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Barbados

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Profile of fishery resources in Dominica

Key species targeted - Pelagic

- Yellow fin tunas
- Dolphin fish
- Marlin

Main Gear type – Fish Aggregation Devices (FADs)

Vessel type: Open vessels (FRPs and keel)

Challenges/Issues focusing on data collection

1. Not enough data collectors
2. Fishers are yet to see the true benefits of data collection
3. Data might be used for tax purposes
4. Encourage fishers themselves to collect data
5. Encourage fisheries cooperatives to collect data
6. Sell the data product to policy maker
7. Strengthen legislation that enforces the need to collect data

New areas to consider as part of the data collection product

What new data should be collected?

- Climate change
 - Sea level rise
 - Sargassum
- Biological databiological characterization
- Oceanographic data
- Exchange programs for data collectors throughout the region

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Thank you!!