



# Caribbean Network of Fisherfolk Organisations (CNFO)

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# About CNFO

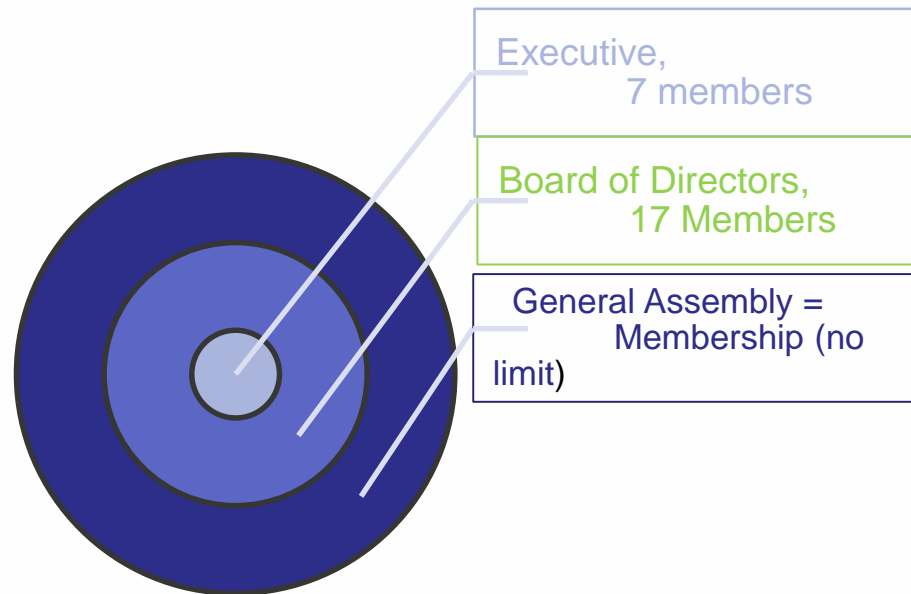
- The CNFO is a network of national and primary fisherfolk organisations (NFOs, PFOs) and fisherfolk leaders (FFLs), operating in the Caribbean Community (CARICOM).
- In June 2016 the CNFO registered in Belize, subsequently registered in Antigua and Barbuda in September 2017.



# CNFO Structure

October 2016 the CNFO held its first General Assembly and elected a 7 member executive with Ms. Vernel Nicholls as Chairlady 2016-2019.

CNFO employs two members to carry out the duties of Programme Coordinator and Administrative Officer. However, the only full time paid staff is the Administrative Officer.



# Partnerships

The partners with whom the CNFO has been most active, throughout this reporting period, include the:

- The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO-Sub Regional Office for the Caribbean and FAO headquarters)-**CC4FISH**
- Caribbean Regional Fisheries Mechanism (CRFM secretariat and National Fisheries Administrations)- **OFFICE SPACE, BANK ACCOUNT**
- University of the West Indies (CERMES and ICT mFisheries team St. Augustine) **FEWER, SSFGUIDELINES PROTOCOL**
- Caribbean Natural Resources Institute (CANARI) **PISCES**
- The Nature Conservancy **ECMMAN**

Participation by the CNFO in activities led by the FAO Sub-regional Office in Barbados includes such areas as the work of WECAFC June 2016 (including its SAG, and working groups), Billfish management, Climate Change Adaptation, CC4FISH and STEWARDFISH.

At the global level, the CNFO is involved in FAO's work in areas such as the development of a Global Assistance Program for implementing the SSF guidelines, Implementing the SSF guidelines, and work on User Rights in fisheries. Participation of the CNFO in COFI 2016, and related meetings, 10-16 July 2016.

# CNFO Hurricane Victims



**On Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> of October, BARNUFU sent six local fishing boats, fuelled by the Food and Agricultural Organization and manned by local fishermen, with hundreds of boxes of food, equipment to support the ailing fishing sector, its workers and the people of Dominica, in the aftermath of Hurricane Maria.**

Thank you

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