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WESTERN CENTRAL ATLANTIC FISHERY COMMISSION (WECAFC)

NINTH SESSION OF THE SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY GROUP (SAG)

Electronic SAG, 4 June 2019

Draft Programme of Work of WECAFC (2019 - 2020)

Introduction

1. The background paper on “Intersessional activities and matters referred to the attention of the Commission Intersessional activities – review of the WECAFC Work Programme 2019-2020” (WECAFC/XVII/2019/XX) showed progress made in the last intersessional period. The document showed that the large majority (over 85 percent) of the approved Programme of Work 2016-2018 was actually implemented, with a remarkably active consultations with the working groups, which subsequently triggered more meetings of the Scientific Advisory Group (SAG). Overall, the last Programme of Work seems to have been realistic and achievable. The main contributions to the implementation of the Commission’s Programme of Work were received from various Trust Fund programmes, FAO’s Technical Cooperation Programme (TCP) and FAO’s regular programme. Joint activities with CFMC, CITES, NOAA, CRFM, OSPESCA, GCFI, IGFA, IFREMER, IADB, EU, GEF and the World Bank further contributed to the implementation of a range activities of the joint Working Groups.

2. The Working Groups continued to be effective tools for collaboration between members and relevant institutions. Major achievements have been reached and substantial progress has been made. Despite an increased shared responsibility in the convening role by the main regional fishery bodies (RFBs), i.e. CRFM and OSPESCA, support to the initiation and implementation of the activities remains heavily dependent on the WECAFC Secretariat.

3. The background information on the preparation process for the Programme of Work, detailing responsibilities, coordination and management aspects, funding and related arrangements, implementation of the technical work programme, and linkages with regional partners was presented in a specific document of the WECAFC 15 and can be consulted at <http://www.fao.org/fishery/docs/DOCUMENT/wecafc/15thsess/14e.pdf> for further clarification

4. The above indicated piece of information along with the WECAFC 15 approved Strategic Plan 2014 -2020, and the endorsed Programme of Work (2016-2017) as provided in Appendix D of the Report of the 16th session¹ remains the basis for this updated (draft) work programme for 2019-2020.

¹ The report of the 16th session can be found at: <http://www.fao.org/3/a-i6031t.pdf>

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5. The SAG, at its 10th session, held electronically on 4th June 2019 reviewed and approved the draft work programme with the following remarks:

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Suggested Action by the Commission

- 6. The Commission is invited to review, amend as appropriate, and endorse the draft programme of work of WECAFC (2019 -2020)
- 7. Provide guidance on the development of an eventual (new) strategic plan, in light of the WECAFC transformation process launched.

Draft Work Programme for the period 2019-2020

Technical Focus Area 1. Improve regional fisheries governance

Goal: Improved regional governance of the marine fisheries and aquaculture sector for more effective conservation, management and development and sustainable use of the living marine resources in the area of competence of WECAFC.

Activities	Outputs	Key performance indicator	Timeframe	Commission endorsement required	Total budget required	Budget sources and status	Partners
1.1 Dissemination of the latest information on the CCRF, the Blue Growth I Initiative and Blue Economy Concept and related instruments and guidelines	<p>Recommendations for improvement and harmonization of legal frameworks for fisheries and aquaculture in the region</p> <p>Recommendations for mainstreaming in the fisheries and aquaculture development assistance framework (programme and projects)</p>	<p>Emails and letters to members, making them aware of guidelines and instruments</p> <p>Response to FAO CCRF monitoring questionnaire</p> <p>PowerPoint presentations and speaking points in support to country offices and during at least 1 regional forum</p>	2019-2020	no , for information	8 000	FAO SLC (secured)	
1.2 Activation of the Western Central Atlantic Shared Fisheries Initiative Project	<p>Improved regional governance of internationally shared stocks of primary importance to WECAFC member states</p> <p>Harmonized fisheries</p>	<p>Evidence of sustainable benefits from enhanced shared stock management</p> <p>Relevant and regional</p>	2020-2025	No, for information	6 500 000	GEF, RFBs, FAO, STAR allocation co-financing	OSPESCA, CRFM, CFMC, IGFA, CI, ICCAT, CANARI, NOAA Governments

