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DRAFT WORK PROGRAMME OF WECAFC, 2008–2009

Introduction

1. The work of the Commission (see document WECAFC/XIII/05/7) over the last biennium was carried out primarily with the financial support of FAO Regular Programme Budget and extra-budgetary support from the FAO FishCode Programme, the United States (through the Department of State and the Caribbean Fishery Management Council), and France, through IFREMER.
2. The draft work programme for the Commission for the next biennium (2008–2009) and potential sources of funding are found in Table 1.

Suggested Action by the Commission

3. The Commission is invited to review the proposed Work Programme for the 2008–2009 biennium. Members are requested to take into account the limited resources (financial and human) which are presently available to the WECAFC Secretariat. They are invited to consider volunteering their support, in-kind and/or financially, to specific activities of the proposed Work Programme or to other activities that they wish to include in the programme. This might also galvanise additional support where needed.

Table 1. Draft Work Programme of WECAFC, 2008–09
(Subject to obtaining the required extra-budgetary funding support).

| A. Brazil-Guianas Shrimp and Groundfish (Brazil, French Guiana, Guyana, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, Venezuela) | | |
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| Activity | Time | Potential Funding |
| A1. Workshop on fisheries management in the Brazil-Guianas shelf based on the best available scientific information - implementation constraints and their resolution | 2008 | EBF, PC, RP |
| A2. Fishery assessment and management Workshop for developing/refining management plans for different species and fisheries | 2009 | EBF, PC, RP, IFREMER |
| A3. Managers' Workshop on fisheries management to promote activities and cooperation in fisheries of the Brazil-Guianas shelf. | 2009 | EBF, PC, RP |
| B. Caribbean Spiny Lobster (Bahamas, Belize, Bermuda, Brazil, Colombia, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Saint Lucia, USA, Venezuela) | | |
| B1. Sixth regional assessment and management Workshop on developing/refining management plans | 2009 | EBF, PC, RP |
| B2. Managers'/Ministers' Meeting on the management of Caribbean Spiny lobster | 2009 | EBF, PC, RP |
| C. Flyingfish in the Eastern Caribbean (Barbados, Dominica, Grenada, Guadeloupe, Martinique, St. Lucia, St. Vincent & the Grenadines, Trinidad & Tobago) | | |
| C1. Assessment and Management Workshop | 2008 | EBF, PC, RP |
| C2. Preparation of regional and national management Plans | 2008 | EBF, PC, RP |
| C3. Meeting of Managers and Ministers to discuss, adopt management plans and implementation modalities | 2008 | EBF, PC, RP |
| D. Working Group on Development of Sustainable Moored Fish Aggregating Device (FAD) Fishing in the Lesser Antilles (Antigua & Barbuda, Cuba, Curaçao, Dominica, Grenada, Guadeloupe, Martinique, Saint Kitts & Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent & the Grenadines, Trinidad & Tobago) | | |
| D1. Fourth Meeting of the Working Group on Development of Sustainable Moored Fish Aggregating Device Fishing in the Lesser Antilles | 2009 | EBF, PC, RP, IFREMER |
| E. Working Group on Queen Conch, <i>Strombus gigas</i> | | |
| E1. Preparation and publication of a revised version of the "Manual for the monitoring and management of queen conch" based on the results of the 2006 regional workshop | 2008 | EBF, PC, UNEP/CEP, CFMC, RP |
| E2. Assistance to selected range States in further developing their national management plans for Queen Conch fisheries, initiated at the 2006 regional workshop | 2008 | EBF, PC, UNEP/CEP, CFMC, RP |

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| E3. Study to assess illegal, unregulated and unreported (IUU) fishing for Queen Conch at the regional or subregional level. | 2009 | EBF, PC, UNEP/CEP, CFMC, RP |
| F. Other Activities | | |
| F1. Regional workshop on by-catch reduction | 2008 | EBF, RP, PC |
| F2. Preparation of draft fisheries management plans for shark fisheries in selected member countries | 2008/2009 | EB, RP, PC |
| F3. Facilitate formulation of sound national fisheries policies through national dialogue in selected member countries | 2008/2009 | EBF, RP, PC |
| F4. Diagnostic study to describe and quantify the problem of derelict fishing gear in the Wider Caribbean | 2008 | EBF, RP, PC, NOAA, CRFM |
| G. Coordination and Liaison | | |
| G1. Fourteenth Session of the Commission | October, 2009 | RP, MC |
| G2. Fifth Meeting of the Scientific Advisory Group | April, 2009 | RP |
| G3. Liaison with projects and activities e.g. UNEP/GEF/FAO; FIINPESCA - GCP/RLA/150/SWE; CLME - Caribbean Large Marine Ecosystem; FishCode/STF - Status and Trends in Capture Fisheries; etc. | 2008/2009 | EBF, RP |
| G4. Liaison with regional and international agencies (e.g. UWI/CERMES, CRFM, OSPESCA, IMO, UNEP/CEP, CMFC) Representation at meetings | N/A | EBF, RP |

Note: The implementation of this Work Programme is heavily dependant on securing extra-budgetary funding. FAO will seriously consider providing additional, technical support to WECAFC, through its Regular Programme, if members, partners and/or donor agencies commit to financially supporting specific activities.

Legend: CFMC – Caribbean Fishery Management Council
CERMES – Centre for Resource Management and Environmental Studies of UWI
EBF – Extra-budgetary funding/funds
IFREMER – Institut Français pour la Recherche de la Mer
MC – Member Countries
N/A – Not applicable
NOAA – National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (United States)
OSPESCA – Organización del Sector Pesquero y Acuícola del Istmo Centroamericano
PC – Participating Countries
RP – FAO Regular Programme Budget
UNEP/CEP – United Nations Environment Programme – Caribbean Environment Programme
UWI – University of West Indies