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# FOREWORD



During programme year (p.y) 2005/ 06, also the second year in the life of the CRFM Medium Term Plan (2005/ 05- 2006/07), the CRFM Secretariat focused on seven (7) major activities that formed the pillars of the Annual Work Plan. This Annual Report (2005/ 06) presents the achievements in the areas of:

- Implementation of CARIFIS at the National Level;
- Formulation of a draft Framework Agreement on a Common Fisheries Policy and Regime for CARICOM, for consideration of Heads of Government;
- Second CRFM Annual Scientific Meeting umbrella (forum) for the Joint Five (5) Assessment Working Groups' meetings;
- Technical support to develop and implement Fisheries;
- Management Plans in selected Member States; ,
- Provision of technical support at Regional and International Fora (ICCAT, CITES, IOCARIBE, etc.);
- Human Resource Development directed at strengthening and building capacity in Member States and at the CRFM Secretariat; and
- Resource Mobilisation.

The CRFM Secretariat continued to provide support to Member States in training and use of the CARIFIS database. Missions were conducted to various countries where training and technical assistance were provided to further improve the data management and storage capacities at the national level.

As in the previous programme year, high priority was again accorded to develop the draft Framework Agreement for a Common Fisheries Policy and Regime (CFP & R) for CARICOM. The CRFM Secretariat continued to take a lead role in the development of the CFP &R through the convening of a Multidisciplinary Workshop, and the mobilization of funds to facilitate the work of two expert Working Groups to address the Legal, Social, Economic and Linkages Issues of the CFP & R and to further refine the draft Framework Agreement. The CRFM Secretariat also rendered technical support to various Member States in respect of their national consultations on the CFP & R.

Significant progress was made at the Second Annual Scientific Meeting through the Joint Five (5) Assessment Working Groups' meetings, which provided much needed management advice on the ten key fisheries that were analysed and presented with subsequent meetings of the Caribbean Fisheries Forum and the Ministerial Council (COTED).

Work continued with a number of Member States in preparing or updating their Fisheries Management Plans (FMPs) through the consultative and participatory approach.

This year, CRFM Member States showed a marked improvement in their level of participation at ICCAT. Through the continued provision of technical support from the CRFM Secretariat, one of the Member States was successful in obtaining catch quotas from ICCAT for tuna fishing vessels registered with its Shipping Registry.

The challenge of strengthening and building capacity of Human Resources in Member



States was addressed during this period. Under an ongoing co-sponsorship arrangement, two Fisheries Officers from St. Vincent and the Grenadines received financial support for long term training. Also, support was provided by the CRFM Secretariat for three scholars from the region to benefit from the CRFM/IOI scholarships on Ocean Governance (Policy, Law and Management) in Canada.

High on the priority list were efforts to secure funding for projects within the Medium Term Plan and Annual Work Plan. The CRFM Secretariat continued to explore all available avenues to obtain funding for six projects of regional significance. It can be reported that progress has been made. The project: *"Formulation of master Plan on Sustainable Use of Fisheries Resources for Coastal*

*Community Development in the Caribbean"* under the CARICOM-Japan Cooperation Agreement is expected to start-up in programme year 2006/ 07.

The CRFM Secretariat is also seeking assistance to prepare a new Operations Manual and to enhance its Documentation Center and Registry Operations.

Last, but not least, I would like to thank Member States for meeting their obligations to contribute to the Budget of the CRFM Secretariat, as many as three quarters of them made good on their arrears.

## 1. HIGHLIGHTS OF ACHIEVEMENTS

The CRFM Secretariat continued to play the leading role in the development of a draft Framework Agreement for a Common Fisheries Policy and Regime for CARICOM. A Multidisciplinary Workshop was held in St. Kitts and Nevis, 18-19 April, 2005, at which the draft Framework Agreement for the Common Fisheries Policy and Regime was further refined. The CRFM Secretariat mobilized resources to facilitate the work of the two expert Working Groups to address the Legal, Social, Economic and Linkages issues of the Common Fisheries Policy and Regime. Financial support for the First Meeting of the Ad Hoc Legal Working Group held during the period 20-21 February, 2006, Guyana, was received through the CARICOM Secretariat. A Revised draft of the Framework Agreement for the Common Fisheries Policy and Regime was prepared by the Ad Hoc Legal Working Group in which the content of the Common Fisheries Policy and Regime was elaborated. The first meeting of the Socio-economic and Linkages Working Group held 19 March 2006, Trinidad and Tobago, was financed from the CRFM Secretariat's operating budget. Further, the CRFM Secretariat rendered technical support to Guyana, St. Lucia, and St. Vincent and the Grenadines in respect of their national consultations on the Common Fisheries Policy and Regime.

During the programme year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2006, three forms of donor assistance to the region were realized. First, through donor assistance from the CTA, the first meeting of the Pro Tem Working Group on Institutional Strengthening of Regional Fisher folk Organizations, was held on 22-23 June, 2005 in Guyana. The Pro Tem Working Group developed a five project proposal package from the Medium Term Action Plan which was sent to the CTA, through CARDI, for consideration of funding. Second, the FAO / CRFM / MALMR Regional Workshop on the Collection of Demographic Information on Coastal Fishing Communities and its Use

in Community-based Fisheries and Integrated Coastal Zone Management in the Caribbean, was held in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago on 13-17 June, 2005. Third, three scholars from the region benefited under the CRFM / IOI scholarships on Ocean Governance (Policy, Law and Management) at the Dalhousie University, Nova Scotia, Canada, May to July 2005.

The CRFM Secretariat worked on resource mobilization plans of regional significance during this period. These included:

- (a) The project entitled, *Formulation of Master Plan on Sustainable Use of Fisheries Resources for Coastal Community Development in the Caribbean* under the CARICOM Japan Cooperation Agreement. Project start-up is expected in programme year 2006/07.
- (b) The project proposal on the *Rehabilitation and Management of the Queen Conch* which was prepared and submitted to the FAO, DFID, and the USAID for consideration of funding. Discussions with regard to funding are on-going with the FAO.
- (c) The five project proposals on the establishment of the Caribbean Regional Network of National Fisher folk Organizations that were submitted to the CTA.
- (d) The project proposal on *Strengthening of Fisheries Products Health Conditions in CARICOM / CARIFORUM and OCT States* submitted to the EU for consideration of funding. The European Commission advised that consultants are now ready to launch inception visits / briefing meetings. The CRFM Secretariat has been named as advisor / coordinator on behalf of CARICOM Member States.

The CRFM Secretariat continued to provide technical support to countries in the preparation



of documentation/ country reports for the annual ICCAT meetings, and also to CRFM country delegations participating in these meetings. There was marked improvement in the level of participation of Member States in the ICCAT. Based on technical advice provided by the CRFM Secretariat, Belize was successful in obtaining catch quotas from ICCAT for tuna fishing vessels registered with IMMARBE. The five Resource Scientific Working Groups on the major commercial marine resources in the region, established to address issues of common concern pertaining to statistics, research and stock assessment methods, continued to operate. Based on the recommendations of the First Annual Scientific Meeting, specific marine species of commercial importance were assessed by each Resource Working Group at the Second Annual Scientific Meeting, which was held during March 13<sup>th</sup> 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2006 in Trinidad and Tobago. The Second Annual CRFM Scientific Meeting recommended management measures to ensure the sustainable utilization of the region's fisheries.

The preparing or updating of Fisheries Management Plans (FMPs) through the consultative and participatory approach continued. National workshops were held in Antigua and Barbuda, Belize, Guyana, Montserrat, St. Kitts and Nevis, and Saint Lucia to discuss and elaborate the respective FMPs.

A Study was done on the Effects of Trade Liberalization and Trade Related Policies on Fisheries and measures required for their sustainable development in the CARIFORUM Region.

The CRFM Secretariat also conducted a review of, and prepared a project proposal on, Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated fishing, and Monitoring, Control, Surveillance and enforcement systems in the CRFM Member States.

During this period, support to Member States continued with the development and use, through training, of the CARIFIS database. The CRFM Secretariat conducted missions to several countries including; Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago, and the Turks and Caicos Islands to provide training and technical assistance on the CARIFIS database software.

Also, upon the advice of the CARICOM Secretariat, the CRFM Secretariat sought the assistance of the CARICAD, Barbados, in preparing a new Operations Manual, and in enhancing its Documentation Centre and Registry Operations. The CARICAD responded favourably and dispatched a mission to Belize in August 2005 to discuss and further develop this request.

*See Chapter 8: Summaries of the Major Outputs from the Work Plan Activities Implemented by the Caribbean Regional Fisheries Mechanism (CRFM) Secretariat for the programme year 1 April 2005 31 March 2006.*

## 2. RESOURCE MOBILISATION EFFORTS



### 2.1 *Formulation of Master Plan on Sustainable Use of Fisheries Resources for Coastal Community Development in the Caribbean*

The Government of Japan, through JICA, committed itself to funding an agreed Fisheries Master Plan with the following components:

1. Pelagic fisheries development and management;
2. Aquaculture development;
3. Regional fisheries database development;
4. Participatory approaches to management (including sedentary resource management); and
5. Education and training (in above mentioned components).

The project *Formulation of Master Plan on Sustainable Use of Fisheries Resources for Coastal Community Development in the Caribbean* is scheduled to commence implementation during programme year 2006 - 2007.

It was expected that preliminary activities for implementation of the project would have come on stream by August 2005, however, this has not been possible owing to delays in finalizing the agreement relating to the extending of privileges and immunities by the Member States to the Japanese experts who would be working on the project in the region.

### 2.2 *Rehabilitation and Management of the Queen Conch*

The Rehabilitation and Management of Queen Conch regional project proposal was submitted to the FAO, DFID, and the USAID for consideration of funding. Implementation is expected to begin during programme year 2006/07, subject to funding.

In 2003, the Standing Committee of CITES determined that Queen Conch was over

exploited in many countries in the Wider Caribbean and proposed recommendations to ensure sustainable use of this resource. During the reporting period, the NOAA Fisheries' Office of Protected Resources (USA) supported the CRFM Secretariat's work in the Dominican Republic, which, of the countries currently prohibited by CITES from exporting Queen Conch, was most likely to benefit from early work, such as stock assessment surveys. This support enabled the CRFM Secretariat, through TCDC arrangements, to assist the Dominican Republic in training national Fisheries Department staff in underwater visual survey research techniques and to conduct underwater conch visual surveys at two key fishing grounds to gather data and determine the status of the stocks.