	<p>management and regulatory frameworks adopted and implemented</p> <p>Effective information and knowledge management system emplaced and informing practice improvement</p> <p>Comprehensive monitoring and reporting system operational and delivering rigorous data and information</p>	<p>management decision-making participation implemented</p> <p>Operational status of a comprehensive monitoring and reporting system</p> <p>Rigorous data and information</p>					
1.3 Promotion of the Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries (EAF) and Aquaculture (EAA)	<p>EAF and EAA incorporated in national policies and strategies of WECAFC members</p> <p>EAF based fisheries management and conservation plans developed</p>	<p>National policy and strategy documents</p> <p>Fisheries management plans</p>	2019-2020		550 000	<p>CLME+ (Shrimp & Groundfish sub- project), GEF Trust funds</p> <p>FAO TCP</p> <p>Member countries</p>	<p>CLME, OSPESCA, CRFM, UWI, CANARI</p> <p>CFMC</p> <p>Fisherfolks Organizations (CNFO, ...)</p>
1.4 Provision of fisheries legal and policy advice in line with the CCRF to WECAFC members	<p>Recommendations for changes in the policies, strategies, laws and regulations</p> <p>Review of fisheries legislative frameworks in the WECAFC area</p>	<p>Mission reports of consultants and FAO technical staff members</p> <p>National strategies, laws and regulations</p> <p>Review report</p>	2019-2020	For information in 2018	300 000	<p>FAO TCP</p> <p>GEF (CLME+, StewardFish, pipeline FAO-CAF Proposal)</p>	<p>CRFM, OSPESCA</p>
1.5 Facilitate the regional application of the 2008	<p>Reporting by WECAFC members on Deep Sea Fisheries (DSF) catches in the high seas of Areas</p>	<p>At least 10 members report about their DSF catches in the high seas.</p>	2019-2020	No	300 000	<p>FAO/GEF</p> <p>ABNJ programme</p> <p>Member</p>	<p>UNEP and CBD, and potential bilateral</p>

International Guidelines for the Management of Deep-sea Fisheries in the High Seas	31 and 41, using the form in appendix 3 of Report 1087. Effective functioning of WECAFC WG on deep sea fisheries in the high seas, including organization of the 2 nd meeting of the WG	DSF collaborative research programme with therein an opportunity to sustain the functioning of the DS WG developed				countries	partners
1.6 Support the national level application of the 2010 FAO International Guidelines on Bycatch Management and Reduction of Discards by WECAFC members	GEF project: “Sustainable management of bycatch in Latin America and Caribbean trawl fisheries (REBYC-II LAC)” realizes its objectives Draft regional management bycatch strategy developed	Adoption of bycatch management by REBYC II LAC countries: Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Mexico, Suriname, Trinidad & Tobago Recommendations for the WECAFC membership	2019-2020	Yes, regional strategy for SAG review in 2020 and WECAFC endorsement in 2021	2.million	GEF FAO Member countries	CRFM, OSPESCA
1.7 Promote the ratification and implementation of the Port State Measures Agreement (PSMA) among WECAFC members	Capacity built among at least 10 WECAFC members for implementation of the PSMA in the WECAFC region. Ratification of the PSMA by a minimum of 5 WECAFC members	Capacity building materials for implementation of the PSMA Members listed among those countries that ratified the PSMA	2019 -2020	No, just for information	300 000	FAO NOAA CLME+ (Shrimp and Groundfish subproject) Bilateral donors (Sweden, Korea)	CRFM, OSPESCA Stop Illegal Fishing (SIF)
1.8 Support to the application	Implementation of the The Voluntary Guidelines	WECAFC members adopt the SSF	2019-2020	No, just for information	230 000	FAO Government	UWI/CERMES CRFM

