



Natural History Society of Jamaica

*Seminar Series*

# SARGASSUM SEAWEED: THE NEWEST INVADER

*Speaker:* Dr. Karl Aiken

Dr. Aiken is a marine biologist, fisheries expert, naturalist & environmentalist and served on the executive board of the NHSJ. He received a Silver Musgrave Medal for Science in 2014.



This year much larger quantities of *Sargassum* seaweed have come ashore in many Caribbean countries including Jamaica, smothering many beaches in the eastern Caribbean in truly massive piles of this brown seaweed. In previous years somewhat smaller quantities came ashore.

- So what exactly is *Sargassum*, where is it coming from and why is there so much of it?
- Will it stop or will it get worse?
- What can we do about it?
- Should we be concerned?
- If yes, what is Jamaica doing about it?

*Come and hear what is going on!*

*Date:* Thursday, October 29, 2015

*Time:* 5.30 p.m. Refreshments; 6.00 p.m. Presentation

*Venue:* Botany Seminar Room 1, UWI Mona,  
Dept. of Life Sciences, Block B upstairs