

CRFM – Recent policy developments of relevance to FADs

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PRESENTATION LAYOUT

- Objectives and structure of the CRFM
- Caribbean Community Common Fisheries policy (CCCFP or CFP)
- Castries (St. Lucia) Declaration on illegal Unreported and Unregulated Fishing
- CRFM Provisional Strategic plan 2013-2021
- CRFM-OSPESCA MOU and Action Plan
- Regional Strategy, Action Plan and Proposal for Climate Change Adaptation and Disaster risk management in fisheries
- Policy Statement on Use of Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries
- CRFM Communication and Information Technology Strategy

CRFM Objectives:-

- **Efficient management and sustainable development of fishery resources within the jurisdictions of Member States;**
- **Promotion and establishment of co-operative arrangements among interested States for the efficient management of shared, straddling or highly migratory fishery resources;**
- **Provision of technical advisory and consultative services to Member States in the development, management and conservation of their fishery resources.**

CRFM -A REGIONAL FISHERIES BODY REGISTERED WITH UNITED NATIONS

Ministerial Council

Fisheries Forum

**CRFM
Secretariat**

CARICOM COMMON FISHERIES POLICY (CCCFP)

- HEADS OF GOVERNMENT DIRECTIVE IN 2003 → CRFM ASSUMED RESPONSIBILITY
- ADOPTED BY CRFM MINISTERIAL COUNCIL IN 2011 →
- ADOPTED BY ATTORNEYS GENERAL IN 2013 →
- SIGNATURE BY HEADS OF GOVERNMENT IN 2014

IMPLEMENTATION - All CCCFP objectives are relevant of course

ART 6 (Scope): conservation, sustainable development & management, of resources & ecosystems; production, processing, marketing, trade of products; welfare of fishers; Waters under jurisdiction of participating states, and on board fishing vessels controlled by participating states.

Attention: Several articles address specific objectives, also reflected in scope, e.g. access to Resources, fisheries sector development, information management, public awareness

Art 20 – PROVISION FOR SPECIFIC PROTOCOLS



Declaration on Illegal, unreported & unregulated fishing

2006 – 2010

The CRFM's Caribbean Fisheries Forum began work in 2006 that eventually led to the adoption of the Castries (St. Lucia) Declaration on Illegal Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing – speaks to a specific objective of the CCCFP



A Jamaica Defence Force soldier guards Honduran fishers who were fishing illegally for lobster and conch in Jamaican waters

Source: *Jamaica Gleaner*

2010 - present

1. A CCCFP objective
2. Updated 2005 regional report on illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing and monitoring, control & surveillance (MCS) systems in CRFM/ CARIFORUM States.
3. CRFM-OSPESCA Joint Declaration & Action Plan identified need for cooperative action on IUU/ MCS
4. CRFM 's Forum has a Working Group on IUU fishing



CRFM STRATEGIC PLAN: 2013-2021

Takes into account the vision, goal, mission and general objectives of the CRFM Agreement and the CFP, the Millennium Development Goals, the RIO+20 Declaration, the priorities of the CRFM-OSPESCA joint Action Plan, and in-line with the Regional Food And Nutrition Security Policy and the recommendations from the Independent Performance Review, 3 Strategic Goals form the backbone of the new Strategic plan:

- 1. Sustainable management and utilization of fisheries and aquaculture resources in the Caribbean region for the benefit of future generations.**
- 2. Improve the welfare and sustainable livelihoods of fishing and aquaculture communities in the Caribbean region, by providing income and employment opportunities in fisheries and aquaculture sectors.**
- 3. Ensure the Caribbean population has at all times sufficient safe and nutritious fish that meets the dietary requirements and is needed for an active and healthy life.**



CRFM STRATEGIC PLAN: 2013-2021 (Strategic objectives)

1. *Information on status and trends in the fisheries and aquaculture sector*
2. *Research & Development*
3. *Sustainable management of fisheries resources*
4. *Sustainable use of fisheries resources*
5. *Sustainable development of aquaculture*
6. *Adaptation to climate change and disaster risk management in fisheries*
7. *Capacity building and institutional strengthening*

Mandated by CARICOM & SICA

Heads of Government

ACTIVITIES TO BE ADDRESSED IN THE PLAN :

