCENY
PREVENTION
COORDINATION
UNIT (PLPCU)**

*'Ensuring Jamaican
Farmers Reap What
They Grow'*



The Praedial Larceny Prevention Coordination Unit was established on March 2, 2015, by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, in collaboration with the Ministry of National Security, in an effort to implement the National Praedial Larceny Prevention Programme. It has specific responsibility for reducing incidents of praedial larceny and other farm-related theft by taking deliberate actions and forging strategic partnerships aimed at restoring confidence in the sector. This is achieved by the employment of a five-pronged approach.

THE 5-PRONGED APPROACH to addressing Praedial Larceny

Public Education:

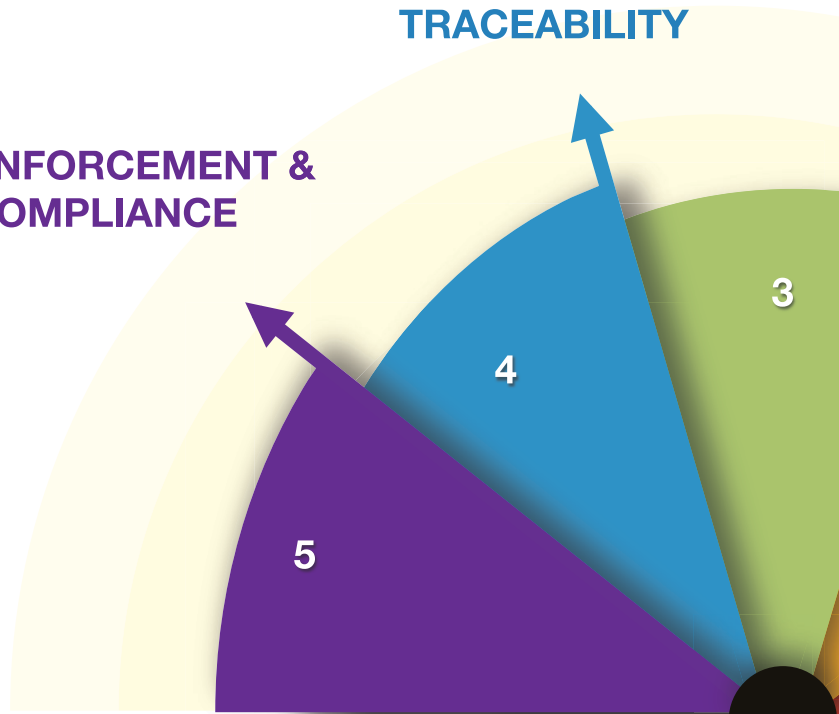
- Educates the general public on the socio-economic impacts of praedial theft to the sector, to health and to rural livelihoods.
- Promotes a zero-tolerance approach to praedial theft and increased community involvement in addressing these issues.
- Raises the level of awareness of legislation among stakeholders.

Institutional Arrangement:

- Maintains strategic multi-agency partnerships with key stakeholders for instituting praedial larceny prevention initiatives.
 - A National Praedial Larceny Prevention Committee comprised of stakeholders, in and outside of the agriculture sector, oversees the operation of the Unit.
 - Stakeholder Consultation
- Facilitates the continuous training and sensitization of the police and judiciary, to increase effectiveness in prosecuting breaches.

TRACEABILITY

ENFORCEMENT & COMPLIANCE



Enforcement & Compliance:

- Protects the agricultural sector against praedial theft and takes the necessary measures to ensure full compliance.

Key Activities:

- Conducts praedial larceny-focused police operations.
- Provides oversight and support in the investigation of praedial larceny cases.
- Targets and prosecutes end-users (consumers) who receive stolen produce.

**LEGISLATIVE
AMENDMENTS**

**INSTITUTIONAL
ARRANGEMENT**

PUBLIC EDUCATION

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- Farm Watch Programme - builds farming communities' capacity to participate in praedial larceny prevention and risk reduction.
- Conducts farm visits and security assessments to counsel farmers on how to implement preventative measures on the farm.

Traceability:

- Creates a facilitating environment to verify agricultural produce and livestock being transported and facilitates food safety and security by tracing agricultural produce from 'farm to fork'.
- Participates in the development of a traceability system.

Current Traceability Tools:

- The Agricultural Produce Receipt Book – traces the movement of crops.
- The National Animal Identification and Traceability System (NAITS) – traces the movement of meats/ livestock.

Legislative Amendments:

- The Unit has purview over The Praedial Larceny (Prevention) Act and Agricultural Produce Act, but also reviews and proposes revisions to any other Acts that govern praedial larceny to make them more stringent.

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