### 2.3 *Strengthening Fisher folk Organizations*

The Pro Tem Working Group comprising representatives of fisher folk organizations from six Member States of the CRFM (Belize, Barbados, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Antigua and Barbuda, Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago) was formed as a consequence of recommendations ensuing from the CTA/CRFM/CARDI *Regional Workshop on Findings of Organisational Needs Assessment of Caribbean Fisher Folk Organisations*, 12- 14 October, 2004 in Belize City. The Pro Tem Working Group held its first meeting in Guyana, 22-23 June 2005. The main output of the meeting was the development of the Revised Strategy and Medium Term Action Plan for Institutional Strengthening of Regional Fisherfolk Organisations 2005 -2010. The Plan, consisting of five project proposals, was prepared and submitted to the CTA, which had funded both the Study and the Workshop. Based on the Draft Strategy and Medium Term Action Plan, the CRFM Secretariat prepared and submitted a project proposal *Strengthening of National Fisherfolk Organisations in Selected ACP Caribbean Countries* to the CTA for consideration of

funding under their technical assistance programme.

#### **2.4. Comparative Study Missions to Malaysia and the Philippines**

The FAO/CRFM/MALMR Workshop held in Trinidad and Tobago, 13–17 June 2005, was convened jointly by the CRFM Secretariat and the FAO, to analyze the findings of the comparative study, including seven country specific cases done in the CARICOM region, on the collection and use of demographic and socio-economic data in the integrated planning and management of coastal zones and communities in the Philippines and Malaysia. Participants were mainly drawn from fifteen CRFM Member States, the CRFM Secretariat, the FAO, and regional and extra-regional organizations. Based on recommendations arising from the workshop, a project proposal was developed and submitted to the FAO for funding. Additionally, another comparative study mission to the Philippines and Malaysia, this time to be undertaken by representatives of fisher folk organizations from the region, was recommended and a proposal was submitted to the FAO for funding. The immediate response was favourable and implementation of both projects is expected to be undertaken during programme year 2006–07.

#### **2.5. A Diagnostic Study of Poverty in Fishing Communities**

Emanating from the CARICOM–Spain Cooperation Agreement, a project proposal, *A Diagnostic Study to Determine Poverty Levels in Selected Fishing Communities in the CARICOM*, has been prepared by the CRFM Secretariat and submitted to the Spanish Government for funding. The methodology identified for conducting the study follows that being promoted in the region by FAO, namely, the collection and use of demographic and socio-economic data for the integrated study and management of coastal regions and communities. This methodology was adopted after comparative studies that were the focus of the FAO/CRFM/MALMR workshop held in Trinidad and Tobago.

There are also other key project proposals in the pipeline that have been approved for funding but has not as yet commenced implementation.

These include:

##### **i. The Caribbean LME Project**

The overall objective of the Caribbean Large Marine Ecosystems (LME) Project is the sustainable management of the shared living marine resources of the Caribbean and adjacent areas, through an integrated management approach. The project will build on and complement existing project initiatives that focus on technical and institutional aspects of sustainable management of living marine resources. The CRFM Secretariat has received strong support from Member States to coordinate the delivery of the Caribbean node of the LME project.

##### **ii. Improving on the National and Regional Mechanisms for Fisheries Management and Development in the Caribbean (ACP Fish 11)**

This project submitted to the European Commission for funding, and titled, *Improving on the National and Regional Mechanisms for Fisheries Management and Development in the Caribbean (ACP Fish 11)*, aims at promoting, through strengthening fisheries national policy development and implementation, the sustainable and optimal management of the fisheries resources.

##### **iii. Strengthening the Health of Fishery Products from the Region**

This project which is a study proposal that was submitted to the European Commission for consideration of funding, and is geared towards improving the post harvest fishing sector, is titled *Strengthening Fishery Products Health Conditions in CARICOM/CARIFORUM Member States and OCT Countries*. Its main goal is to improve the quality of fish products from the region to meet international standards, whilst enhancing food security and improving rural incomes and social stability at home. During this reporting period, the CRFM Secretariat was engaged in lobbying for support for funding of the project by the European Commission, particularly the ACP Secretariat and the CARICOM Embassies in Europe. It is expected that project implementation will commence during the programme year 2006/07.

# PROGRAMME DELIVERY SYSTEM

## 3.0 CORPORATE SERVICES PROGRAMME

### 3.1 *CRFM Secretariat Operations Manual*

A Team from CARICAD visited the CRFM Secretariat in Belize, on November 4<sup>th</sup> 2005 to discuss the arrangements for the assistance to the CRFM Secretariat on the preparation of a CRFM Operations Manual and Upgrading of its Registry and Documentation/Information System. At this meeting, it was agreed that:

- (i) CARICAD will assist the CRFM Secretariat with the preparation of its Operations Manual through the provision/sourcing of expertise. CARICAD did not have the funds dedicated for this activity, however, it will be able to supply skills, and the CRFM Secretariat will contribute airfares, etc.

- (ii) A cost sharing arrangement would be worked out.

- (iii) CARICAD will also assist the CRFM Secretariat to enhance its capacity through the development of its Registry and Documentation Systems and strengthening its interface with Member States.

CARICAD commenced the documentation review phase of this assistance.

### 3.2 *Financial Audit*

Member States' contributions and all other contributions to the CRFM Secretariat for programme year, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2005 to March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2006 were audited by Deloitte, Belize

See Annex 1 for Audit Report.

## 4.0. ADVOCACY, POLICY AND PLANNING

### 4.1 *Formulation of a Common Fisheries Policy and Regime*

The third meeting of the Working Group on the Common Fisheries Policy and Regime (CFP & R) agreed on the need to consider socio-economic and linkages issues in the formulation of the draft Framework Agreement for the CFP & R. The Regional Multidisciplinary Meeting of Member States in St. Kitts and Nevis, 18-19 April 2005, further refined the draft Framework Agreement. Resource persons were selected from the Fisheries Department of Trinidad and Tobago, UWI/CERMES, OECS/ESDU and the CRFM Secretariat to serve on a Working Group to review the Social, Economic and Linkages Issues. At its first meeting in Trinidad and Tobago 19 March, 2006, the Working Group reviewed a draft bibliography prepared by the CRFM Secretariat and recommended a consultancy to finalise it.

The Working Group delineated a number of themes making up the goal, of the CFP & R as follows: ecological sustainability, management effectiveness, regional governance, international governance and socio-economics and equity. This was to be considered alongside the main issues to be addressed in analyzing the socio-economic and linkages issues identified in the Terms of Reference.

An Ad Hoc Legal Working Group on the Common Fisheries Policy and Regime made up of legal experts from the Member States of the CRFM was formed to deal with the legal issues likely to be involved in formulating a Common Fisheries Policy and Regime. Funded by CIDA, the Working Group met for the first time, February 20-21, 2006 in Guyana. It reviewed the draft Framework Agreement and made preliminary observations and recommendations for its improvement.

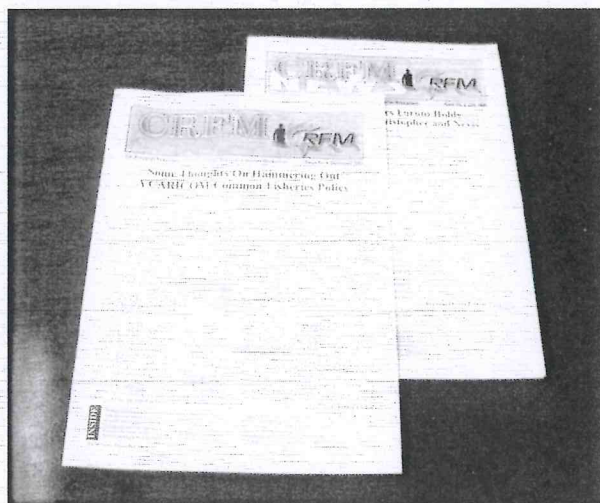
### 4.2 *Promotional Advocacy*

This activity is meant to foster greater public and stakeholder awareness of the CRFM Secre-



*Member States representatives engaged in refining the draft Framework Agreement on the Common Fisheries Policy and Regime*

tariat, its programmes and activities, as well as its achievements. During this programme year, 2005/ 2006, two issues (# 3 & #4) of a much improved CRFM NEWS, were produced and distributed. Greater involvement of Member States in contributing to the contents of the CRFM NEWS was reflected in the diverse articles contributed by Member States such as Antigua and Barbuda, Belize, British Virgin Islands, Haiti, Jamaica, St. Lucia, and Trinidad and Tobago. Advocacy was further facilitated by the update of the CRFM Secretariat's Website, with official technical reports of projects and programmes, issues of the CRFM NEWS, articles, and calendar of events.



*CRFM News Issue # 3 and #4.*

#### ***4.3 Coordination of CRFM Secretariat's Work Plans and Reports***

During the programme year 2005/ 2006 the coordination, production and distribution of Quarterly Work Plans and Implementation Reports continued. This culminated in the preparation of the Annual Technical, Progress

and Financial Report for the programme year, 2005/2006, the Annual Report for that year, and the preparation of an Annual Work Plan and Budget for the following programme year, 2006/ 2007.

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## 5.0 FISHERIES STATISTICS AND INFORMATION PROGRAMME

### 5.1 Staffing

In spite of region-wide advertisement of the vacant post of Programme Manager Statistics and Information, and efforts made to get assistance from the Caribbean Community Secretariat and the Commonwealth Secretariat, no progress was made in the recruitment of a suitable candidate during the programme year 2005/2006. In view of this, a decision was made to recruit a junior officer, provide training 'in house', and build capacity to post graduate level, so he/ she may be eventually promoted to fill the vacant post.

### 5.2 The CARIFIS Programme

Despite the staffing difficulties, the process of transferal of historical data from the Trip Interview Programme (TRIP) and the Licensing and Registration System (LRS) to the more advanced CARIFIS Programme continued. Technical assistance was provided to St. Kitts and Nevis, Jamaica, and the Turks and Caicos Islands in the refining of their CARIFIS data management operations.

A computer, for the use of the CARIFIS software in Nevis, was provided to St. Kitts and Nevis. Implementation of these activities were undertaken by a Consultant, recruited on a just-in-time basis.

