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CATCH OF THE DAY

National Institutional Analysis and Organizational Assessments Workshops



Participants and facilitators at the Institutional Analysis and Organizational Assessment Workshop - Jamaica

Under the StewardFish Project, co-executing partners, Caribbean Natural Resources Institute (CANARI) and Caribbean Regional Fisheries Mechanism Secretariat (CRFM Sec.), recently kicked-off a series of two-day national workshops aimed at validating and gathering further stakeholder input on the preliminary findings of analyses of fisheries institutions to support fisher folk and their organizations in ecosystem stewardship. The analyses are being conducted by CANARI in the seven StewardFish project countries— Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Belize, Guyana, Jamaica, St. Lucia and St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

The results from the institutional analyses will be used to develop and prioritize recommendations for improving fisheries-related public sector capacity to promote, facilitate and support ecosystem stewardship of fisherfolk organizations.

The first workshop was held from January 28-29 in Jamaica and included representatives of fisheries-related public sector agencies, such as the Department of Cooperatives and Friendly Societies, Marine Police, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade, National Environment and Planning Agency and the National Fisheries Authority and civil society organizations such as the Caribbean Coastal Area Management Foundation (C-CAM), Food for the Poor Jamaica and the Jamaica Fishermen’s Cooperative Union (JFCU). The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) also participated in the workshop.

The two-day workshop gave participants an opportunity to explore the policy and legal context for ecosystem stewardship in Jamaica, mechanisms for fisherfolk participation in decision-making and existing resources to support ecosystem stewardship by fisherfolk and their organizations. Participants also recommended priority actions that could be taken to address gaps in each of these areas. These recommendations will be addressed in subsequent activities, in collaboration with the CRFM Sec. Workshops for the other project countries will be held between February and April 2020.



Developing organizational capacity for ecosystem stewardship and livelihoods in Caribbean small-scale fisheries (StewardFish) Project



2019 IN A FLASH

Project Highlights

- Caribbean Fisherfolk Mentors Training Workshop held in St. Vincent and the Grenadines October 29 – November 1, 2019
- Organizational capacity needs assessments for seven targeted Fisherfolk Organizations (FFOs) as well as a draft organizational capacity building strategy completed
- Marine Protected/Marine Managed Areas (MPAs/ MMAs) and other coastal management areas within which stewardship actions could be undertaken identified
- An investigation of communication platforms and practices used for fisheries information to inform fisherfolk awareness-building in the Ecosystem Approach to fisheries (EAF) completed
- Suitable national inter-sectoral coordination mechanisms (NICs)/arrangements for multi-stakeholder process reviews identified.
- A gap analysis of National Fisherfolk Organizations (NFOs') use of ICT in governance in Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Belize, Saint Lucia and St. Vincent and the Grenadines completed.



Meet a “Reel” Fisher



Glaston Albert White

Jamaican | Trap Fisher | Fishing for 21 years
Advocate for Sustainable Fishing
General Secretary of the Caribbean Network of Fisherfolk organization (CNFO) since 2016
Treasurer of the Jamaica Fishermen Cooperative Union
Director of the Half Moon Bay Fisherman’s Association
Former representative to the National Fishery Advisory Council



UPCOMING EVENTS



Antigua & Barbuda National Institutional Analysis and Organizational Assessments Workshop **10th-11th March**

Saint Lucia National Institutional Analysis and Organizational Assessments Workshop **23rd-24th March**

For more information on StewardFish please visit the link below:

<http://www.fao.org/documents/card/en/c/ca6446en>

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