of the International guidelines on small scale fisheries	for Securing Sustainable Small-Scale Fisheries in the Context of Food Security and Poverty Eradication (the SSF Guidelines) & The Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forests in the Context of National Food promoted in the region, with a focus on strengthening of fisherfolk organizations	<p>Guidelines and Tenure guidelines</p> <p>WECAFC members actively participate in planning the International Year of Artisanal Fisheries and Aquaculture (IYAFA 2022??)</p> <p>WECAFC Members form a coordination group to coordinate regional activities and participate in global planning processes for IYAFA</p>				of Norway-FAO SSF Trust Fund Too Big To Ignore (TBTI) GEF (StewardFish, CC4Fish, REBYC-II LAC)	CANARI OSPESCA Fisherfolks organizations (CNFO, ..
1.9 Improve coordination and cooperation between national and regional organizations / institutions responsible for fisheries-related MCS in support of their common efforts to prevent, deter	<p>Effective functioning of the joint Regional Working Group on Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing.</p> <p>IUU mainstreamed in the work of other joint Working Groups</p> <p>Endorsed RPOA-IUU informs the development of at least 3 NPOA-IUU</p> <p>A regional study on the</p>	<p>WG 4th meeting report</p> <p>Recommendations and guidance by the WG</p> <p>CLME+ Strategic Action Programme (SAP) implementation monitoring reports (particularly Strategies 2 and 6)</p> <p>Country review of PSMA compliance</p>	2019-2020	Yes, RPOA-IUU and Recommendations for endorsement by WECAFC17	500 000	CLME+ (shrimp and groundfish sub-project) NOAA EU Bilateral donors (Sweden, Korea, etc.)	Joint Regional Working Group with CRFM and OSPESCA, IRSS

and eliminate IUU fishing.	<p>magnitude of IUU conducted</p> <p>WECAFC17 endorsed recommendations promoted at national level for identification of cost effective measures to combat in IUU fishing</p> <p>Capacity built for regional collaboration on Monitoring, Control and Surveillance (MCS) of fisheries</p>						
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Technical Focus Area 2: Increase regional information and collaboration in fisheries

Goal: Increased availability of essential information for fisheries management, through inter-agency/ inter-institutional and inter-project collaboration in the Wider Caribbean region on fisheries, aquaculture and related issues, building on the comparative advantages of each, in support of responsible development and management of the sector.

Activities	Outputs	Key performance indicator	Timeframe	Commission endorsement required	Total budget required	Budget sources and status	
2.1 Strengthening disaster risk management (DRM) capacity in the fisheries sector in the Caribbean	Implementation of the strategy, action plan and programme proposal on disaster risk management and climate change adaptation in fisheries and aquaculture in the CARICOM region.	EAF, CCA and DRM mainstreamed into fisheries plans, policies and legislation in at least 3 Caribbean countries	2019-2020	No	80,000	FAO Member countries GEF TCP Norway Trust Fund MDF Funds CC4FISH	CRFM, TNC, CDEMA, CCCCC, UWI/CERMES CFDTI

	Implementation of the GEF Special Climate Change (SCCF) project entitled “Climate Change Adaptation of the Eastern Caribbean Fisheries Sector” (CC4Fish)						
2.2 Provision of technical and legal advice for the implementation of the Caribbean Community Common Fisheries Policy	Clear and comprehensive draft protocols prepared Dissemination of the protocol already endorsed by the Ministerial council “Protocol on Climate Change Adaptation and Disaster Risk Management in Fisheries and Aquaculture under the Caribbean Community Common Fisheries Policy”	Draft protocols	2019-2020	No, for information only	35 000	CRFM Member countries FAO CC4FISH	
2.3 Improved management of reef fisheries and Marine Protected Areas (MPAs)	Increased capacity among fisherfolk and fisheries managers to participate effectively in coastal/reef management and MPAs	Inception report and Evidence of actions towards the establishment of the agreed number of	2019-2020	No, for information only	1.5 million	GEF (StewardFish project) FAO Member countries	UNEP, CAMPAN, GCFI, , TNC, WWF CERMES CANARI CAF CRFM