### 5.3 Establishment of Operational Linkages with the FAO LAPE Project.

The CRFM Secretariat arranged for a collaborative operational arrangement with project management of the FAO LAPE Project by which the debugging of CARIFIS, legacy databases transfers, training and the procurement of querying and reporting software were done. The CRFM Member States of Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Dominica, Grenada, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia and St. Vincent and the Grenadines were the main beneficiaries. The two organizations also collaborated to procure and distribute the Stonefield Querying and Reporting Software Package to solve the problems being experienced by some Member States with the querying and reporting features of CARIFIS.

## 6.0 FISHERIES RESEARCH AND RESOURCE ASSESSMENT PROGRAMME

### 6.1 *The Second Annual CRFM Scientific Meeting*

The CRFM Large Pelagic Working Group, Shrimp and Groundfish Working Group, and Conch and Lobster Working Group met during the Second Annual Scientific Meeting, 13- 22 March, 2006, held in Trinidad and Tobago. Together with regional and extra-regional specialists, the Working Groups responsible for the assessment of stocks conducted statistical analysis of the field data that had been collected on the marine species of commercial importance. Data on 10 key fisheries were analysed: the spiny lobster fishery of St. Lucia; the queen conch fisheries of The Bahamas, Turks and Caicos Islands and Jamaica; the shrimp fisheries (data on four major commercial species) of Trinidad and Tobago; the Atlantic seabob fishery of Guyana; the lane snapper fishery of Trinidad and Tobago; the red snapper fishery of Guyana; the king mackerel fishery of Trinidad and Tobago; and the Dolphin Fish Fishery of the Eastern Caribbean. Based on the results of the 10 analyses undertaken, management advice was formulated and presented to subsequent annual meetings of the Caribbean Fisheries Forum and the Ministerial Council (COTED) and made available to Member States to aid policy interventions.

### 6.2 *First Meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Methods*

The CRFM Ad Hoc Working Group on Methods met on the 23-27 May, 2005, at the *First Meeting of the CRFM Ad Hoc Working Group on Methods* held in Barbados, to commence work on testing of methods, as well as on reviewing data quality, and to improve interpretation of management objectives. The *Report of the First Meeting of the CRFM Ad Hoc Working Group on Methods* was presented and approved during the Second Annual Scientific Meeting.

### 6.3 *Provision of Technical Support at Regional and International Management Fora*

The operational collaboration developed between the CRFM Secretariat and the FAO LAPE Project resulted in improvement of the work of Member States on the use of the CARIFIS programme and the acquisition of the Stone Filed Querying and Reporting Software for solving the problems that some Member States were facing in using the CARIFIS for querying and reporting. The CRFM Secretariat also provided technical advice to the FAO LAPE Team on options for improving data inputs for the ECOPATH model and in respect of planning and designing of field sampling of fish resources.

The CRFM Secretariat continued to provide technical support and advice to Member States on the statistical, assessment and management requirements of ICCAT; and on Annual National Reporting to ICCAT, and the formulation and presentation of national positions on special ICCAT issues. On behalf of non-contracting and non-cooperating parties, the CRFM Secretariat attended the Annual 2005 ICCAT SCRS and Commission Meeting, and noted the need for Member States to improve their skills in statistical reporting, and sampling procedures on shark, billfish and recreational fisheries. Also, the CRFM representative noted the need to improve responses of Member States to ICCAT queries and compliance to ICCAT regulations. The CRFM Secretariat reported the outputs of the Meeting to the Member States, as it does each year.

### 6.4 *Rehabilitation and Management of the Queen Conch in CARICOM/CARIFORUM Countries*

This region-wide project was designed to rehabilitate and strengthen the management of the Queen Conch (*Strombus gigas*) resources in the region by strengthening



management capability through training in research, assessment and management methods, on the conduct of visual surveys to evaluate the existing status of the Queen Conch. During the programme year, project proposals addressing these issues were submitted to the FAO, DFID, USAID and NOAA for consideration of funding, not only for the CARICOM Member States but also the OCT countries and the Dominican Republic. A Regional Workshop on the Management and Monitoring of the Queen Conch was held, 1-5 May, 2006, in Jamaica. National staff members

were trained in visual survey techniques. Visual surveys were completed at two key sites in the Dominican Republic with NOAA funding, CRFM Secretariat Technical support and TCDC made possible by the Belize Fisheries Department.

The CRFM Regional Queen Conch Programme that was designed to deal with data collection techniques, gathering data on conch distribution, abundance, management advisory and awareness building has not as yet attracted donor funding.

## 7.0 FISHERIES RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME



### 7.1 *Development and Implementation of Fisheries Management Plans (FMPs)*

The process of assisting Member States to develop or update their Fisheries Management Plans continued during the programme year. The consultative and participatory approach to the tasks involved continued, with existing FMPs being updated and others without existing plans developed from the conceptualization stage. Public consultations encouraged stakeholders to claim ownership to the final outcome. During the programme year, Guyana, Montserrat, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, and St. Vincent and the Grenadines had their existing Fisheries Management Plans updated. The resultant drafts were submitted to the countries for their review and further input. National Consultations were held in Anguilla, Grenada, Barbados, Dominica, Suriname and Jamaica. The process was continuing in Grenada, Anguilla and Suriname by the end of the programme year. Antigua and Barbuda commenced preparations to hold its National Consultations towards the end of the programme year.

### 7.2 *Improving Regional and National Mechanisms for the Management and Sustainable Development of Shared Fisheries Resources in the Caribbean (ACP Fish II Project)*

A project proposal with the above title was drafted by the CRFM Secretariat in consultation with the Member States of the CRFM and submitted to the European Commission for consideration of funding. Its main objective is the sustainable and optimal management of the fisheries resources of the region. It aims at improving the policy and institutional frameworks for fisheries resource management. It is also planned for formulating and establishing harmonized regional management systems and legislation and to strengthen the mechanisms for regional

planning, stock assessment and management decision making. The CRFM Secretariat is expecting funds to be released by the European Commission for the implementation of this project.

### 7.3 *FAO/CRFM Integrated Coastal Zone Management Project (FAO/TCP)*

In August 2004, the FAO sponsored a study tour for a team from the region to the Philippines and Malaysia for a comparative study on the collection and use of demographic and socio-economic indicators for the planning and management of coastal areas and fisheries management in those countries. The same issues were the subject for seven case studies in seven Member States in the region, namely; Belize, Dominica, Jamaica, St. Lucia, Barbados, Trinidad and Tobago, and the Turks and Caicos Islands.



*Mr. Rufus George, the St. Lucian delegate delivering his presentation.*

This was followed by the FAO-CRFM-MALMR Workshop, 13–17 June 2005, at which representatives of the Member States that participated in the comparative studies presented their findings and for a comparative analysis to be done on the findings. Technical experts and representatives of relevant regional and extra-regional organizations participated by giving presentations and

providing technical input to the workshop. As a follow-up, a draft workshop report was prepared by the CRFM Secretariat and submitted to the FAO. The Case Study and Trip reports were edited and submitted to the FAO. By the end of the programme year 2005/2006, a draft proposal titled: *Comparative Study on the Use of Demographic and Socio- economic Information by Fisherfolk Organisations* was submitted to FAO, Rome for funding. Implementation of the project is expected to follow the release of funds by the FAO, probably late in the programme year 2006/07.

#### **7.4 Institutional Strengthening of Fisherfolk Organizations in CRFM Member States**

The formation of a Caribbean Regional Network of National Fishers Organizations was discussed as the key objective among five recommendations made in the report of a regional study on the Organizational Needs of the region's fisherfolk organizations, at the CTA/ CRFM/ CARDI Regional Workshop on Findings of Organizational Needs Assessment of Caribbean Fisherfolk Organisations held in Belize City, 12-15 October, 2004. Both the study and the follow up workshop were funded by CTA. The participants, representing the fisher folk organizations in Member States unanimously accepted the five recommendations and formed a Pro Tem Working Group to transform the recommendations into a Medium Term Action Plan, crafted around the formation of a Caribbean Regional Network of National Fishers Organizations.

The Pro Tem Working Group, at its first meeting in Guyana, 22-23 June, developed a Medium Term Action Plan (2005/2010) with a compendium of five project profiles to be developed into proposals for funding and implementation. Copies were forwarded to the CTA. Following consultations with the CTA a project proposal titled 'Strengthening of National Fisher folk Organizations in Selected



*Representatives of Regional Fisherfolk organizations participate in the development of a Caribbean Regional Network of National Fishers Organisations.*

ACP Countries' was submitted to the CTA for consideration of funding under its technical assistance programme.

#### **7.5 Human Resource Development**

In accordance with a Memorandum of Understanding entered into between the CRFM Secretariat and the International Ocean Institute (IOI) Canada, each year a number of scholars from CRFM Member States are sponsored by the CRFM Secretariat and the IOI to participate in the IOI Programme titled, 'Ocean Governance: Policy, Law and Management' at the Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada. During the programme year, three persons from Trinidad and Tobago, Barbados and St. Vincent and the Grenadines were awarded scholarships under the programme which ran from 25 May to 22 July, 2005. All three participants were successful in completing the course.

During the same year, Mrs. Yolanda Babb- Ech- teld of the Suriname Fisheries Department was supported to continue working on her thesis for the MSc., Fisheries Science, from CERMES, UWI, Cave Hill, Barbados.

In Jamaica, three Fisheries Officers were awarded short term scholarships to undertake technical training in the use of Microsoft SQL software to support the CARIFIS database programme. The Director of Fisheries Jamaica was the recipient of a short term scholarship award to study Project Management at a local institution.

The CRFM Secretariat co-sponsored two Fisheries Officers from the Fisheries Division of St. Vincent and the Grenadines on long term studies, one pursuing a BSc. Degree in Marine Ecology-Zoology at the UWI, Mona Campus, Jamaica and the other to pursue a Diploma in Marine Engineering at South Hampton College, England.

Finally, the CRFM Secretariat continued to assist (financially and through technical supervision of thesis) the Director of Fisheries, Trinidad and Tobago, who is writing a Ph D. thesis on the topic, 'A Determination of Size Selectivity in Gill Nets: Towards Sustainability of the Carite Fishery in Trinidad' at the UWI, St. Augustine Campus, Trinidad and Tobago.

