Resolution WECAFC/17/2019/18

"ON THE CLME+ SAP MONITORING AND EVALUATION (M & E) AND STATUS OF MARINE ENVIRONMENT AND ASSOCIATED ECONOMIES (SOMEE) REPORTING MECHANISM WITHIN WECAFC"

The Western Central Atlantic Fishery Commission (WECAFC):

ACKNOWLEDGING that the officially-endorsed, CLME+ Strategic Action Programme (2015-2025) calls for the periodic reporting of the state of the environment and the state of fisheries in the CLME+ region;

NOTING that WECAFC-FAO is party to the Interim Coordination Mechanism (ICM) for the sustainable management, use and protection of shared living resources in the CLME+ and thus shares responsibility for the SAP implementation;

ACKNOWLEDGING the importance of the "State of the Marine Environment and Associated Economies in the CLME+ region" (SOMEE) report for providing a means to periodically evaluate and assess, in a holistic way, the marine environment, its living marine resources and their ecosystem goods and services, and links with key marine-based economic sectors, and links with key marine-based economic sectors;

NOTING that WECAFC has endorsed the annotated outline of the SOMEE report;

FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGING that institutionalizing the SOMEE reporting and SAP M&E mechanisms within the organizations of the CLME+ ICM will guarantee regular update of information and facilitate collaboration among the environment and fisheries sectors, thus contributing to the further development of a blue economy;;

MINDFUL of the importance of information collected, assessed and disseminated through the WECAFC-CRFM-OSPESCA Joint Working Groups for the development of the SOMEE;

RECOGNIZING the relevance of the WECAFC-FIRMS partnership platform for the development of SOMEE and SAP M&E;

FURTHER RECOGNIZING the critical need for streamlined arrangements among national reporting on SDG14.4.1, regional reporting for the SOMEE, and FAO's global "State of Fisheries and Aquaculture (SOFIA)";

Adopts in conformity with Article 6 (a) of the WECAFC Revised Statutes this RESOLUTION that:

1. WECAFC Secretariat participates, to the extent possible, within available resources and in the context of its mandate, to the development of the SOMEE collaborative reporting mechanism and the production of the "State of Fisheries and Aquaculture" (SOFIA) Report and other relevant processes at the national, regional, and global levels.
2. WECAFC contributes, to the extent possible, within available resources and in the context of its mandate, written content and data for the development of the CLME+ SOMEE report, related to WECAFC's thematic area of competence and geographic scope of its mandate, through its WECAFC-CRFM-OSPESCA Joint Working Groups, the WECAFC Scientific Advisory Group (SAG) and other mechanisms.

3. Recommend the WECAFC Members to consider providing feedback on draft SOMEE content related to the WECAFC's area of competence, which will be made available to the WECAFC.
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4. WECAFC assist, to the extent possible, within available resources and in the context of its mandate, in aspects (including technological) of M&E of the shared living marine resources related to WECAFC's thematic area of competence and geographic scope of its mandate, through its WECAFC-CRFM-OSPESCA Joint Working Groups, the WECAFC Scientific Advisory Group (SAG) and other mechanisms.

RESOLUTION WECAFC/17/2019/19

"ON THE PROPOSED PERMANENT COORDINATION MECHANISM (PCM) AND ASSOCIATED SUSTAINABLE FINANCING PLAN FOR ENHANCED INTEGRATED OCEAN GOVERNANCE IN THE CLME+/WECAFC/WIDER CARIBBEAN REGION"

The Western Central Atlantic Fishery Commission (WECAFC):

ACKNOWLEDGING that the politically-endorsed, CLME+ Strategic Action Programme (SAP) (2015-2025) seeks to contribute to human well-being, socio-economic development, food security and enhanced livelihoods from goods and services provided by the ecosystems within the CLME+ region;

