

**Summary of the Second Sustainable Fisheries Interim Coordination Mechanism Meeting
2nd December, 2015**

Participants

Name	Designation	Organization
Mr. Raymond Van Anrooy	Executive Secretary	WECAFC-FAO
Mr. Milton Haughton	Executive Director	CRFM
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Agenda

1. Review and update of the work plan
2. Session of WECAFC and governance workshop
3. Status of the MOU for the interim arrangement
4. CRFM-OSPESCA joint ministerial meeting

Meeting Development

1 – Review and Update of the Work Plan

- Participants agreed that the work plan for the first year (November 2015 to October 2016) would consider spiny lobster, queen conch, IUU fishing, WECAFC RFMO process, and communications.
- Activities outlined in the CRFM-OSPESCA Joint Action Plan would also be considered priority areas of the IFCM.
- Potential adjustments will be circulated in a week after members from sub-organizations (ie: OSPESCA) have the opportunity to revise the work plan.
- Participants agreed to include the recent paper on CRFM, OSPESCA and WECAFC achievements as an activity for the work plan of the IFCM. The CLME+ Project can pay for this assessment and for its translation in Spanish and French.

2 - Session of WECAFC and Governance Workshop

- The WECAFC 16th Session will take place in Guadeloupe 20-24 June 2016. The group reviewed the draft agenda for the proposed governance workshop supported by the EU which would be held in between this WECAFC Session.
- The purpose of the workshop was to raise awareness about issues chief fisheries officers may not be familiar with, but are important internationally, such as the Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction, the work of the International Seabed Authority, etc.
- It was agreed that the Sustainable Development Goal 14 – Life Below Water should also be added to the proposed agenda.

3 - Status of the MOU for the Interim Arrangement

- The MOU went successfully through a revision by the FAO legal department, and it is moving forward towards its signature, for later circulation at CRFM and OSPESCA. The finalization of this process would require the submission of additional materials, including a copy of the work plan of the interim arrangement. Requested materials will be provided.
- OSPESCA wish to commence this consultation soon, so that they will be ready to sign the MOU when FAO communicates the go ahead to sign.

4 - Meetings of the Interim Arrangement for Sustainable Fisheries

Participants agreed to the following meetings of the Interim Arrangement for 2016:

- During the CLME+ SCM meeting 26-28 January, 2016, Cartagena
- During CRFM Fisheries Forum Meeting, 7-8 April, 2016 Guyana
- During 16 Session WECAFC 20-24 June, 2016 Guadeloupe

4 - CRFM-OSPESCA Joint Ministerial Meeting

- CRFM and OSPESCA will communicate progress on the planning of the Joint CRFM-OSPESCA Joint Ministerial meeting, within the next two years, thus the CLME+ Project can support this encounter.