#### **7.6 Project for "Strengthening Fishery Products Health Conditions in CARICOM/CARIFORUM States and OCT Countries"**

This is a project proposal submitted to the European Commission for funding consideration but which had been in the

"pipeline" for a period of time. The project is geared towards the 'optimal use of the fisheries resources in order to gain improvements in production and trading capacity in relation to fishery products, so as to contribute to the securing of optimal economic and social returns from the resources.' It is expected that by improving the health and sanitation quality of the products, the latter would meet acceptable international standards and hence improve their marketability, whilst contributing to food security and higher standards of living in fishing communities. While participating in the workshop on Strengthening the Capacity of ACP Secretariat Staff in May, 2005 in Brussels, Belgium, the CRFM Secretariat's representative seized the opportunity to lobby in EC Commission circles and among Caribbean diplomatic officials to galvanize support for the project and to speed up the funding process.

## 8. SUMMARY OF THE MAJOR BENEFITS TO MEMBER STATES FROM THE WORK PLAN ACTIVITIES FOR THE PROGRAMME YEAR 1 APRIL 2005 31 MARCH 2006:



### ANGUILLA

- Participated in the formulation of a regional policy in fisheries management and development that also addressed the concerns of Anguilla.
- Provision of technical support to the Department of Fisheries and Marine Resources to develop the Fisheries Management Plan (FMP) for the Marine Fisheries of Anguilla.
- Provision of expert advice on Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) fishing and Monitoring, Control and Surveillance (MCS) through a regional study.
- Provision of expert technical / scientific advice to all Member States, through the CRFM Annual Scientific Meeting, to influence regional fisheries management decision making.
- Financed the participation of Director (ag) of the Fisheries and Marine Resources at the Third Meeting of the Caribbean Fisheries Forum, St. Kitts and Nevis, 20- 21 April, 2005, at which Member States, inter alia, dealt with matters relating to the CRFM Annual Work Plan and Budget, April 1st, 2005 - March 31st, 2006 and made recommendations to the COTED to guide regional fisheries development.



### ANTIGUA & BARBUDA

- Participated in the formulation of a regional policy in fisheries management and development that also addressed Antigua and Barbuda's concerns.
- Strengthened the potential of future networking among the national fisherfolk organisations between Antigua and Barbuda and the Caribbean region.
- Provision of technical support to the Department of Fisheries to develop the Fisheries Management Plan (FMP) for the Marine Fisheries of Antigua and Barbuda.
- Provision of expert advice on Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) fishing and Monitoring, Control and Surveillance (MCS) through a regional study.
- Provision of expert technical / scientific advice to all Member States, through the CRFM Annual Scientific Meeting, to influence regional fisheries management decision making.
- Funding provided for the Crown Counsel I, Attorney General's Office to participate as a member of the Ad Hoc Legal Working Group on the Common Fisheries Policy and Regime, in the First Meeting of the Ad Hoc Legal Working Group on the Common Fisheries Policy and Regime, 20th - 21st February, 2006, Guyana, development of a Common Fisheries Policy and Regime for CARICOM.

- Financed the participation of Chief Fisheries Officer at the Third Meeting of the Caribbean Fisheries Forum, St. Kitts and Nevis, 20- 21 April, 2005, at which Member States, inter alia, dealt with matters relating to the CRFM Annual Work Plan and Budget, April 1st, 2005 - March 31st, 2006 and made recommendations to the COTED to guide regional fisheries development.



## BARBADOS

- Improved usage of current data and information collected for the provision of management advice in Barbados.
- Trained the Chief Fisheries Officer and the Chief Protocol Officer (Ag.), in existing and new methods of data analysis and assessment.
- Undertook a study for Barbados on the collection of demographic information on coastal fishing communities and its use in community based fisheries and integrated coastal zone management and financed Barbados's participation in the FAO / CRFM / MALMR Workshop on the Collection of Demographic Information on Coastal Fishing Communities and its use in Community Based Fisheries and Integrated Coastal Zone Management in the Caribbean, 13th - 17th June, 2005, Trinidad and Tobago.
- Strengthened the potential of future networking among the national fisherfolk organisations between Barbados and the Caribbean region.
- Trained the Fisheries Biologist in fisheries data analysis and development of fisheries management advisory reports.
- Provided expert advice regarding ICCAT and actions required to avoid an imposition of trade sanctions. In 2002, Barbados

was granted an annual swordfish quota of 25 mt, with an estimated market value of US\$149, 477 (using US Bureau swordfish import price data for 2001), allowing the country the option to expand its swordfish industry.

- Provision of expert advice on Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) fishing and Monitoring, Control and Surveillance (MCS) through a regional study.
- Provision of expert technical / scientific advice to all Member States, through the CRFM Annual Scientific Meeting, to influence regional fisheries management decision making.
- Financed the participation of the Chief Fisheries Officer at the Third Meeting of the Caribbean Fisheries Forum, St. Kitts and Nevis, 20- 21 April, 2005, at which Member States, inter alia, dealt with matters relating to the CRFM Annual Work Plan and Budget, April 1st, 2005 - March 31st, 2006 and made recommendations to the COTED to guide regional fisheries development.
- Funding provided for a representative from the Solicitor General's Chamber to participate as a member of the Ad Hoc Legal Working Group on the Common Fisheries Policy and Regime, in the First Meeting of the Ad Hoc Legal Working Group on the Common Fisheries Policy and Regime, 20th - 21st February, 2006, Guyana, in the development of a Common Fisheries Policy and Regime for CARICOM.



## BELIZE

- Undertook study for Belize on the collection of demographic information on coastal fishing communities and its use in community based fisheries and



integrated coastal zone management and financed Belize's participation in the FAO / CRFM / MALMR Workshop on the Collection of Demographic Information on Coastal Fishing Communities and its use in Community Based Fisheries and Integrated Coastal Zone Management in the Caribbean, 13th - 17th June, 2005, Trinidad and Tobago.

- Participated in the formulation of regional policy in fisheries management and development that also addressed the concerns of Belize.
- Technical support for a Consultancy to be undertaken on the roles, functions and operations of the Belize Fisheries Department and the Coastal Zone Management Authority and Institute (CZMAI) of Belize and made recommendations for rationalizing/streamlining these organizations.
- Strengthened the potential of future networking among the national fisherfolk organisations between Belize and the Caribbean region.
- Provided technical support and representation for Belize, at the CITES Workshop to Review the Range States' Compliance with Queen Conch Recommendations, 11- 15 December, 2005.
- Provided technical support to the Department of Fisheries in the development of the Fisheries Management Plan for Belize.
- Provision of expert advice on Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) fishing and Monitoring, Control and Surveillance (MCS) through a regional study.
- Provision of expert technical / scientific advice to all Member States, through the CRFM Annual Scientific Meeting, to influence regional fisheries management decision making.
- Financed the participation of the Fisheries Administrator at the Third Meeting of the Caribbean Fisheries Forum, St. Kitts

and Nevis, 20- 21 April, 2005, at which Member States, inter alia, dealt with matters relating to the CRFM Annual Work Plan and Budget, April 1st, 2005 - March 31st, 2006 and made recommendations to the COTED to guide regional fisheries development.



## BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS

- Participated in the formulation of regional policy in fisheries management and development that also addressed the concerns of the British Virgin Islands.
- Provision of expert advice on Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) fishing and Monitoring, Control and Surveillance (MCS) through a regional study.
- Provision of expert technical / scientific advice to all Member States, through the CRFM Annual Scientific Meeting, to influence regional fisheries management decision making.
- Financed the participation of the Chief Conservation Officer and a Fisheries Officer at the Third Meeting of the Caribbean Fisheries Forum, St. Kitts and Nevis, 20- 21 April, 2005, at which Member States, inter alia, dealt with matters relating to the CRFM Annual Work Plan and Budget, April 1st, 2005 - March 31st, 2006 and made recommendations to the COTED to guide regional fisheries development.
- Funding provided for the Crown Counsel (Criminal) from the Attorney General Chambers to participate as a member of the Ad Hoc Legal Working Group on the Common Fisheries Policy and Regime,

pin the First Meeting of the Ad Hoc Legal Working Group on the Common Fisheries Policy and Regime, 20th - 21st February, 2006, Guyana, in the development of a Common Fisheries Policy and Regime for CARICOM.



### DOMINICA

- Undertook study for Dominica on the collection of demographic information on coastal fishing communities and its use in community based fisheries and integrated coastal zone management and financed Dominica's participation in the FAO / CRFM / MALMR Workshop on the Collection of Demographic Information on Coastal Fishing Communities and its use in Community Based Fisheries and Integrated Coastal Zone Management in the Caribbean, 13th - 17th June, 2005, Trinidad and Tobago.
- Provision of expert advice on Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) fishing and Monitoring, Control and Surveillance (MCS) through a regional study.
- Provision of expert technical / scientific advice to all Member States, through the CRFM Annual Scientific Meeting to influence regional fisheries management decision making.



### GRENADA

- Improved usage of current data and information collected for the provision of management advice in Grenada.
- Trained the Assistant Fisheries Biologist, Fisheries Department in existing and new

methods of data analysis and assessment.

- Provided recommendations for improving the standard of living in fishing communities and strengthening of integrated coastal zone and fisheries management and financed Grenada's participation in FAO / CRFM / MALMR Workshop on the Collection of Demographic Information on Coastal Fishing Communities and its use in Community Based Fisheries and Integrated Coastal Zone Management in the Caribbean, 13th - 17th June, 2005, Trinidad and Tobago.
- Provided technical advice to Grenada for handling specific ICCAT queries, for example billfish, on the fulfillment of statistical reporting to ICCAT.
- In 2002, the tuna and billfish industry in Grenada produced 1484 mt of fish, valued at US\$5,683,473 of which 631 mt was exported, with a market value of US\$3,731,360. Given that billfish comprised 228 mt (36 %) of the 2002 tuna / billfish catch, the CRFM Secretariat representation at ICCAT ensured protection of as much as US\$1,343,290 annually in fisheries related revenues for Grenada at that time.
- Provision of expert advice on Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) fishing and Monitoring, Control and Surveillance (MCS) through a regional study.
- Provision of expert technical / scientific advice to all Member States, through the CRFM Annual Scientific Meeting, to influence regional fisheries management decision making.



### GUYANA

- Participated in the formulation of regional policy in fisheries management and development that also addressed the concerns of Guyana.