	The pipeline GEF “Enhancing Blue Economy through Sustainable Fisheries Development in the Caribbean Large Marine Ecosystems”. Endorsed and implementation started	marine protected areas and marine spatial plans					OECS Fisherfolks organizations, (including CNFO)
2.4 Improved fishery and aquaculture data collection, analysis and dissemination at regional and national level	<p>Effective functioning of the WECAFC Fisheries Data and Statistics Working Group</p> <p>A regional fisheries and aquaculture statistics database established at WECAFC</p> <p>Participation of WECAFC and its members in the Global Vulnerable Marine Ecosystem database.</p> <p>Participation in the FAO Global vessel record by WECAFC members</p> <p>Piloting the operation of a Regional Record</p>	<p>Response rate to FAO annual fisheries and aquaculture statistics requests has increased.</p> <p>Evidence of WECAFC member participation in the VME and Global Record databases</p> <p>Endorsement document of the “Fisheries information technology innovations for resource management</p>	2019-2020	No, achievements will be reported upon to the session	400 000	FAO EU CLME+ (Shrimp and Groundfish subproject)	FIRMS, CRFM and OSPESCA

	<p>of Fishing Vessels nested to the Global Record</p> <p>Resubmission of the “Fisheries information technology innovations for resource management and climate change adaptation in the Caribbean” Project (FIT4CC)</p>	<p>and climate change adaptation in the Caribbean” Project (FIT4CC)</p>					
2.5 Regional resources and fisheries inventories prepared and disseminated	<p>Prepare and share regional fisheries inventories –through the Fisheries Resource Management System (FIRMS)</p> <p>Partnership – with all members and ensure up-to-date and accessible information in support of responsible fisheries management.</p> <p>Report of the workshop on Strengthening national data collection and regional data sharing through FIRMS to support priority</p>	<p>13 new inventories published on-line</p> <p>WG TORs prepared, Draft Data Collection Reference Framework document, Draft Logbook Guidelines, Draft Data</p>	2019-2020	Yes, endorsement of the DCRF and List of Priority species by WECAFC17	200 000	FAO, FIRMS, CLME+(Shrimp and Groundfish subproject),, EU member countries	OSPESCA, CRFM, NOAA, IFREMER

	<p>regional fishery management plans in the WECAFC area published</p> <p>Conducted second Meeting of the WECAFC Fishery Data and Statistics Working Group</p>	<p>Access and Sharing Policies prepared</p> <p>The regional data collection and reference framework (DCRF) endorsed, and actively promoted</p> <p>Members level of participation in identifying priority species lists and sub-areas for species that should be prioritized, and sharing policies for the various datasets by region</p> <p>Report of the 2nd meeting published</p>					
2.6 Increase	Assessments of the	Studies and	2019-2020	No, only for	150 000	CLME+	ECLAC,

the availability of information on the contribution of fish to food security and the social and economic value of the fisheries sector	fisheries sector value and the fish and fisheries products value chain in at least 4 countries . Effective implementation of the ACP/DG-DEVCO Fisheries and Aquaculture Blue Growth Project in the selected value chains' countries	reports WECAFC Members contribute to the Illuminating Hidden Harvest Report		information		GEF (Shrimp and Groundfish subproject, REBYC II LAC project, StewardFish project) ACP-EU FAO TCP	INFOPECSA, CRFM, CERMES CANARI
2.7 Participate and provide advice and information to activities of partner agencies	Increased sharing of information and communication between the WECAFC Secretariat and other fisheries, aquaculture and environment stakeholders active in the region and neighbouring regions	Minutes of meetings Reports of activities of partner organizations and projects	2019-2020	no	10 000	FAO SLC Regular budget	

Technical Focus area 3. Strengthen regional fisheries management and best-practice approaches for fisheries and aquaculture development

Goal: Increased capacity of fisherfolk and aquaculturists to apply modern production technologies, better management practices and supply high quality and safe fish and fishery products for human consumption.

