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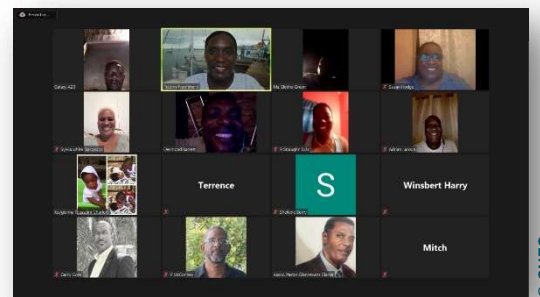
CATCH OF THE DAY

CNFO Leadership Institute Gets Underway

By Maria Pena (excerpt from CERMES Connections, April 2020)

The evening of 1st April 2020 was an exciting one for the Caribbean Network of Fisherfolk Organisations (CNFO) and the FAO/GEF StewardFish project. It marked the launch of the very first training module for the CNFO Virtual Leadership Institute. Led by Mitchell Lay, CNFO Coordinator, and informed by the Blackman and Almerigi (2017) Leading Fisherfolk guide, this inaugural one-hour session on Exploring Leadership focused on (re-)introducing the eight course participants to notions on What is leadership?, Why is leadership important?, Who leads fisherfolk organisations?, How is leadership carried out? Following the 20-minute introductory lecture, Lay engaged participants in an interesting discussion on the facets of leadership using two questions as guides:

1. What are your thoughts on defining leadership as a social influence?
2. What are your thoughts of leadership as a continuum?



Participants and facilitators attending a session of CNFO's Virtual Leadership Institute

Further discussion continued for the remainder of the module around questions posed by participants to the instructor. Two women and 6 men representing fisherfolk organisations (FFO) or cooperatives in Antigua and Barbuda, Anguilla, Turks and Caicos Islands, Saint Lucia, Grenada, Trinidad and Tobago and Guyana, and holding leadership positions, as well as FFO members and mentors participated in the training module.

Terrence Phillips, StewardFish Regional Project Coordinator, commented after the training that, "The presentation was focused and well set out. The discussions went well as folks were relating to their experiences."



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

FISHERFOLK SPOTLIGHT



Meet a “Reel” Fisher



Hi! I am Devon Stephen from Saint Lucia. I am 29 years of age but I started fishing at the age of 10. As the years have gone by, I have seen how difficult it was for some fishers when it comes to managing their small business without the presence of a sustainable market.

Now we are faced with this new norm, which is Covid-19. How has it affected me? I would say in a big way!

First, we did not have a sustainable market where we could have sold our fish.

Working days were limited to two to four days a week because the sales were slow and the markets were congested with fish.

In addition, the island was zoned into a north and southern zone and persons could not leave their respective zones, which restricted our ability to make sales in the north

When I made a plea for fishers to be given passes so they could access the northern market, those cries fell on deaf ears. Farmers were given more flexibility than fishers. There was a time where fishers could not go out because of the laws that were implemented.

Finally, I know some communities did not have adequate ice to store their fish and it would be costly to purchase. In response, our cooperative subsidized the cost of ice to fishers and some days provided fishers the ice for free.

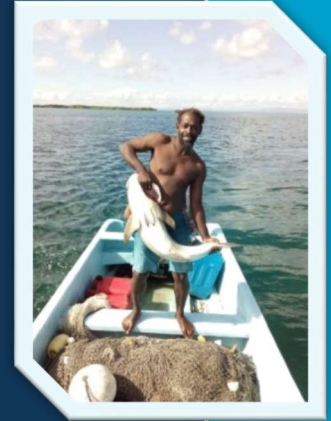


BELIZE FISHER OF THE YEAR 2020 ANNOUNCED ON CARIBBEAN FISHER FOLK DAY

Adapted from WCS Belize Facebook Page

Mr. John Thomas, a Dangriga fisher was declared the Belize Fisher of the Year 2020 on Caribbean Fisherfolk Day.

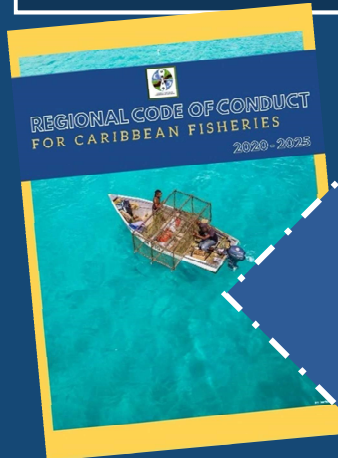
The Fisherfolk Planning Committee made the announcement on 29 June 2020 during a virtual appearance on Love FM Belize - News and Music Power.



© John Thomas

Mr. Thomas has been fishing for over 40 years, and is a member of three fishing committees. He says he has been fishing since the age of 16 years, and was inspired by his father, who was also a fisher.

This award is well deserved given John's dedicated leadership and promotion of sustainable fishing practices.



REGIONAL CODE OF CONDUCT

We're pleased to announce that the CNFO Regional Code of Conduct for Caribbean Fisheries was finalized on the 30th July 2020! The code will be publicly available for download on the CNFO website very soon. Stay tuned!

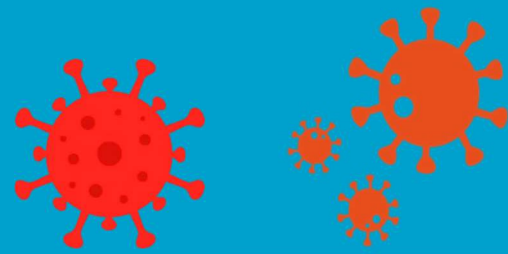
Website: <https://cnfo.fish>

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StewardFish in a Covid-19 Environment

StewardFish was severely impacted by the Covid-19 Pandemic which disrupted the delivery of activities that required on the ground action, including engagement of key stakeholders in workshops, focus groups, individual face-to-face interviews and other field activities.

In light of these challenges, StewardFish Regional Project steering committee met on April 30 and approved a revised work plan that takes into consideration the following strategies to support continued project implementation during the Covid-19 Pandemic:

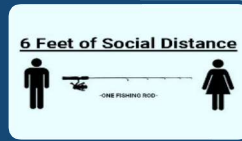
- shifting to virtual activities where possible (e.g. holding webinars in place of in-country workshops);
- increasing virtual engagement of stakeholders for interviews and focus groups;
- shifting the timeframe for delivery of activities that require social interaction among stakeholders to periods where social distancing protocols have been eased/lifted in the targeted countries; and
- re-allocating funds from affected budget lines such as travel to human resources to facilitate increased staff time to plan and execute increased virtual engagement of stakeholders and to increase the amount of funding being provided to support practical local action

Staying Healthy During Covid-19 Safety Recommendations for Fisherfolk



FISH LOCAL

Stay close to home! Keep your fishing trip short! Avoid high traffic areas!



BE SAFE

Avoid Crowds! Keep a distance of Six (6) feet or more from others.



BE ADAPTATIVE

If fishing grounds are crowded, choose a different location or time to go fishing.



BE HYGIENIC

Wash hands frequently with soap and water. Clean and Disinfect work surfaces



STAY HOME

If feeling unwell, stay home and contact your primary physician.

Adapted from New Jersey Fish & Wildlife Dept.



UPCOMING EVENTS



Gender Analysis Meet & Greet Sessions Coming Soon! **Stay Tuned!**

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