- Strengthened the potential of future networking among the national fisherfolk organisations between Guyana and the Caribbean region.
- Provided technical support for the development of a Fisheries Management Plan for Guyana and provided technical resources for the National Consultation on the Draft Fisheries Management Plan for the Marine Fisheries of Guyana, 17th November, 2005 held in Georgetown.
- Provision of expert advice on Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) fishing and Monitoring, Control and Surveillance (MCS) through a regional study.
- Provision of expert technical / scientific advice to all Member States, through the CRFM Annual Scientific Meeting, to influence regional fisheries management decision making.
- Conducted statistical analysis of data and stock assessments on the Atlantic Seabob and red snapper fishery, and made recommendations for the continued and strengthened efforts in fisheries statistics, assessment, research, and management in the region.
- Trained two Fisheries Officers in fisheries data analysis and development of fisheries management advisory reports.
- Financed the participation of the Legal/ Administrative Officer at the Third Meeting of the Caribbean Fisheries Forum, St. Kitts and Nevis, 20- 21 April, 2005, at which Member States, inter alia, dealt with matters relating to the CRFM Annual Work Plan and Budget, April 1st, 2005 - March 31st, 2006 and made recommendations to the COTED to guide regional fisheries development.
- Financed the participation of the Principal Fisheries Officer (ag.) at the Fifth Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Caribbean Fisheries Forum, Turks and Caicos Islands, 8-9 December 2005 and the Sixth Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Caribbean Fisheries Forum, 23- 24 March,

2006, Trinidad and Tobago, at which recommendations were made to the Caribbean Fisheries Forum in the implementation of its mandate to provide technical leadership to the CRFM.

- The CRFM Secretariat facilitated the attendance of the Agriculture Programme Officer from the Project Cycle Unit, Ministry of Agriculture and the Principal Fisheries Officer (Ag.) to participate as members of the Ad Hoc Legal Working Group on the Common Fisheries Policy and Regime, in the First Meeting of the Ad Hoc Legal Working Group on the Common Fisheries Policy and Regime, 20th - 21st February, 2006, Guyana, in the development of a Common Fisheries Policy and Regime for CARICOM.
- Provision of technical support given to Guyana for the implementation of their National Consultation on the Common Fisheries Policy and Regime.



## HAITI

- Developed a proposal to conduct a national under water visual Queen Conch survey to assess the population densities and structure of the stocks to ensure sustainable management of this commercially important marine resource.
- Generated information for the use in formulating future policies, and in designing a data collection system for on- going monitoring using the results of the National Survey of Fisheries in Haiti.
- Provision of expert advice on Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) fishing and Monitoring, Control and Surveillance (MCS) through a regional study.
- Provision of expert technical / scientific advice to all Member States, through the

CRFM Annual Scientific Meeting, to influence regional fisheries management decision making.



## JAMAICA

- Participated in the formulation of regional policy in fisheries management and development that addressed the concerns of Jamaica.
- Undertook study for Jamaica on the collection of demographic information on coastal fishing communities and its use in community based fisheries and integrated coastal zone management.
- Provided recommendations for the collection of social and economic data in the fisheries for Jamaica and the Caribbean region.
- Strengthened the potential of future networking among the national fisherfolk organisations between Jamaica and the Caribbean region.
- Provision of funding for the Director of Fisheries to undertake a Project Management Training Course at the Training and Technology Institute Ltd., Jamaica.
- Provision of funding to train three Fisheries Officers at the New Horizons Computer Learning Centre, Jamaica, in support of the CARIFIS Database.
- Provision of expert advice on Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) fishing and Monitoring, Control and Surveillance (MCS) through a regional study.
- Provision of expert technical / scientific advice to all Member States, through the CRFM Annual Scientific Meeting, to influence regional fisheries management decision making.
- Conducted statistical analysis of data and stock assessments on the queen conch fishery, and made recommendations for the continued and strengthened efforts in fisheries statistics, assessment, research, and management in the region.
- Trained the Data Manager/ Analyst in fisheries data analysis and development of fisheries management advisory reports.
- Financed the participation of the Senior Fisheries Officer at the Third Meeting of the Caribbean Fisheries Forum, St. Kitts and Nevis, 20- 21 April, 2005, at which Member States, inter alia, dealt with matters relating to the CRFM Annual Work Plan and Budget, April 1st, 2005 - March 31st, 2006 and made recommendations to the COTED to guide regional fisheries development.
- Funding provided for the Senior Legal Officer, Ministry of Agriculture to participate as a member of the Ad Hoc Legal Working Group on the Common Fisheries Policy and Regime, in the First Meeting of the Ad Hoc Legal Working Group on the Common Fisheries Policy and Regime, 20th - 21st February, 2006, Guyana, in the development of a Common Fisheries Policy and Regime for CARICOM.
- Financed the participation of the Director of Fisheries at the Fifth Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Caribbean Fisheries Forum, Turks and Caicos Islands, 8-9 December 2005 and the Sixth Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Caribbean Fisheries Forum, 23- 24 March, 2006, Trinidad and Tobago, at which recommendations were made to the Caribbean Fisheries Forum in the implementation of its mandate to provide technical leadership to the CRFM.



## MONTSERRAT

- Provision of technical support to the Fisheries Division to develop a Fisheries Management Plan for Montserrat.
- Provision of expert advice on Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) fishing and Monitoring, Control and Surveillance (MCS) through a regional study.
- Provision of expert technical / scientific advice to all Member States, through the CRFM Annual Scientific Meeting, to influence regional fisheries management decision making.



## ST. KITTS AND NEVIS

- Participated in the formulation of regional policy in fisheries management and development that addressed the concerns of St. Kitts and Nevis.
- Trained seven (7) persons from the Department of Fisheries in St. Kitts and three (3) persons from the Department of Fisheries in Nevis in the use of the Caribbean Fisheries Information System (CARIFIS) Software.
- Provided recommendations for the collection of social and economic data in the fisheries for St. Kitts and Nevis and the Caribbean region financed St. Kitts and Nevis's participation in the FAO / CRFM / MALMR Workshop on the Collection of Demographic Information on Coastal Fishing Communities and its

use in Community Based Fisheries and Integrated Coastal Zone Management in the Caribbean, 13th - 17th June, 2005, Trinidad and Tobago.

- Provided technical support for the development of the Fisheries Management Plan (FMP) for the Marine Fisheries of St. Kitts and Nevis.
- Provision of expert advice on Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) fishing and Monitoring, Control and Surveillance (MCS) through a regional study.
- Provision of expert technical / scientific advice to all Member States, through the CRFM Annual Scientific Meeting, to influence regional fisheries management decision making.
- Provided a computer for the use of the CARIFIS software in Nevis.
- Facilitated the participation of the Senior Fisheries Officer and the Fisheries Officer at the Third Meeting of the Caribbean Fisheries Forum, St. Kitts and Nevis, 20-21 April, 2005, at which Member States, inter alia, dealt with matters relating to the CRFM Annual Work Plan and Budget, April 1st, 2005 - March 31st, 2006 and made recommendations to the COTED to guide regional fisheries development.
- Financed the participation of the Senior Fisheries Officer at the Fifth Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Caribbean Fisheries Forum, Turks and Caicos Islands, 8-9 December 2005 and the Sixth Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Caribbean Fisheries Forum, 23- 24 March, 2006, Trinidad and Tobago, at which recommendations were made to the Caribbean Fisheries Forum in the implementation of its mandate to provide technical leadership to the CRFM.



## ST. LUCIA

- Participated in the formulation of regional policy in fisheries management and development that addressed the concerns of St. Lucia.
- Improved usage of current data and information collected for the provision of management advice in St. Lucia.
- Trained the Fisheries Assistant in existing and new methods of data analysis and assessment.
- Undertook study for St. Lucia on the collection of demographic information on coastal fishing communities and its use in community based fisheries and integrated coastal zone management and financed St. Lucia's participation in the FAO/CRFM/MALMR Workshop on the Collection of Demographic Information on Coastal Fishing Communities and its use in Community Based Fisheries and Integrated Coastal Zone Management in the Caribbean, 13th - 17th June, 2005, Trinidad and Tobago.
- Provided recommendations for the collection of social and economic data in the fisheries for St. Lucia and the Caribbean region.
- Provided technical support to the Department of Fisheries to develop the Fisheries Management Plan for St. Lucia.
- Provision of expert advice on Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) fishing and Monitoring, Control and Surveillance (MCS) through a regional study.
- Provision of expert technical / scientific advice to all Member States, through the CRFM Annual Scientific Meeting, to influence regional fisheries management decision making.

- Conducted statistical analysis of data and stock assessments on the spiny lobster fishery of St. Lucia, and made recommendations for the continued and strengthened efforts in fisheries statistics, assessment, research, and management in the region.
- Trained the Fisheries Assistant in fisheries data analysis and development of fisheries management advisory reports.
- Financed the participation of the Chief Fisheries Officer at the Third Meeting of the Caribbean Fisheries Forum, St. Kitts and Nevis, 20- 21 April, 2005, at which Member States, inter alia, dealt with matters relating to the CRFM Annual Work Plan and Budget, April 1st, 2005 - March 31st, 2006 and made recommendations to the COTED to guide regional fisheries development.
- Provision of technical support given to St. Lucia for the implementation of their National Consultation on the Common Fisheries Policy and Regime.



## SURINAME

- Provided recommendations for the collection of social and economic data in the fisheries for Suriname and the Caribbean region and financed Suriname's participation in FAO/CRFM/MALMR Workshop on the Collection of Demographic Information on Coastal Fishing Communities and its use in Community Based Fisheries and Integrated Coastal Zone Management in the Caribbean, 13th - 17th June, 2005, Trinidad and Tobago.
- Co-supervised Ms. Yolanda Babb-Echteld, Fisheries Officer, Fisheries Department of Suriname, in the preparation of her MSc. Thesis at the UWI / CERMES,

Barbados. Ms. Babb-Echteld was awarded an European Union funded scholarship (MSc. Fisheries Science) under the Integrated Caribbean Regional Agriculture and Fisheries Development Programme-Fisheries Component.

- Provision of expert advice on Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) fishing and Monitoring, Control and Surveillance (MCS) through a regional study.
- Provision of expert technical / scientific advice to all Member States, through the CRFM Annual Scientific Meeting, to influence regional fisheries management decision making.
- Provided technical assistance as and when needed for the implementation and use of the CARIFIS database.



## ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES

- Financial support provided to the Fisherman's Day Committee to assist in the purchase of prizes and offset expenses.
- Provided recommendations for the collection of social and economic data in the fisheries for St. Vincent and the Grenadines and the Caribbean region and financed St. Vincent and the Grenadines's participation in the FAO / CRFM / MALMR Workshop on the Collection of Demographic Information on Coastal Fishing Communities and its use in Community Based Fisheries and Integrated Coastal Zone Management in the Caribbean, 13th - 17th June, 2005, Trinidad and Tobago.
- Strengthened the potential of future, networking among the national fisherfolk organisations between St. Vincent and the Grenadines and the Caribbean region.

