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WORK PLAN OF THE CRFM/WECAFC/JICA/IFREMER WORKING GROUP ON FISHERIES USING FADS

The MFAD¹ Working Group will carry out the following activities in 2019–2021 period:

ACTIVITY	TIMEFRAME	RESPONSIBLE
(a) To review data on MFAD fisheries and conduct analyses of pelagic fish resources including through collaboration with the Fisheries Data and Statistics Working Group	June to December 2019	Convener with CRFM, OSPESCA, WECAFC Secretariat, and IFREMER
- Request data and detailed information on MFAD fisheries from WECAFC Members for further analysis.	June 2019	Convener with CRFM, OSPESCA, WECAFC Secretariat, and IFREMER
- Submission of available data and detailed information related to MFAD Fisheries by Member States to WECAFC.	June to December 2019	WECAFC Members, CRFM, and OSPESCA
(b) To provide technical advice and guidance based on the outputs of the JICA-CARIFICO Project and the Billfish Project	2019 to 2021	Convener with CRFM, OSPESCA, WECAFC Secretariat, and IFREMER
(c) To collaborate with IFREMER, academia, and other research institutions on research of key pelagic species associated with MFAD fisheries, encourage pluridisciplinary research on MFADs including ecological socioeconomics and governance issues, and to consolidate information on MFAD fisheries in order to accurately characterize MFAD fisheries in the region	2019-2021	
- Establishment of Points of Contact	June to July 2019	WECAFC Members, CRFM, OSPESCA
- Request information on best practices and ongoing MFAD fishery projects and research	June 2019	Convener with CRFM, OSPESCA, WECAFC Secretariat, and IFREMER
- Sharing information on best practices and ongoing MFAD fishery projects and research	June to December 2019	WECAFC Members, CRFM, OSPESCA, and anyone with relevant information
- Consolidating and compiling information related to ongoing projects and research	January to June 2020	Convener with CRFM, OSPESCA, WECAFC Secretariat, and

¹ Moored FAD

		IFREMER
- Compiling and analyzing information to accurately characterize MFAD fisheries with the help of the Fisheries Data and Statistics Working Group	January to June 2020	Convener with CRFM, OSPESCA, WECAFC Secretariat, and IFREMER with the support of University of California, Santa Barbara
- Encourage Members to promote participation in the ICCAT Atlantic Tuna Tropical Tagging Program (AOTTP) in order to improve the knowledge of tropical tuna movements in the Atlantic Ocean and Caribbean Sea.	2019 to 2021	Convener with CRFM, OSPESCA, and WECAFC Secretariat
(d) To develop and finalize manuals on best practices in the fisheries using MFADs. The manuals are to address interests in MFAD design, construction and deployment, maintaining good quality of MFAD-caught fish, fishing and business strategies for sustainable MFAD fisheries, safety and working conditions of MFAD fishers and governance of MFAD fisheries. These manuals should be presented during training sessions with fishers	June 2019 to June 2021	IFREMER, CRFM, and WECAFC Secretariat
- Provide edits on manual related to safety and working conditions of MFAD fishers and any other tools related to the sustainable management of FADs	By June 2019 to June 2021	WECAFC Members and fisherfolk organizations
- Finalize remaining manuals	December 2020	IFREMER
- Publish manuals	June 2021	WECAFC Secretariat
(e) To promote the reporting of MFADs fisheries statistics to ICCAT	2019 to 2021	WECAFC Members
- ICCAT Parties should submit all relevant data to ICCAT	2019 to 2021	ICCAT Parties
- Non-Parties of ICCAT should work with their relevant regional organization to submit available data	2019 to 2021	Non-ICCAT Parties with CRFM, OSPESCA, and the WECAFC Secretariat
(f) To collaborate on co-management within MFADs fisheries, noting the successful examples in Grenada, Dominica, and Bonaire, and strengthen ties with the Recreational Fisheries Working Group	2019 to 2021	OSPESCA, CRFM, and WECAFC Secretariat
- Encourage transfer of peer-to-peer knowledge of best practices among fishers and fisher organizations through Fisher Learning Exchanges.	2019 to 2021	CRFM with assistance of CFMC, OSPESCA, and relevant fisherfolk organizations
(g) To facilitate the sharing of data, information, and experiences related to MFAD fisheries in the region in collaboration with the Fisheries Data and Statistics Working Group	2019 to 2021	OSPESCA, CRFM, WECAFC Secretariat, and WECAFC Members
- Identify a website to host relevant information for the Working Group	May 2020	WECAFC Secretariat