- 1) SPINY LOBSTER
- 2) **MIGRATORY PELAGIC FISH STOCKS**
- 3) **ILLEGAL FISHING & CONTROL & SURVEILLANCE**
- 4) AQUACULTURE
- 5) QUEEN CONCH
- 6) INVASIVE SPECIES, WITH EMPHASIS ON LIONFISH
- 7) **INTRA-REGIONAL TRADE, MARKETING AND CONSUMPTION**
- 8) **DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT & CLIMATE CHANGE RESILIENCE AND ADAPTATION STRATEGIES**
- 9) **SMALL-SCALE FISHERIES & LIVELIHOOD SECURITY**
- 10) **DEVELOPMENT OF UNDER-UTILIZED AND UN-UTILIZED AQUATIC RESOURCES**
- 11) CAPACITY BUILDING
- 12) LONG-TERM REGIONAL WORK PROGRAMME
- 13) **LONG TERM FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE POLICY**





Regional Strategy, Action Plan and Proposal for Climate Change Adaptation and Disaster risk management in fisheries

Comprehensive
Disaster
Management
Strategy and
Programme
Framework



Regional Framework for
Achieving Development
Resilient to Climate
Change

Implementation Plan
(IP) for the Regional
Framework



Delivering
transformational
change 2011-21
Implementing the CARICOM
Regional Framework
for Achieving Development
Resilient to Climate Change

June 2011



*Caribbean Community
Common Fisheries
Policy* plus numerous
separate and often
poorly linked fisheries,
aquaculture, CCA,
DRM and related
initiatives at multiple
scales and
levels

strategy and action plan



Regional Strategy, Action Plan and Proposal for Climate Change Adaptation and Disaster risk management in fisheries

- CRFM /FAO /UWI/ CCCCC/CDEMA Completed assessment study in 2012 to formulate
“a strategy, action plan and programme proposal on disaster risk management, and climate change adaptation in fisheries and aquaculture in the CARICOM region.”
- 1⁰ output - a regional strategy and action plan for integrating Disaster Risk Management, Climate Change Adaptation and fisheries and aquaculture, *with a focus on small-scale fisheries (SSF) and small-scale aquaculture (SSA).*



Policy Statement on Use of Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries (EAF)

The Forum prepared a formal statement to

- i. Acknowledge the work of FAO on the implementation EAF
- ii. Acknowledge the need for further action at the regional, national and local levels to ensure long-term sustainable use and management of fisheries resources and marine biodiversity through wide application EAF
- iii. Recall the provisions in the CCCFP for the application of EAF
- iv. Note initial efforts and the need for continued effort by CRFM Member States and partner organisations to strengthen their commitment to EAF through fisheries policies, plans and management arrangements at regional, national and local levels.

The Ministerial Council reviewed the statement and:

- i. Reaffirmed & declared EAF as a key guiding principle for the CRFM, including the Member States, in order to ensure the long-term conservation and sustainable use of marine living resources;



CRFM Communication and Information Technology Strategy and ICT Action Plan

Aim: A strategy that provides for the timely, opportunistic and targeted use of the CRFM brand, knowledge and resources in the promotion of the sustainable and responsible use of the region's fisheries resources

Specific Objectives

- 1.To reinforce the utility of the CRFM's meetings as fora for exchange of information and ideas related to Caribbean fisheries**
- 2.To strengthen CRFM as a competent authority and major fisheries information source**
- 3.To strengthen CRFM as a major point of contact for advice and orientation on fisheries issues by the media.**
- 4.To strengthen CRFM as a development partner for industry stakeholders in the areas of capacity and knowledge-building, esp human resource capital.**
- 5.To enable the implementation of an ICT strategy and action plan to to maximize the outreach, impact, efficiency and efficacy of all CRFM strategic plans and programmes.**



CRFM Communication and Information Technology Strategy and ICT Action Plan

Aim of the ICT component: To maximize the outreach, impact, efficiency and efficacy of all CRFM strategic plans and programmes.

A. Improve the internal collaboration and work coordination among CRFM staff, partners, members, board, forum and stakeholders, e.g. Ministries, Fisheries depts

B. Enhance the dissemination of research results, technical papers, briefs and news items to different target groups. Enhance the impact of advocacy activities and best practices dissemination towards policy makers, governments, and fisheries stakeholders

C. Facilitate researchers' work, enhance technical working groups, scientific committees collaboration and work between meetings

D. Enhance the CRFM web presence and role as a major contact point for helpful advice and orientation on fisheries issues for all stakeholders

Thanks for your attention