- Contributed to the financing of two Fisheries Officers to be trained at the Masters Degree and Diploma levels.
- Established a Strategy and Plan for Fisheries Management and Sustainable Development.
- Participated in the formulation of regional policy in fisheries management and development that addressed the concerns of St. Vincent and the Grenadines.
- Provision of expert advice on Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) fishing and Monitoring, Control and Surveillance (MCS) through a regional study.
- Provision of expert technical / scientific advice to all Member States, through the CRFM Annual Scientific Meeting, to influence regional fisheries management decision making.
- Financed the participation of the Chief Fisheries Officer at the Third Meeting of the Caribbean Fisheries Forum, St. Kitts and Nevis, 20- 21 April, 2005, at which Member States, inter alia, dealt with matters relating to the CRFM Annual Work Plan and Budget, April 1st, 2005 - March 31st, 2006 and made recommendations to the COTED to guide regional fisheries development.
- Provision of technical support given to St. Vincent and the Grenadines for the implementation of their National Consultation on the Common Fisheries Policy and Regime.



## THE BAHAMAS

- Participated in the formulation of regional policy in fisheries management and development that also addressed the concerns of The Bahamas.

- Provided recommendations for the application of selected tested methods of fisheries data analysis and assessment, taking into account the data information systems that can be accommodated in The Bahamas and other CRFM countries.
- Trained Assistant Fisheries Officer in existing and new methods of data analysis and assessment.
- Developed a proposal to conduct a national under water visual Queen Conch survey to assess the population densities and structure of the stocks to ensure sustainable management.
- Provision of expert advice on Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) fishing and Monitoring, Control and Surveillance (MCS) through a regional study.
- Provision of expert technical / scientific advice to all Member States, through the CRFM Annual Scientific Meeting, to influence regional fisheries management decision making.
- Conducted statistical analysis of data and stock assessments on the queen conch fishery, and made recommendations for the continued and strengthened efforts in fisheries statistics, assessment, research, and management in the region.
- Trained the Assistant Fisheries Officer in fisheries data analysis and development of fisheries management advisory reports.
- Financed the participation of the Director of Fisheries at the Third Meeting of the Caribbean Fisheries Forum, St. Kitts and Nevis, 20- 21 April, 2005, at which Member States, inter alia, dealt with matters relating to the CRFM Annual Work Plan and Budget, April 1st, 2005 - March 31st, 2006 and made recommendations to the COTED to guide regional fisheries development.

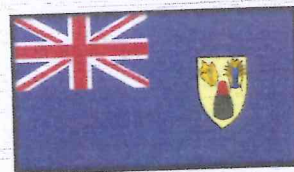


## TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

- Provided technical support in the preparation of a position paper for negotiating a further increase in the swordfish catch quota allocated to Trinidad and Tobago from ICCAT. This position paper resulted in ICCAT granting Trinidad and Tobago an increase in its annual swordfish quota from 68 mt to 125 mt, yielding an additional US \$ 340, 808 in annual revenue for the swordfish fishery from 2003.
- Provided technical advice regarding billfish queries raised by ICCAT.
- Provided technical assistance regarding preparation of papers for ICCAT Scientific Committee in Research and Statistics (SCRS) - (i) Spanish mackerel assessment and (ii) to provide justification for application of a specific species breakdown of the national billfish catches.
- Co- sponsored training of the Director, Marine Resources and Fisheries (Tobago), in Ocean Governance: Policy, Law and Management at the International Ocean Institute, 25 May- 22 July, 2005, Dalhousie University, Canada.
- Facilitated the participation of Trinidad and Tobago in the formulation of regional policy in fisheries management and development that also addressed the concerns of Trinidad and Tobago.
- Provided recommendations for the application of selected tested methods of fisheries data analysis and assessment, taking into account the data information systems that can be accommodated in Trinidad and Tobago and other CRFM countries.



- Trained two (2) Fisheries Officers in existing and new methods of data analysis and assessment.
- Undertook study for Trinidad and Tobago on the collection of demographic information on coastal fishing communities and its use in community based fisheries and integrated coastal zone management.
- Provided recommendations for the collection of social and economic data in the fisheries for Trinidad and Tobago, and the Caribbean region and facilitated the attendance of Trinidad and Tobago in the FAO / CRFM / MALMR Workshop on the Collection of Demographic Information on Coastal Fishing Communities and its use in Community Based Fisheries and Integrated Coastal Zone Management in the Caribbean, 13th - 17th June, 2005, Trinidad and Tobago.
- Strengthened the potential of future networking among the national fisherfolk organisations between Trinidad and Tobago and the Caribbean region.
- Provision of expert advice on Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) fishing and Monitoring, Control and Surveillance (MCS) through a regional study.
- Provision of expert technical / scientific advice to all Member States, through the CRFM Annual Scientific Meeting, to influence regional fisheries management decision making.
- Conducted statistical analysis of data and stock assessments on the shrimp (four major commercial species) and king mackerel fishery, and made recommendations for the strengthening of efforts in fisheries statistics, assessment, research, and management in the region.
- Trained three Fisheries Officers in fisheries data analysis and development of fisheries management advisory reports.
- Financed the participation of the Director of Fisheries at the Third Meeting of the Caribbean Fisheries Forum, St. Kitts and Nevis, 20- 21 April, 2005, at which Member States, inter alia, dealt with matters relating to the CRFM Annual Work Plan and Budget, April 1st, 2005 - March 31st, 2006 and made recommendations to the COTED to guide regional fisheries development.
- Provided funding for a Legal Counsel from the Ministry of Agriculture to participate as a member of the Ad Hoc Legal Working Group on the Common Fisheries Policy and Regime, in the First Meeting of the Ad Hoc Legal Working Group on the Common Fisheries Policy and Regime, 20th - 21st February, 2006, Guyana, in the development of a Common Fisheries Policy and Regime for CARICOM.
- Facilitated the participation of the Director of Fisheries at the Sixth Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Caribbean Fisheries Forum, 23- 24 March, 2006, Trinidad and Tobago, at which recommendations were made to the Caribbean Fisheries Forum in the implementation of its mandate to provide technical leadership to the CRFM.



## TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS

- Trained Data Manager and representatives from the agency responsible for backing-up Data / Information for government Departments of the Turks and Caicos Islands in the use of the Caribbean Fisheries Information System (CARIFIS) Software.
- Conducted statistical analysis of data and stock assessments on selected species including the Queen Conch fishery of the Turks and Caicos Islands.

- Provided expert technical / scientific advice to influence fisheries management decision making.
- Participated in the formulation of regional policy in fisheries management and development that also addressed concerns of the Turks and Caicos Islands.
- Trained the Scientific Officer in existing and new methods of data analysis and assessment.
- Provided recommendations for the collection of social and economic data in the fisheries for the Turks and Caicos Islands, and the Caribbean region.
- Undertook study for the Turks and Caicos Islands on the collection of demographic information on coastal fishing communities and its use in community based fisheries and integrated coastal zone management and financed the Turks and Caicos's participation in the FAO / CRFM / MALMR Workshop on the Collection of Demographic Information on Coastal Fishing Communities and its use in Community Based Fisheries and Integrated Coastal Zone Management in the Caribbean, 13th - 17th June, 2005, Trinidad and Tobago
- Provided recommendations for the application of selected tested methods of fisheries data analysis and assessment, taking into account the data information systems that can be accommodated in the Turks and Caicos Islands and other CRFM countries.
- Conducted statistical analysis of data and stock assessments on the queen conch fishery, and made recommendations for the continued and strengthened efforts in fisheries statistics, assessment, research, and management in the region.
- Trained the Scientific Officer in fisheries data analysis and development of fisheries management advisory reports.
- Financed the participation of the Deputy Director/ Chief Conservation Officer's at the Third Meeting of the Caribbean Fisheries Forum, St. Kitts and Nevis, 20-21 April, 2005, at which Member States, inter alia, dealt with matters relating to the CRFM Annual Work Plan and Budget, April 1st, 2005 - March 31st, 2006 and made recommendations to the COTED to guide regional fisheries development.
- Facilitated the participation of the Deputy Director/Chief Conservation Officer at the Fifth Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Caribbean Fisheries Forum, Turks and Caicos Islands, 8-9 December 2005, at which recommendations were made to the Caribbean Fisheries Forum in the implementation of its mandate to provide technical leadership to the CRFM.



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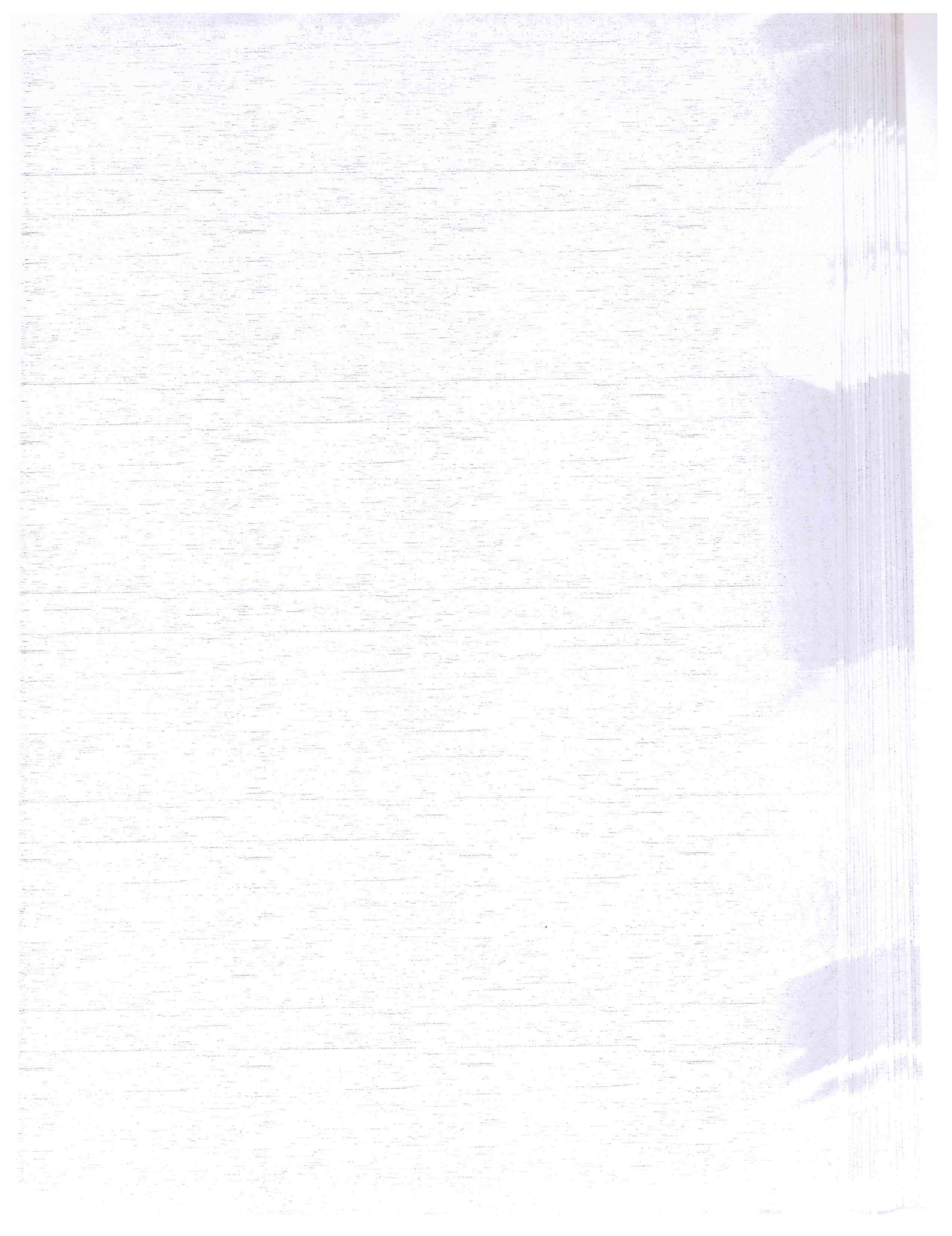
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## ANNEXES