		and Fisheries Data and Statistics Working Group
- Share information on the beaching and entanglements of lost or abandoned moored and drifting FADs and collaborate to address the issue.	2019 to 2021	WECAFC Members and MFAD Working Group
(h) To review the CRFM Sub-Regional Management Plan for FAD Fisheries in the Eastern Caribbean, adapt to a broader a WECAFC regional FAD management plan and support Member Members' efforts to develop (sub-) national FAD (co-)management plans.		
Request WECAFC Members to review the CRFM Sub-Regional Management Plan for consideration in the development of a broader WECAFC FAD management plan.	June 2019	WECAFC Secretariat
Review the CRFM Sub-Regional Management Plan, taking into account other relevant information (gears, species, socioeconomics, FAD construction materials, etc)	January to June 2020	WECAFC Members
- Seek funding to advance the drafting of a broader WECAFC regional FAD Management Plan, including appropriate consultation with fisherfolk in the region	December 2019	Convener and WECAFC Secretariat

**WORK PLAN OF THE CFMC/OSPESCA/WECAFC/CRFM/CITES WORKING GROUP
ON QUEEN CONCH (QCWG)**

The QCWG will carry out the following activities in 2019–2021 period:

ACTIVITY	TIMEFRAME	RESPONSIBLE
1. Finalization, publication and dissemination of the Report of the WG meeting in Panama (in hard copies and on-line on http://www.strombusgigas.com/index.htm and at www.WECAFC.org ; including the national summary reports)	February 2019	CFMC and FAO with inputs from meeting participants
2. Provide technical and scientific advice to national governments in the region to support the implementation of CITES COP 17 Decisions and WECAFC 16 recommendation WECAFC/16/2016/1 and any relevant decisions that are adopted at the 18 th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to CITES and WECAFC 17	January 2019 – December 2021	WG members
3. Report on progress with the implementation of relevant CITES and WECAFC decisions, and the outcomes of the Working Group – at the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • next meeting of the WECAFC Scientific Advisory Group (SAG), November 2018; - • 17th session of WECAFC, April/May 2019; • 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to CITES, May/June 2019; • 31st meeting of the Animals Committee, January 2020 	In advance of deadlines for reporting required	CITES/Fisheries authorities of QC range States attending these meetings (as appropriate); CITES and WECAFC Secretariats
4. Translate the <i>Regional Queen Conch Fisheries Management and Conservation Plan</i> that was adopted at WECAFC 16 into French and Spanish, disseminate for review, and publish upon completion	January 2019	WECAFC Secretariat
5. Continue increasing awareness and building capacity among fishers on Safety-at-Sea, in particular addressing risk management in compressed air diving for Queen Conch; fisher organizations should be engaged as much as possible for these activities	January 2019 onwards	NOAA Fisheries/CFMC and FAO with the fisheries authorities in the region
6. Continue review and consideration of options for the development of a transparent "chain of custody" procedure to track catches from their catch location	January 2019 onwards	NOAA Fisheries/CFMC with CITES,

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to their eventual destination		WECAFC/FAO and the authorities in the region
7. Further advance and monitor the implementation of the <i>Regional Queen Conch Management and Conservation Plan</i> that was adopted by WECAFC 16, CRFM, OSPESCA and CFMC at appropriate levels	January 2019 onwards	CFMC, WECAFC, and CRFM, OSPESCA and the WG members
8. Encourage countries to implement the <i>Regional Queen Conch Management and Conservation Plan</i> as called for by WECAFC 16	January 2019 – December 2021	CFMC, WECAFC, CRFM, OSPESCA and WG members (national fisheries and CITES authorities)
9. Support national level consultations as needed to discuss Working Group proposed management and conservation measures for building awareness, increasing buy-in and contributing to compliance	January 2019 onwards	WG members (national fisheries and CITES authorities)
10. Support national authorities and fisherfolk organizations to implement the <i>Regional Queen Conch Management and Conservation Plan</i>	January 2019- December 2021	WG members (national fisheries and CITES authorities), CRFM, OSPESCA, CITES, CFMC, FAO/WECAFC
<p>11. Operationalize the Scientific and Statistical Sub-Group (SS Sub-group) established in the <i>Regional Queen Conch Management and Conservation Plan</i> that will be responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifying countries that lack national conversion factors for queen conch meat, analyzing available data, assisting with development of national conversion factors for these countries, and reporting back to the Working Group on these factors for their consideration. • Review of existing queen conch NDFs and guidance in order to develop a simplified template for making non-detriment findings for queen conch, in consultation with the CITES Animals Committee, dissemination of the template to the Working Group membership for their consideration, and supporting selected countries in applying 	<p>Draft template: November 2018 - March 2019</p> <p>Results and application of template: June 2019 and onwards</p>	CFMC/WECAFC, SS Sub-group membership, CITES