Activities	Outputs	Key performance indicator	Timeframe	Commission endorsement required	Total budget required	Budget sources and status	Partners
3.1 Strengthen the capacity of the Caribbean Network of Fishers Organizations (CNFO), national and primary fisherfolk organizations	Competent fisherfolk representatives participating professionally in regional and national level fisheries management decision making processes Effective implementation of the StewardFish project	Attendance lists of capacity building activities Manuals and other capacity building materials prepared	2019-2020	no	250 000	FAO/GEF StewardFish project CC4Fish	UWI-CERMES CANARI CNFO
3.2 Support the establishment of a regional shellfish hatchery for the Wider Caribbean	Investment/business plan study	Investment/business plan Grant/loan support from a development bank	2019-2020	No, for information only	150 000	International and regional financial institutions Member countries	CRFM as lead agency – FAO WECAFC supporting
3.3 Establishment of aquaculture demonstration activities	Sustainable aquaculture practices by small-scale farmers in various WECAFC member countries	Adaptation of aquaculture practices following advice given Aquaponics and marine cage farming developed;	2019-2020	No, for information only	300 000	FAO TCP/Trust fund and Telefood support CC4FISH	Aquaculture Network of the Americas (RAA)

		various aquaculture manuals produced					
3.4 Development of regional aquaculture Better Management Practices (BMPs), guidelines and Codes	Regional guidelines for responsible introduction of species in aquaculture developed; BMPs for specific species developed and Codes of Practices developed and adopted by aquaculturists	Codes of Practice and BMPs promoted.	2019-2020	No, for information only	70 000	TCP TF Projects	Aquaculture Network of the Americas (RAA)
3.5 Review of fish supply chain performance and increased application of fish quality and safety measures	Capacity built on Codex Alimentarius, HACCP, ISO, Good Hygiene Practices and other fish quality and safety measures Recommendations and advice for improving fish quality and safety	Improved domestic supply, reduction of fish losses Increased number of facilities authorized to export to the EU, USA and Japan	2019-2020	No, for information only	350 000	EU/ ACP-EU FAO Member countries	IICA, CRFM, BGI
3.6 Sustainable Brazil-Guianas Shrimp and Groundfish fisheries	Effective functioning of the WECAFC/CRFM/IFREMER Shrimp and Groundfish Working Group General investment plan for the shrimp and groundfish fisheries developed. Pre-feasibility investment studies prepared for 2 countries	Sub-regional management plan prepared for endorsement by WECAFC 18 in 2021	2019-2020	No, for information only	150 000	CLME+ (Shrimp and groundfish sub-project) IDB FAO Member countries	CRFM, IFREMER, UNEP

