

# FisherFolk Net

## LEARNING CIRCLE ON CIVIL SOCIETY ACTION PROGRAM

In the month of June 2019, the CNFO board members participated in three (3) exciting and productive online learning circles. The learning circle is a mechanism for organizing and honouring the collective wisdom of a group and is present in many indigenous cultures.

In collaboration with the Caribbean Natural Resources Institute (CANARI) the learning circles were held on June 13, 20 and 27 and were facilitated by CNFO Program Coordinator Mr. Mitchell Lay. The CNFO board members were invited to learn about the **"2018-2030 Civil Society Action Program for the Sustainable management of the Shared Living Marine Resources of the Caribbean and the North Brazil Shelf Large Marine Ecosystems (CLME+ C-SAP).**

Present at the learning circle were: *Bahamas Commercial Fishers Alliance, Barbados National Union of Fisherfolk Organisations, Barbuda Fisherfolk Association, Belize Fishermen Cooperative*

*Association, Dominica National Association of Fisherfolk Cooperative, Grenada Fisherfolk Association, Guyana National Fisherfolk Organisations, Jamaica Fishermen's Co-operative Union Ltd, Montserrat Fishing and Boaters Association,*



*(The picture adopted from CNFO board members and staff at the 1<sup>st</sup> CNFO General Assembly in 2016).*

*National Fisherfolk Organization of St. Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia Fisherfolk Cooperative Society Limited, St. Vincent and the Grenadines National Fisherfolks Organisation, Suriname National Fisherfolk Organisation, Trinidad and Tobago United Fisherfolk and Turks and Caicos Fishing Corp.*

Some of the issues identified by the CNFO were ocean grabbing, climate change, marketing, high

cost of fuel and fishing equipment, IUU fishing and the need for capacity development.

At the next CNFO board meeting (August 2019) the board will decide if the C-SAP will be endorsed.

***One fish positively impacts a small-scale fisher. Contributing to income, livelihood and food security. Pictured Mr. Winston Hobson, St. Kitts and Nevis with a nice Dolphin fish.***



# SHARK ATTACK

Mr. Adrian LaRoda (**Bahamas**) Deputy Chair of the CNFO was welcoming members to a CNFO online meeting when he informed of a very tragic and horrific shark incident that took the life of a young California lady vacationing in the Bahamas. This happened on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2019 when the lady was on a snorkelling expedition in approximately five feet of water when she was attacked by three (3) sharks. He mentioned that this and several attacks of shark on humans have awakened discussions to relax the shark laws. Bahamas is the only country in the region with a complete ban on the harvesting of sharks. The CNFO prayed for the family of the young lady.

## BARNUFO NEWS

### Barbados National Union of Fisherfolk Organizations

President of BARNUFO Ms. Vernel Nicholls and Minister of Maritime Affairs and Blue Economy Hon Kirk Humphrey promoting World food safety day. Minister Humphrey taking part in a fish boning demonstration.

New equipment were donated by the Food and Agriculture Organisations of the United Nations (FAO) as part of world food safety day promotions. Some of the items donated were cutting boards, aprons, cold storage jackets, boots, knives

and sharpening stones. BARNUFO thanked the FAO and the Ministry of Maritime Affairs and Blue Economy, Fisheries Division and Markets Division for the work they are doing.



L-R Hon Kirk Humphrey and Ms. Vernel Nicholls

## New nets make shrimp trawling more sustainable in Latin America and Caribbean

by **Michelle Carrere** on 3 June 2019 | Translated by **Sarah Engel**

The FAO is conducting the project, known as The Sustainable Management of Bycatch in Latin America and Caribbean Trawl Fisheries (**REYBAC LAC II**), between 2015 and 2020 with the intention of meeting international guidelines for the responsible management of bycatch. With the help of traditional and large-scale fishers, the project consists of testing net prototypes that reduce the negative effects of trawling on marine biodiversity while still catching shrimp.

Excerpt from:  
<https://news.mongabay.com>



*A prototype of a net that may prevent the capture of fish during industrial shrimp trawling. Image courtesy of INVEMAR*

## THREE MEN MISSING AT SEA IN ANGUILLA, TWO FOUND!

ANGUILLA--There is still an ongoing search for an Anguillian fisherman missing since Saturday, June 29. Two others were found and brought ashore.