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the templates and sharing the results at the regional level.		
12. The CFMC will hire a consultant to compile existing information and educational resources, with the appropriate authorization and permission, that could be used to meet the objectives of the Working Group	January-December 2019	CFMC/WECAFC Secretariat
13. Consult with the CLME+ project to identify queen conch fishery needs that can be incorporated into a possible next phase of the CLME+ project and explore potential opportunities for collaboration specifically with respect to contributions to the State of the Marine Environment and Associated Economies (SOMEE) reporting mechanism and the Strategic Action Program Monitoring and Evaluation framework	November 2018 – December 2019	CFMC, the WECAFC Secretariat too and/or the relevant sub-regional partners (CRFM, OSPESCA)

**WORK PLAN OF THE WECAFC-CRFM-OSPESCA
WORKING GROUP ON FISHERY DATA AND STATISTICS
(WECAFC FDS-WG)**

The FDS-WG will carry out the following activities in 2018–2019 intersessional period:

ACTIVITY	TIMEFRAME	RESPONSIBLE	Status	Anticipated Budget
1. Consultation among their members to finalize their respective list of Priority and Other Reference species (Action item DCRF-1).	June 2018- November 2018	CRFM (June Master), OSPESCA (Ms. Jeanette Mateo), and WECAFC (Ms. Yvette DieiOuadi for the complementary countries)		
2. Finalize DCRF priority species list (from DCRF-1) and provide feedback (Action item DCRF-2), i. <u>Coordinate with species working groups</u> to ensure final species listings are finalized. ii. Identify timing of working groups such to timely incorporate all input into the Data Collection Reference Framework (DCRF) document (e.g, CLME+ Shrimp and Groundfish next meeting planned for May 2019, <u>III. Coordinate with WECAFC Secretariat to organize virtual meeting of the SAG (March 2019) to seek final input and comment of review of DCRF to further finalize DCRF, logbook guidelines and data access and sharing guidelines for dissemination to WECAFC 18th Commission.</u>	June 2018- January 2019	FDS-WG convener (Nancie Cummings), WECAFC Secretariat, FIRMS Secretariat	Document shared with Member countries between October and January 2019 Presented to SAG in November 2019, Consolidated feedback through April 2019 Virtual meeting organized in June 2019	
3. <u>Consolidate the species list</u> , and share it with the various stakeholders and importantly with National authorities before final submission to WECAFC-SAG (Action item DCRF-3)	June 2018- November 2018	FDS-WG convener	Species Listings shared with Member countries between October and January 2019 Presented to SAG in November 2019, Consolidated feedback through April 2019 Presented to Lobster, Shrimp and Groundfish, and Conch Working group meetings (March 2018, June 2018, and October 2018 respectively)	
4. Follow-up with their respective Legal offices on the <u>feasibility of delineation of areas</u> , according to options presented in the Report of the 1 st Meeting of the FDS-WG or other identified area delineations as identified relevant (Action item DCRF-4)	June 2018- May 2019	FAO, and CRFM and OSPESCA Secretariat	Ongoing	

