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**DRAFT WORK PROGRAMME OF WECAFC, 2008–2009**

### **Introduction**

1. The work of the Commission (see document WECAFC/XIII/08/5) 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).

<b>A. Brazil-Guianas Shrimp and Groundfish (Brazil, French Guiana, Guyana, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, Venezuela)</b>		
<b>Activity</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Potential Funding</b>
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>B. Caribbean Spiny Lobster (Bahamas, Belize, Bermuda, Brazil, Colombia, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Saint Lucia, USA, Venezuela)</b>		
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
<b>C. Flyingfish in the Eastern Caribbean (Barbados, Dominica, Grenada, Guadeloupe, Martinique, St. Lucia, St. Vincent &amp; the Grenadines, Trinidad &amp; Tobago)</b>		
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
<b>D. Working Group on Development of Sustainable Moored Fish Aggregating Device (FAD) Fishing in the Lesser Antilles (Antigua &amp; Barbuda, Cuba, Curaçao, Dominica, Grenada, Guadeloupe, Martinique, Saint Kitts &amp; Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent &amp; the Grenadines, Trinidad &amp; Tobago)</b>		
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
<b>E. Working Group on Queen Conch, <i>Strombus gigas</i></b>		
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

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
<b>F. Other Activities</b>		
F1. Preparation of draft fisheries management plans for shark fisheries in selected member countries	2009	EB, RP, PC
F2. Facilitate formulation of sound national fisheries policies through national dialogue in selected member countries	2009	EBF, RP, PC
F3. Diagnostic study to describe and quantify the problem of derelict fishing gear in the Wider Caribbean	2009	EBF, RP, PC, NOAA, CRFM
<b>G. Coordination and Liaison</b>		
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