



<b>WECAFC-FIRMS Data workshop</b>
<b>FAO sub-Regional Office for the Caribbean – Christ Church, Barbados, 19-21 January 2016</b>
<b>Working Group TORs for enhancing data sharing/harmonization across regional and international fishery bodies</b>

The 'data sharing/harmonization across regional and international fishery bodies' working group should provide recommendations to address open data sharing challenges at international level for the benefit of fisheries communities, research and management communities and to improve the ability to manage fisheries resources; In particular, the following domains should be discussed:

- Based on the methodology developed in the 'Data collection, data sharing and harmonization' Working Group – specifically the list of data to be shared among WECAFC countries, and national and regional reference data – the WG should address multiple reporting standard and format issue sharing experiences and lessons learned on:
  - Identification of formats requested by RFBs (i.e. CRFM, FAO, ICCAT, OSPESCA), including classifications ;
  - Harmonization of national data to RFBs formats (including identification of tools);
  - Formulation of mechanisms/identification of programmes to coordinate exchanges among regional fishery bodies and other intergovernmental institutions operating at global level.

#### Expected outputs

- List of suitable formats for data sharing at regional and international level
- List of mapping rules/recommendations for multiple reporting at international level (RFBs, IGOs, NGOs)
- List of regional/international data sharing programmes, data exchange formulations