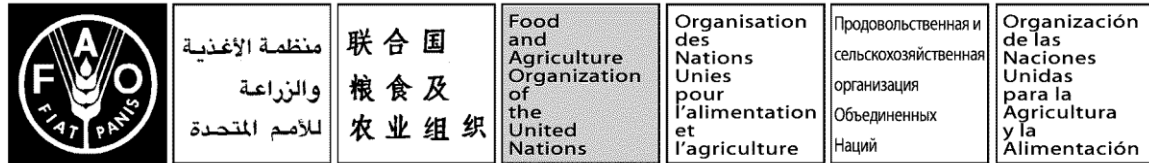


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**Project proposals and concept notes**

1. In the intersessional period (2014 -2015) major efforts were made towards resource mobilization. Many projects were approved by resource partners and FAO and they are being implemented. Information on ongoing projects can be found in WECAFC/XVI/2016/4 (Intersessional activities) and WECAFC/XVI/2016/6 (Report of the secretary).
2. Resource mobilization is continuing in 2016 -2017.
3. The following projects and concept notes of regional significance to the WECAFC membership and stakeholders have been prepared by FAO and the WECAFC Secretariat, with support from the WECAFC Executive Committee and members of various Working Groups.
4. Projects in the hard pipeline (approved – expected to start in 2016):
  - a. Establishing a Regional Fishing Vessel Register in the Western Central Atlantic. (GCP/SLC/012/EC). Budget 90 000 Euros. Resource Partner European Union DG Mare.
  - b. Support to the Caribbean Regional Working Group on Illegal Unreported and Unregulated fishing (RWG-IUU), (GCP/SLC/008/USA). Budget 40 000 USD. Resource partner USA/NOAA.
  - c. Developing Organizational Capacity and Promoting Ecosystem Stewardship for Securing the Sustainability of Small-Scale Fisheries Livelihoods and Resources in the Caribbean Fisheries Sector (StewardFish) project (GCP/SLC/---/GFF). Budget 2 million USD. Resource partner GEF.
  - d. Towards a Caribbean Blue Revolution (TCP/SLC/3601). Budget 468 000 USD. Resource partner: FAO TCP.
  - e. Fortalecimiento de las capacidades y las medidas para Prevenir, Desalentar y Eliminar la Pesca Ilegal, No Declarada y No Reglamentada en los países de América Latina. (TCP/RLA/3604). Budget 350 000 USD. Resource partner: FAO TCP.
  - f. Support the implementation of EAF for the Shrimp and Groundfish resources and regional fisheries governance within the CLME+ project. A UN-to-UN

agreement is being prepared that would enable FAO-WECAFC to assist the members in the shrimp-and groundfish work, Regional Plan of Action to combat IUU fishing (RPOA-IUU) development and to support the Interim Coordination Mechanism for sustainable fisheries between CRFM, OSPESCA and WECAFC. Budget 1.2 million USD. Resource partner: UNOPS/UNDP/GEF.

- g. Climate risk insurance for fisheries in the Caribbean. (GCP/SLC/---/WBK). Budget 100 000 USD. Resource partner: World Bank.
5. Projects in the soft pipeline (proposed to potential donors/under formulation):
- a. Conservation and Management of Sharks and Rays in the Wider Caribbean Region. Budget 80 000 USD. Resource partner: USA/NOAA.
  - b. Valuation of Fisheries and Aquaculture in CRFM Member States. Budget 80 000 USD. Resource partner: FAO TCP.
  - c. Support to implementation of the Regional Queen Conch Fisheries Management and Conservation Plan. Budget 200 000 USD. Resource partner CITES.
  - d. Combating IUU fishing in shrimp fishery in Suriname and Guyana. 2 million USD. (under formulation – building on CLME+ and REBYC II LAC).
  - e. Invest in Sustainable Fisheries: Invest in an RFMO in the Western Central Atlantic. Budget 12 million USD. Resource partner GEF/World Bank.
  - f. Investments in rehabilitation and construction of ecologically sound and sustainably managed fish landing sites in French Guiana and Suriname. Budget 150 000 USD. Resource Partner IDB.
  - g. Gender equality in the marine sector in the Caribbean. Budget 2 million (Under formulation – no resource partner identified as yet).
6. Project concept notes for 5d to 5g above were submitted, along with 4g, to the Grenada International Conference to Promote Blue Growth and Investment (14-22 May 2016) for consideration by potential investors. Project 4g (Fisheries insurance) was approved for funding by the World Bank. High interest was also shown in 5e (RFMO proposal), but the potential investors required WECAFC member country and some private sector commitment to the proposal.
7. Additional information on the above projects, concept notes and proposals can be obtained from the WECAFC Secretariat at [WECAFC-Secretariat@fao.org](mailto:WECAFC-Secretariat@fao.org)