## **ANNEX I**

### **Audited Financial Statements of the CRFM Secretariat for Programme Year, April 1st, 2005 to March 31st, 2006**



# **CARIBBEAN REGIONAL FISHERIES MECHANISM SECRETARIAT**

*Balance Sheets as of March 31, 2006 and 2005 and  
Statements of Contributions and Expenditures for  
the Years Ended March 31, 2006 and 2005 and  
Independent Auditors' Report*

## **CARIBBEAN REGIONAL FISHERIES MECHANISM SECRETARIAT**

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT**

**To the Chairman of the Caribbean Fisheries Forum in respect of  
Caribbean Regional Fisheries Mechanism Secretariat:**

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We have audited the accompanying balance sheets as of March 31, 2006 and 2005 of Caribbean Regional Fisheries Mechanism Secretariat (formerly CARICOM Fisheries Unit CARICOM Contributions) and the related statements of contributions and expenditures arising from transactions of CARICOM Member States' Contributions to the Caribbean Regional Fisheries Mechanism Secretariat for the years ended March 31, 2006 and 2005. These financial statements are the responsibility of the CRFM Secretariat's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with International Standards on Auditing. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatements. An audit includes, examining on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects the financial position as of March 31, 2006 and 2005 and the statements of contributions and expenditures of funds from CARICOM Member States' Contributions to Caribbean Regional Fisheries Mechanism Secretariat (formerly CARICOM Fisheries Unit) for the years then ended, in conformity with International Financial Reporting Standards.

*Castillo, Sanchez & Burrell, LLP*  
October 3, 2006

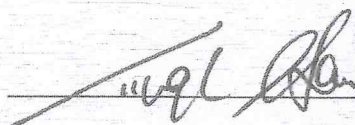
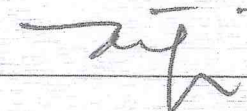

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CARIBBEAN REGIONAL FISHERIES MECHANISM SECRETARIAT

BALANCE SHEETS

MARCH 31, 2006 AND 2005 (EASTERN CARIBBEAN DOLLARS)

|  | <u>Notes</u> | <u>2006</u>        | <u>2005</u>        |
|--|--------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| <u>ASSETS</u>                            |              |                    |                    |
| <u>CURRENT ASSETS:</u>                   |              |                    |                    |
| Cash and bank balances                   |              | \$ 104,408         | \$ 381,665         |
| Outstanding contributions                | 3            | 710,233            | 864,137            |
| Accounts and other receivables           | 4            | <u>44,171</u>      | <u>90,869</u>      |
| Total current assets                     |              | 858,812            | 1,336,671          |
| <br>PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT        | 5            | <u>1,281,660</u>   | <u>1,059,234</u>   |
| TOTAL                                    |              | <u>\$2,140,472</u> | <u>\$2,395,905</u> |
| <br><u>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</u> |              |                    |                    |
| Accounts payable and accruals            | 6            | \$ <u>590,264</u>  | \$ <u>359,150</u>  |
| Total liabilities                        |              | <u>590,264</u>     | <u>359,150</u>     |
| <br>CAPITAL FUND                         | 7            | 1,058,429          | 776,218            |
| GENERAL FUND                             |              | <u>491,779</u>     | <u>1,260,537</u>   |
| TOTAL                                    |              | <u>\$2,140,472</u> | <u>\$2,395,905</u> |

  
  
  
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Secretary,  
CRFM Secretariat

See notes to balance sheet and statements of contributions and expenditures.

# CARIBBEAN REGIONAL FISHERIES MECHANISM SECRETARIAT

## STATEMENTS OF CONTRIBUTIONS, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN GENERAL FUND YEARS ENDED MARCH 31, 2006 AND 2005 (EASTERN CARIBBEAN DOLLARS)

|  | <u>Notes</u> | <u>2006</u>        | <u>2005</u>         |
|--|--------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| <b>MEMBER STATES' CONTRIBUTIONS</b>                      | 2, 9         | \$1,586,039        | \$1,586,039         |
| <b>OTHER INCOME</b>                                      | 8            | <u>145,082</u>     | <u>328,963</u>      |
|  |              | <u>\$1,731,121</u> | <u>1,915,002</u>    |
| <b>EXPENDITURES:</b>                                     |              |                    |                     |
| Bank charges   |              | 14,653             | 6,802               |
| Consultants fees and travel                              |              | 89,299             | 84,527              |
| Hospitality  |              | 2,994              | 9,151               |
| Insurance – furniture, equipment and houses              |              | 10,315             | -                   |
| Janitorial supplies and services                         |              | 11,004             | 7,448               |
| Meetings and workshop expenses                           |              | 490,325            | 146,464             |
| Office equipment rental                                  |              | 496                | 279                 |
| Personnel emoluments                                     |              | 1,409,738          | 1,168,837           |
| Postage and courier services                             |              | 16,994             | 11,755              |
| Printing, photocopy services and office supplies         |              | 53,542             | 33,712              |
| Publications and subscription                            |              | 5,957              | 3,294               |
| Repairs and maintenance – computers and office equipment |              | 23,235             | 25,236              |
| Repairs and maintenance – office and house               |              | 45,927             | 27,913              |
| Scholarship grants                                       |              | 8,172              | 13,233              |
| Telephone and fax charges                                |              | 79,490             | 68,976              |
| Travel – airfares and living expenses (staff)            |              | 188,069            | 196,682             |
| Utilities – electricity and water                        |              | 13,255             | 12,808              |
| Vehicle repairs, maintenance and insurance               |              | 32,042             | 30,295              |
| Other expenses   |              | <u>4,372</u>       | <u>11,713</u>       |
| Total  |              | <u>2,499,879</u>   | <u>1,859,125</u>    |
| <b>(OVER) UNDER EXPENDED FUNDS</b>                       |              | \$ (768,758)       | \$ 55,877           |
| <b>GENERAL FUND, BEGINNING OF PERIOD</b>                 |              | <u>1,260,537</u>   | <u>1,204,660</u>    |
| <b>GENERAL FUND, END OF PERIOD</b>                       |              | <u>\$ 491,779</u>  | <u>\$ 1,260,537</u> |

See notes to balance sheets and statements of contributions and expenditures.

## CARIBBEAN REGIONAL FISHERIES MECHANISM SECRETARIAT

### NOTES TO BALANCE SHEETS AND STATEMENTS OF CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES YEARS ENDED MARCH 31, 2006 AND 2005 (EASTERN CARIBBEAN DOLLARS)

#### 1. STATUS AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Status – The Caricom Fisheries Resources Assessment and Management Program (CFRAMP) (the “Project”) was established under the terms of the Memorandum of Agreement between the International Centre for Ocean Development (ICOD) and CARICOM on January 28, 1991. The Project was designed as a regional program to promote the management and conservation of fishery resources in the twelve (12) English speaking CARICOM countries and to permit exploitation of these resources on the basis of sustainable yield. The participating countries were: Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, Montserrat, St. Lucia, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Vincent and the Grenadines and Trinidad and Tobago. The project’s operation commenced in 1992 and was extended from the initial termination date of December 31, 1998 to March 31, 2002.

CARICOM member states continued their counterpart funding to CFRAMP to March 31, 2004 as per decision made at the 11<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Council for Trade and Economic Development (COTED) held in Georgetown, Guyana during the period May 21 to 23, 2001. Member States: Anguilla, The Bahamas, Haiti, Suriname, British Virgin Islands and Turks and Caicos Islands became participating and contributory members effective October 31, 2001.

Caribbean Regional Fisheries Mechanism was officially inaugurated on March 26, 2003 thereby replacing the CARICOM Fisheries Unit (CFU), which was initially established to deliver the CFRAMP project. The mission of the CRFM Secretariat, which is headquartered in Belize City, Belize, is to *“Promote and facilitate the responsible utilization of the Region’s fisheries and other aquatic resources for the economic and social benefits of the current and future population of the region”*.

The participating countries are: Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, The Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, British Virgin Islands, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Montserrat, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, and Turks and Caicos Islands.

Programme year 2005/2006 is the second year in the life of the CRFM Secretariat Approved Medium Term Plan (2004/2005 to 2006/2007). Valued at US\$957,918 and endorsed by the Twentieth Meeting of the Council for Trade and Economic Development (COTED), May 9-10, 2005. The Work Plan continued to implement work-in-progress first initiated in Programme Year 2004/2005 and further built on new activities which were added to the five programme areas.

The Contribution Formula (approved by CARICOM Member States) adopted is the same as the CARICOM Contributions Formula. The CRFM Secretariat Core budget to which Member States subscribed was used to finance personnel, strategic and technical activities related to the Annual Work Plan and Budget.