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5. Consult with its members regarding delineations of FAO sub-areas in the Central American – Caribbean sub-region (Action item DCRF-5)	January 2019 onwards	OSPESCA	To be Initiated	
6. Consult the species WGs regarding delineations of FAO sub-areas (Action item DCRF-6)	June 2018- January 2019	FDS-WG convener	Ongoing work- Request to stakeholders in Review stage to identify important sub-areas	
7. Provide the mappings of their national vessel categories to the agreed regional Fleet segment categories of the DCRF (Action item DCRF-7)	June 2018- January 2019	FDS-WG members		
8. Contribute to the CWP survey on the “International Standards Statistical Classification of Fishing Vessels (ISSCFV)” and provide general comments through WECAFC, CRFM and OSPESCA (Action item DCRF-8). Survey references documents http://www.fao.org/3/a-bt983e.pdf / ISSCFV by GRT categories: http://www.fao.org/3/a-bt982e.pdf	June 2018- May 2019	FDS-WG members		
9. Finalize through the task force and WECAFC regional / CRFM / OSPESCA sub regional focal points (Action item DCRF-9)	June 2018- May 2019	WECAFC-FIRMS Task Force		
10. Explore best practice section for implementation of the logbook guidelines: This could be in the form of Case studies or Pilot projects (Action item LOG-1)	June 2018- May 2019	WECAFC-FIRMS regional focal point (Ms. Nancie Cummings) and FDS WG Jamaica representative (Ms. Anginette Murray)	Work ongoing; Calls held to draft preliminary plan. Identified two potential fisheries for testing (Jamaica reefish, OSPESCA lobster)	
11. Preparation template to collect feedback on logbook implementation experience and to organize the distribution, filling-out and analyzing of this template from all the WECAFC Members. (October 2018) (Action item LOG-2)	June 2018- May 2019	WECAFC-FIRMS regional focal point (Ms. Nancie Cummings) and FDS WG Jamaica representative (Ms. Anginette Murray)	To Be Initiated	
12. Conduct testing of the “Matrix on small scale fisheries” matrix with its members, and to consolidate the feedback (Action item MSSF-1). Reference documents: WECAFC/FDSWG/I/2018/6 and WECAFC/FDSWG/II/2018/Ref.19	June 2018- May 2019	FDS WG CRFM representative, June Masters	Matrix tested in 3 countries (Antigua, St Vincent and Dominica) and feedback was used to update the matrix	
13. Liaise with the 3 CLME+ sub-projects to identify opportunities of funding regarding the regional training workshop for data upload in the RDB (Action item RDB-1)	June 2018- May 2019	WECAFC Secretariat through its Task Force		
14. Liaise with the USA and France to explore possibilities of automatic reporting to the RDB (Action item RDB-2)	June 2018- May 2019	WECAFC Secretariat through its Task Force		
15. Work on the mobilization of funding resources with the goal to strengthen few national data systems among WECAFC members (Action item RDB-3).	June 2018- July 2019	FAO, CRFM and OSPESCA	Fund secured with the CC4Fish project to conduct the mentioned activities – assessment	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. <i>Conduct second R training, and system training in Trinidad, March 2019</i> ii. <i>Conduct data collection design workshop (Trinidad, May 2019)</i> iii. <i>Initiate data collection design pilot (Trinidad, July 2019- 6 months scale)</i> iv. <i>New data collection design (Suriname, Guyana- February 2019, CLME+)</i> 			done by Suriname, Guyana, St Lucia and Grenada. Training in T&T planned for late June, early July 2019	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. FIRMS Inventories and RDB training and Decision Support System (DSS) Implementation (Action item FIRMS-1) ii. Develop supplemental training on FIRMS inventories for the region. iii. Coordinate with FIRMS sub regional focal points to obtain updates on already published inventories (January – March 2019) iv. Identify synergies with the regional training on RDB (with possible support from regional projects as already highlighted) (January – March 2019) 	June 2018- May 2019	FIRMS Secretariat , FIRMS regional and sub regional Focal point (N. Cummings, J. Masters, J. Mateo)	<p>Inventories reviewed during mission to St Lucia (no changes)</p> <p>Inventories already developed reviewed at May 2018 Shrimp & Groundfish Data Preparatory Workshop</p> <p>Call held with Dominica representative on FIRMS xls templates (April 2019)</p> <p>Regional Focal Point reached out to Dominica to identify potential for developing inventories; held skype call April 2019 between FIRMS CRFM sub-regional focal point, Dominica representative, and FIRMS Secretariat. Identified fisheries to initiate inventories on, reviewed Inventory/Fact Sheet xls templates</p> <p>Regional Focal point prepared draft Letter for submission by Secretariat to CREM countries regarding already published inventory updates (December 2018)</p>	
16. Coordinate with WECAFC-SAG chairperson and FIRMS Secretariat for the upload of stock status information in FIRMS (Action item FIRMS-2)	June 2018- May 2019	WECAFC chairperson (also FDS member)		

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Planned activities for 2019-2020				
1- Second FDS-WG meeting to be organized	By December 2019	FDS-WG convener	-	
2- Regional data workshop back to back with FDS-WG 2 nd meeting	By December 2019	WECAFC secretariat	-	
3- Statistics uploaded in the regional database	By June 2021	WECAFC secretariat with the support of the Species WG and the task force	-	
4- FIRMS inventories updated	By June 2021	FIRMS secretariat with the support of the sub-regional and regional organization data managers and the task force	-	
5- One or two countries supported to reinforce its capacities in fisheries statistics	By June 2021	WECAFC secretariat with the support of the task force	-	
6- Mobilize additional funds for regional projects to support more countries	By June 2021	WECAFC secretariat with the support of the task force	-	