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Status and future work on the development of the Caribbean management plan for spawning aggregation

This document presents a draft recommendation related to the status of the development of the Caribbean management plan for spawning aggregation management plan. The Commission is invited to review and adopt the following recommendation endorsed on 4th June by the 10th Session of the Scientific Advisory Group (SAG):

- **Acknowledging** the commitment of the WECAFC Working Group on Spawning Aggregations (SAWG) established at the 14th session of WECAFC in 2012 and the subsequent process it spearheaded towards the protection of spawning aggregations and aggregating species, especially at the first and the second WG meetings held in Miami (USA), from 29 to 31 October 2013 and from 27 to 29 March 2018 respectively;
- **Mindful** of the significant work done by the SAWG during the intersessional period;
- **Considering** the invaluable efforts of the SAWG in initiating the development of a Regional Fish Spawning Aggregation Draft Fishery Management Plan (FSAFMP) for the WECAFC region to further improve the management and conservation of fish spawning aggregations and species that aggregate to spawn in the Wider Caribbean Region, and foreseen to be structured around key components, such as:
 1. The need for a FSAFMP and rationale for a Regional Plan – existing and proposed governance frameworks and related regional and international conventions; regional movement of aggregating species and their population structure; regional management opportunities and capacities;
 2. Socio-economic importance of the Nassau Grouper and Mutton Snapper - catch, landings, value, commercial and recreational fisheries, trade;
 3. Management issues concerning FSAs, and Nassau Grouper and Mutton Snapper in particular, - in the context of the Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries (EAF) - social, economic, ecosystem, governance and other components;
 4. Management objectives for Nassau Grouper and Mutton Snapper- linked to EAF components;
 5. Proposed management measures;
 6. Logical framework and work plan – including the specific actions to achieve each management objective, indicators and means of verification;

7. Implementation of the FSAFMP - roles and responsibilities of national fisheries authorities, CRFM, OSPESCA, WECAFC - including capacity-building and institutional strengthening requirements;
 8. Monitoring, Control, Surveillance and Enforcement;
 9. Monitoring and evaluation of the FSAFMP implementation - including updates to the FSAFMP.
- In conformity with the provision of Article 6 (h) of the Revised Statutes of the WECAFC the **RECOMMENDATION** is proposed that members continue to support these undertakings in developing the final framework for conservation and management of Fish Spawning Aggregations in the Wider Caribbean region.