# CARIBBEAN REGIONAL FISHERIES MECHANISM SECRETARIAT

## NOTES TO BALANCE SHEETS AND STATEMENTS OF CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES (CONTINUED) YEARS ENDED MARCH 31, 2006 AND 2005 (EASTERN CARIBBEAN DOLLARS)

### 1. STATUS AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### Significant Accounting Policies

- a. Basis of presentation – These financial statements have been prepared under historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of the project's property. See Note 5
- b. Foreign currency translations – Transactions in foreign currencies during the year are translated into Eastern Caribbean dollars and United States dollars at the rates ruling on the dates of the transactions. Foreign currency balances outstanding at the balance sheet date are translated at the rates ruling on that date. Gains or losses on ordinary foreign exchange transactions are included in the results of operations.

Property, plant and equipment – Property, plant and equipment are carried at cost, except for land and buildings which are stated at revalued amounts.

Maintenance, repairs and renewals are charged against revenue in the year the expenditure is incurred; major renewals and improvements are capitalized.

When property, plant and equipment are disposed of by sale or scrapping, the cost is removed from the accounting records and any resulting gain or loss is included in the fund balance.

- d. Financial instruments – The financial assets and liabilities are recognized on the balance sheet when CRFM Secretariat has become an obliged contractual party to the instrument. The financial instruments of CRFM Secretariat consist primarily of accounts receivable, accounts payable and accrued expenses. Unless otherwise disclosed, the fair value of these financial instruments approximate carrying value.

### 2. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The CRFM Secretariat reports on a comprehensive basis of accounting by preparing a report of budget versus actual expenses. Budgets are prepared in respect of CARICOM Member States contributions as per Annual Work Plans and Budgets Reports.

Contributions due from member states and obligations existing at March 31 are recognized on the accrual basis.

**CARIBBEAN REGIONAL FISHERIES MECHANISM SECRETARIAT**

**NOTES TO BALANCE SHEETS AND  
STATEMENTS OF CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES (CONTINUED)  
YEARS ENDED MARCH 31, 2006 AND 2005 (EASTERN CARIBBEAN DOLLARS)**

**3. OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS**

|                              | <u>2006</u>      | <u>2005</u>      |
|------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Antigua & Barbuda            | \$ 71,283        | \$100,793        |
| The Bahamas                  | 54,061           | -                |
| Barbados                     | -                | 34,279           |
| Dominica                     | 89,637           | 61,564           |
| Grenada                      | -                | 35,479           |
| Guyana                       | 45,293           | 22,712           |
| Haiti                        | 190,566          | 142,985          |
| Jamaica                      | -                | 245,807          |
| St. Lucia                    | -                | 30,297           |
| St. Vincent & the Grenadines | 14,037           | -                |
| Suriname                     | 222,487          | 173,062          |
| The British Virgin Islands   | 22,869           | 17,159           |
|                              | <u>\$710,233</u> | <u>\$864,137</u> |

**4. ACCOUNTS AND OTHER RECEIVABLES**

Other receivables consist of interfund balances and staff advances to be received within the next few months.

**5. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT**

| Cost (C) / Valuation (V)           | Balance April<br>31, 2005 | Additions        | Balance March<br>31, 2006 |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------|---------------------------|
| Office furniture and equipment (C) | \$ 79,816                 | \$ 39,968        | \$ 119,784                |
| House furniture and equipment (C)  | 157,197                   | 3,693            | 160,890                   |
| Motor vehicles (C)                 | 46,003                    | 178,765          | 224,768                   |
| Land and Building (V)              | 776,218                   | -                | 776,218                   |
| <b>Total</b>                       | <u>\$1,059,234</u>        | <u>\$222,426</u> | <u>\$1,281,660</u>        |

Land and buildings are stated at their revalued amounts based on valuation performed by independent appraiser dated March 29, 2003 at a value of EC \$776,218 (US \$288,750). Lands and buildings include six structures held in trust by CFRAMP for the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA). Legal title transfer of properties from International Centre for Ocean Development (ICOD) to the CRFM Secretariat was effected on January 25, 2006. Two motor vehicles were transferred to CRFM Secretariat after the close of the EU funded ICRAFD Work Programme 3. Furniture, fixtures and equipments are stated at cost XC \$280,674 (US \$104,410).

# CARIBBEAN REGIONAL FISHERIES MECHANISM SECRETARIAT

## NOTES TO BALANCE SHEETS AND STATEMENTS OF CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES (CONTINUED) YEARS ENDED MARCH 31, 2006 AND 2005 (EASTERN CARIBBEAN DOLLARS)

### 6. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCRUALS

|                               | <u>2006</u>      | <u>2005</u>      |
|-------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Accounts payable              | \$169,836        | \$123,772        |
| Contributions in advance      | 2,136            | 62,273           |
| Gratuity payable              | 181,122          | 148,383          |
| Loan from Caricom Secretariat | 195,733          | -                |
| Other funds payable           | <u>41,437</u>    | <u>24,722</u>    |
|                               | <u>\$590,264</u> | <u>\$359,150</u> |

Accounts payable include the accrual of expense incurred but not paid at year end.

### 7. CAPITAL FUND

This represents contributions of assets and grants toward the purchase of capital items and also assets transferred after the closing of various work programmes.

### 8. OTHER INCOME

Other income includes inflows from various funding sources for non-budgeted activities during the 2005/2006 programme year.

### 9. MEMBER STATES' CONTRIBUTIONS REVENUE

Contributions from member states are based on their agreed percentage (%) contribution to budgeted expenses of the Secretariat; revenues have remained consistent for the years ended March 31, 2005 and 2006 respectively.

| <u>Member States</u>         | <u>ECS</u>                |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Anguilla                     | \$ 4,758                  |
| Antigua & Barbuda            | 28,073                    |
| The Bahamas                  | 155,432                   |
| Barbados                     | 170,340                   |
| Belize                       | 45,836                    |
| Dominica                     | 28,073                    |
| Grenada                      | 28,073                    |
| Guyana                       | 111,023                   |
| Haiti                        | 47,581                    |
| Jamaica                      | 361,299                   |
| Montserrat                   | 5,551                     |
| St. Kitts & Nevis            | 28,073                    |
| St. Lucia                    | 28,073                    |
| St. Vincent & The Grenadines | 28,073                    |
| Suriname                     | 111,023                   |
| Trinidad & Tobago            | 396,510                   |
| British Virgin Islands       | 5,710                     |
| Turks & Caicos Islands       | <u>2,538</u>              |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                 | <b><u>\$1,586,039</u></b> |

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**CARIBBEAN REGIONAL FISHERIES MECHANISM SECRETARIAT**

**SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE OF MEMBER STATES' CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED  
YEARS ENDED MARCH 31, 2006 AND 2005 (EASTERN CARIBBEAN DOLLARS)**

| <b><u>Member States</u></b>  | <b><u>2006</u></b>        | <b><u>2005</u></b>        |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Anguilla                     | \$ 4,758                  | \$ 4,758                  |
| Antigua & Barbuda            | 57,583                    | 19,774                    |
| The Bahamas                  | 67,205                    | 189,599                   |
| Barbados                     | 204,619                   | 136,061                   |
| Belize                       | 45,836                    | 45,836                    |
| Grenada                      | 63,552                    | -                         |
| Guyana                       | 88,442                    | 89,348                    |
| Jamaica                      | 607,106                   | 495,709                   |
| Montserrat                   | 5,517                     | 5,565                     |
| St. Kitts & Nevis            | -                         | 56,146                    |
| St. Lucia                    | 60,506                    | -                         |
| St. Vincent & The Grenadines | 14,036                    | 28,073                    |
| Suriname                     | 61,598                    | 118,240                   |
| Trinidad & Tobago            | 396,510                   | 396,510                   |
| Turks & Caicos Islands       | <u>2,538</u>              | <u>516</u>                |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                 | <b><u>\$1,679,806</u></b> | <b><u>\$1,586,135</u></b> |

## ANNEX II

### LIST OF ACRONYMS

|           |  |
|-----------|--|
| ACP       | African Caribbean and Pacific States   |
| CARDI     | Caribbean Agricultural Research Development Institute                          |
| CARICAD   | Caribbean Centre for Development Administration                                |
| CARICOM   | Caribbean Community  |
| CARIFIS   | Caribbean Fisheries Information System   |
| CARIFORUM | Caribbean Forum of ACP States  |
| CARISEC   | CARICOM Secretariat  |
| CERMES    | Centre for Resource Management and Environmental Studies                       |
| CFP&R     | Caribbean Fisheries Policy and Regime  |
| CFTU      | CARICOM Fisheries Technical Unit   |
| CIDA      | Caribbean International Development Agency                                     |
| CITES     | Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Life and Fauna |
| COTED     | Council on Trade and Economic Development                                      |
| CRFM      | Caribbean Regional Fisheries Mechanism   |
| CTA       | Technical Centre for Agricultural and Rural Cooperation ACP-EU                 |
| DFID      | Department for International Development (U.K.)                                |
| DR        | Dominican Republic   |
| EC        | European Commission  |
| ESDU      | Environmental and Sustainable Development Unit                                 |
| EU        | European Union   |
| FAC       | Fisheries Advisory Committee   |
| FAO       | Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations                        |
| FMP       | Fisheries Management Plan  |
| ICCAT     | International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tuna                 |
| IMMARBE   | International Merchant Marine Registry of Belize                               |
| IOI       | International Oceans Institute   |
| IUU       | Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing                                    |
| JICA      | Japan International Cooperation Agency   |

*(continued overleaf)*

## LIST OF ACRONYMS (continued)

|       |   |
|-------|---|
| LAPE  | Lesser Antilles Cooperation Agency                    |
| LME   | Large Marine Ecosystem                                |
| MALMR | Ministry of Agriculture, Lands and Marine Resources   |
| MCS   | Monitoring, Control and Surveillance                  |
| MOU   | Memorandum of Understanding                           |
| NOAA  | National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration       |
| OCT   | Overseas Countries and Territories                    |
| OECS  | Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States              |
| RFMO  | Regional Fisheries Management Organization            |
| SAP   | Systems, Applications and Products in Data Processing |
| SVG   | St. Vincent and the Grenadines                        |
| TCDC  | Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries      |
| TCP   | Technical Cooperation Programme                       |
| USAID | United States Agency for International Development    |
| UK    | United Kingdom  |
| UWI   | University of the West Indies                         |



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