	Implementation of the CLME+ SAP strategy (No.6) to "Implement Ecosystem Based Management (EBM)/ Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries (EAF) of the Guianas-Brazil continental shelf with special reference to the shrimp and groundfish fishery".						
3.7 Improved transboundary management of Caribbean Spiny Lobster	<p>Effective functioning of the WECAFC Working Group on Caribbean Spiny Lobster, <i>Panulirus argus</i></p> <p>Resource assessment carried out and a draft regional management plan developed</p> <p>Implementation of CLME+ SAP Sub-Strategy 4A "Enhance the governance arrangements for implementing an ecosystems approach for spiny lobster fisheries"</p>	<p>Reports of meetings</p> <p>Caribbean spiny lobster (<i>Panulirus argus</i>) fishery regional management plan</p> <p>Dissemination/promotion activities</p>	2019-2020	Yes, management plan for endorsement by WECAFC 17	150 000	FAO TCP NOAA CLME+ (Sub-Project on Spiny lobster, coordinated by OSPESCA) Potential donors	Joint WG with CRFM, OSPESCA, CFMC. UNEP-CEP/SPAW
3.8 Improved transboundary management of the Flyingfish in the Eastern Caribbean	<p>Effective functioning of the CRFM/ WECAFC Working Group on Flyingfish of the Eastern Caribbean</p> <p>Implementation of CLME+ SAP Sub-strategy 5A: Enhance the governance arrangements for implementing an ecosystem</p>	<p>Reports on the implementation of the endorsed the Subregional Fisheries Management Plan for Flyingfish in the Eastern Caribbean</p>	2019-2020		50 000	CRFM CLME+ (Sub-Project on Flying Fisheries – coordinated by CRFM)	Joint WG with CRFM

	approach for flyingfish fisheries.					FAO SLC regular budget	
3.9 Increased knowledge of and experience with offshore FADs	<p>Effective functioning of the IFREMER/WECAFC Working Group on Development of Sustainable Moored Fish Aggregating Device (FAD) Finalization of manuals on best practices in the fisheries using MFADs</p> <p>A Draft Regional Management plan developed, informed by the CRFM Sub-Regional Management Plan for FAD Fisheries in the Eastern Caribbean Data on MFAD fisheries reviewed and shared</p>	<p>Final manual</p> <p>Draft Regional management plan for submission to WECAFC18 Working group meeting reports</p>	2019-2020	Yes, recommendations and advice will be passed to the Commission for endorsement by WECAFC17	200 000	IFREMER CFMC EU FAO	CRFM OSPESCA
3.10 Strengthened research and management capacity for Queen Conch in the Caribbean	<p>Effective functioning of the CFMC/OSPESCA/CRFM/WECAFC Working Group on Queen Conch, <i>Strombus gigas</i>”</p> <p>Regional management plan for Queen Conch translated in all WECAFC languages Operationalized Scientific, Statistical and Technical Advisory Group deliver applicable guidance on conversion factors for processing and on Non-Detriment Findings format</p>	<p>WG and two groups (Outreach & Scientific, Statistical and Technical Advisory) reports Update for CITES</p>	2019 - 2021	Yes, recommendations and advice will be passed to the Commission for endorsement by WECAFC17	230 000	CFMC/NOAA, CITES, FAO CLME EU Member countries	Joint WG with CFMC, OSPESCA, UNEP-CEP/SPAW and CRFM

	<p>and other matters to understand the dynamics of conch populations</p> <p>Social dimensions (occupational, safety, health, life insurance, etc.) addressed within the priority actions of the WG</p> <p>Implementation of CLME+ SAP Sub-Strategy 4B</p>						
3.11 Improved management and conservation of billfish fisheries in the Caribbean	<p>Effective functioning of the WECAFC/CRFM/CFMC/OS PECA Working Group on Recreational Fisheries</p> <p>Draft regional management and conservation plan for billfish developed</p> <p>Implementation of CLME+ SAP Sub-strategy 5B: Enhance the governance arrangements for implementing an ecosystem approach for large pelagics fisheries</p> <p>Sustaining the Outputs from the Caribbean Billfish Project (CBP)</p> <p>Data and information availability on recreational fisheries catches and landings has increased</p>	WG revised TORs and reports Regional Database	2019-2020	Yes, recommendations and advice will be passed to the Commission for endorsement by WECAFC17	2 million	GEF World Bank Conservation international Member countries FAO	IGFA, ICCAT, CRFM, CFMC, OSPESCA, GCFI