NOTING that CLME+ SAP Strategy 3, Action 3.2 calls for the *"proposal of a Permanent Policy Coordination Mechanism (PPCM), with a clear mandate, which is financially sustainable, geographically inclusive and politically acceptable and which takes into account the principle of subsidiarity"*;

RECOGNISING that the Memorandum of Understanding establishing the Interim Coordination Mechanism (ICM) for the Sustainable Management, Use and Protection of shared Living Marine Resources in the Caribbean and North Brazil Shelf Large Marine Ecosystems, which consists of the following eight Inter-Governmental Organisations: FAO, UNEP, UNESCO-IOC, CARICOM Secretariat, CRFM, CCAD, OSPESCA, and the OECS Commission, was signed by all eight agencies by December 2017;

The Western Central Atlantic Fishery Commission (WECAFC) **Adopts** in conformity with Article 6 (a) of the WECAFC Revised Statutes this RESOLUTION that:

1. The WECAFC Secretariat continue to participate in the process towards identifying a Permanent Coordination Mechanism and a Sustainable Financing Plan for the consolidation of a regional framework for integrated ocean governance in the CLME+/WECAFC/Wider Caribbean region;
2. The WECAFC Secretariat keep WECAFC Members informed on the progress towards the establishment of a Permanent Coordination Mechanism and a Sustainable Financing Plan for the consolidation of a regional framework for integrated ocean governance in the CLME+/ WECAFC/Wider Caribbean region
3. WECAFC Members consider undertaking consultations at the national level with all relevant stakeholders on the proposed options for a Permanent Coordination Mechanism and a Sustainable Financing Plan towards the consolidation of a regional framework for integrated ocean governance in the CLME+/WECAFC/Wider Caribbean region being further defined under Phase II of the work.

RESOLUTION WECAFC/17/2019/20

"ON INTERIM COORDINATION MECHANISM FOR THE SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT, USE AND PROTECTION OF SHARED LIVING MARINE RESOURCES IN THE CLME+ REGION (CLME+ SAP ICM)"

The Western Central Atlantic Fishery Commission (WECAFC):

ACKNOWLEDGING that the officially-endorsed, CLME+ Strategic Action Programme (SAP) (2015-2025) seeks to contribute to human well-being, socio-economic development, food security and enhance livelihoods from goods and services provided by the ecosystems within the CLME+ region;

MINDFUL of the responsibilities assigned to WECAFC in this 10-year CLME+ SAP in terms of enhancing regional fisheries governance arrangements for sustainable fisheries in the CLME+ Region;

NOTING the significant contributions of the UNDP/GEF Project - *Catalysing Implementation of the Strategic Action Programme for the Sustainable Management of shared Living Marine Resource in the CLME+ region* towards the facilitation of EAF and EBM for the sustainable and climate-resilient provision of goods and services from shared living marine resources;

FURTHER RECOGNISING that the Interim Coordination Mechanism for the Sustainable Management, Use and Protection of shared Living Marine Resources in the Caribbean and North Brazil Shelf Large Marine Ecosystems (CLME+ SAP ICM),, which consists of the following eight Inter-Governmental Organisations: FAO, UNEP, UNESCO-IOC, CARICOM Secretariat, CRFM, CCAD, OSPESCA, and the OECS Commission, was signed by all eight agencies by December 2017;

The Western Central Atlantic Fishery Commission (WECAFC) **Adopts** in conformity with Article 6 (a) of the WECAFC Revised Statutes this RESOLUTION that:

1. WECAFC members continue to promote and support, as appropriate, the implementation of the CLME+ SAP and CLME+ Project in their respective countries
2. WECAFC members support, as appropriate, the work of the Interim Coordination Mechanism for the Sustainable Management, Use and Protection of Shared Living Marine Resources in the CLME+ region towards enhanced regional coordination and collaboration for sustainable fisheries and the protection and sustainable use of the marine environment. WECAFC secretariat continue coordinating on fisheries related issues between WECAFC Members, OSPESCA and CRFM.