## DOMINICA NEWS

### FISHERS MEET PRIME MINISTER

June 27, 2019 Dominica fishers, including those from Roseau Central, were present at a meeting with some government officials including the Prime Minister Roosevelt Skerrit (P.M.) and officials from the fisheries division. Fishers spoke about the high cost of gas. The P.M said that it is very difficult to make any adjustments to the gas price. The P.M further mentioned that he wanted to assist fishers with boats as the fishers are trying to recover post Hurricane Maria. Short-term plan includes two fishers to receive 25-foot boats with 40 HP engines each. The Minister of Fisheries commented that the government has to be cautious when donating boats because of a human trafficking issue in Dominica. The fishers were concerned about this comment. More assistance was promised to the fishers including the issuing of more boats.



## BREAKING NEWS

The National Fisherfolk Organisation of Saint Lucia has made several attempts to get information on who are the new managers of the Fish Market. Saint Lucia news reported that Lucian Blue Ocean Seafoods Inc, is a recently formed private company that assumed operations of the Fish Marketing Corporation (FMC) in April. The company's managing director, Mr. Hilary Herman said they have been operating the entity without a final lease agreement.

### *CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION OF THE FISHERIES SECTOR IN THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN PROJECT (CC4FISH)*

In collaboration with **The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)**, CNFO Program Coordinator, Mr. Mitchell Lay will facilitate climate change meetings in Antigua and Barbuda, Dominica, Grenada, Saint Lucia, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Vincent and the Grenadines and Trinidad and Tobago. These meetings will be held July-October 2019. More information of the project can be found here:

<http://www.fao.org/in-action/climate-change-adaptation-eastern-caribbean-fisheries/en/>

### *Caribbean Fisherfolk Day*

On 29<sup>th</sup> June the Caribbean region celebrated Fisherfolk Day under the theme "**Gender**

**equity and ocean health: supporting access to markets for small-scale fishers"**

**St. Vincent and the Grenadines** is usually the first member country to kick off celebrations.



**Barbados** had a week of activities culminating on fisherfolk day.



**Saint Lucia** held public forum, dominoes competition amongst other activities:



**Trinidad and Tobago** held a three-day event:



**GUYANA: Keeping the fishing industry alive calls for new practices. See link for more information and photo credit:**  
<https://dpi.gov.gy/keeping-the-fishing-industry-alive-calls-for-new-practices/>



**Belize** held a month of activities including blessing of boat, women in fisheries forum and fisher of the year award.



Above picture from Belize Women's Forum gotten from Dr. Sandra Grant Marine Conservation and Climate Adaptation (MCCAP) project.

## FISHERFOLKS JOIN THE CNFO WHATSAPP NEWSGROUP?

Send a whatsapp message to +501-624-5364 and make the request. Currently 91 people fishers from CNFO member countries share real time news.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ATTENTION: FISHERS IN DOMINICA, GRENADA, ST. LUCIA, AND ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES**

**SUBJECT: IT'S HURRICANE SEASON – KNOW HOW TO REPORT DAMAGES**

Dear Fisher,

*It's Hurricane Season again. And you can report damages after an emergency!*

An emergency like a hurricane brings high-speed winds, sea surge, and flooding. These can cause damages to belongings such as boats, gear, equipment, homes and other belongings.

Fisheries Early Warning and Emergency Response (FEWER) provides reporting for these instances of damages and can be used to view reports by other fishers. Functions of the module include:

- o Viewing reports by Country
- o Making private reports
- o Make reports by category
- o Adding information like cost
- o Share a report to other apps



View damage reports on your Android phone when you get the **FEWER app** from the [Google Play Store](#). You can access the reports in the [Damage Reporting module](#) in the app. Register in the app to make reports.

You can also view on your desktop or iPhone by going to the FEWER website:  
<https://ewer.fish/#/fewer/dmreports>

Keep track of your damages using the FEWER application.

FEWER and fishers' cell phones are companions to the VHF radio and GPS that together provide information and communications for safer fishing trips.

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- 17<sup>th</sup> Western Central Atlantic Fishery Commission (WECAFC), July 15-18, 2019, Florida
- Gender in Fisheries Team (GIFT) training, July 24-26, Barbados
- “Mobilizing indigenous and local knowledge solutions: addressing climate impacts and vulnerabilities”, September 3-5, 2019, Guyana
- 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference of the Gulf and Caribbean Fisheries institute Conference, November 4-8, 2019, Dominican Republic
- International Year of Artisanal Fisheries and Aquaculture 2022

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