3.12 Improved management and conservation of sharks	Establishment of a joint working group on sharks conservation and management. A Regional Plan of Action (RPOA) for the conservation and management of sharks developed Two additional WECAFC members have carried out shark stock assessments and developed and are implementing NPOAs – Sharks	WG TORs and reports A draft RPOA Number of NPOA's sharks developed by WECAFC members Implementation records	2019-2020	Yes, RPOA endorsement in 2019 by WECAFC	160 000	Japan USA CITES Member countries	CRFM, OSPESCA, CFMC and UNEP- CEP/SPAW PEW
3.13 Improved management and conservation of spawning aggregations of grouper and snapper	Effective functioning of the CFMC/WECAFC/OSPESCA /CRFM Working Group on Spawning Aggregations Implementation of the CLME+ work on reef fishes	WG meeting Report Draft Regional management plan Evidence of implementation of the regional closed season for Nassau grouper	2019-2020	Regional management recommendations to be endorsed by WECAFC17	80 000	CFMC NOAA Member countries	UNEP- CEP/SPAW CRFM CFMC NOAA

Management Focus Area 4: Create an enabling environment within the WECAFC Secretariat to support the achievement of the goals and objective of the Commission.

Goals:

1) To deliver high-quality administrative, technical, logistical and scientific support to the Commission, Scientific Advisory Group and the Working Groups.

2) To facilitate communication and collaboration among Members and other stakeholders through effective dissemination of information, education, outreach and capacity building.

Activities	Outputs	Key performance indicator	Timeframe	Commission endorsement required	Total budget required	Budget sources and status	Partners
4.1 Organize the 17 th session of the Commission in 2019	Recommendations and advice to WECAFC members on fisheries management in the region	Approved work programme Report of the session	July 2019	No , for information	200 000	NOAA FAO Regular budget EU DG Mare CLME+	Federal Govt. of the USA EU Member countries
4.2 Organize the 11 th SAG meeting in 2020	Scientific advice for consideration by the 18 th session of the Commission	Report of the meeting	November 2020	Yes, by WECAFC 18 in 2021	25 000	FAO Regular budget	
4.3 Inception of the preparation of the organization of the 18 th session of the Commission in 2021`	Timely organized session which will discuss the final phase of the Reform of WECAFC (RFMO) as well as other essential for the members of the Commission	Background papers prepared Host country confirmed	2020	Yes, in 2021	20 000	FAO Regular budget Member countries contribution	Host country
4.4 Strategic re-orientation of WECAFC	Second Preparatory meeting of WECAFC Transformation	A workshop Report of the 2 nd preparatory meeting of WECAFC transformation in an RFMO Evidence of the implementation of the Roadmap (Guidance from WECAFC17)	2019-2020	Yes, decisions in 2021	100 000	FAO Regular Programme European Union Other potential donors	All members

4.5 Facilitate the organization of (joint) Working Group meetings and workshops	Successfully organized workshops, WG meetings and other events in which WECAFC is partner	Reports of the events and workshops	2019-2020	No, for information only	--	Relevant projects	All stakeholders
4.6 Develop projects and seek funding for long-term effective functioning of the Commission, implementation of its biennial programmes of work and prioritized projects	At least 2 Trust Fund projects prepared and submitted to potential donors for funding	Draft project documents in the required format	2019-2020	No, for information only	--	WECAFC members	All relevant stakeholders
4.7 Partnerships established with institutions in the environment and other sectors	A formal partnership established with ICCAT Collaboration increased with international and regional, governmental and non-governmental organizations and civil society as part of an effort to improve linkages and understanding of grass roots issues,	Monitoring reports of the implementation of the CLME Strategic Action Programme (SAP) and the CLME+ project Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with ICCAT	2019-2020	Yes, for endorsement by the 17 th session		UNEP-SPAW FAO GEF	CRFM, OSPESCA, TBF, IGFA, ICCAT, various NGOs

	environmental conservation, advocacy and private sector investment in resource management.	MoUs with other key partners					
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