

# FisherFolk Net

## GUYANA Recommends Protection & Compensation for Pirate Attack Victims

**Anguilla Fisherfolk Association and the Cooperative partnered on a project to increase safety at sea and promote marine resource stewardship.**



Picture and excerpt from *Stabroeknews*, **By Bebi Oosman**, August 6, 2019. *CNFO, Pamashwar Jainarine testifying before Commissioner Dr. Rishee Thakur*

Chairman of the Corentyne Fishermen’s Co-operative Society Pamashwar Jainarine recommended compensation and protection for victims after pirate attacks. Jainarine was at the time testifying at a public hearing hosted by the Commission of Inquiry (CoI) into the fatal pirate attacks in which over a dozen fishermen were killed off the coast of Suriname last year.

On April 27th, 2018, four boats, carrying a total of 20 persons, were attacked off the coast of Suriname. The perpetrators, reported to have been armed with guns and cutlasses,

chopped and beat the fishermen before robbing them. Some of the men were ordered to jump overboard with their injuries, while others were thrown into the water with batteries strapped to their legs. Four men, who survived the attack, swam until they were rescued by passing vessels. Two weeks later, another survivor was found.

Read full story at below link:

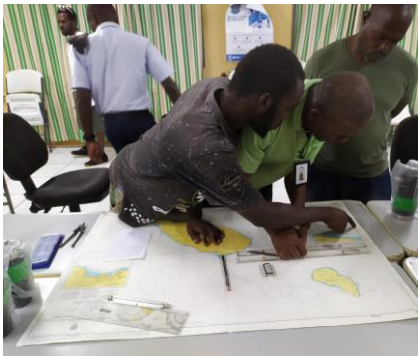
<https://www.stabroeknews.com/2019/08/06/news/guyana/corentyne-fishermen-co-op-chairman-recommends-protection-compensation-for-pirate-attack-victims/>

The association was awarded a small grant of US\$12,000 through the Caribbean Natural Resource Institute’s (CANARI) Caribbean Sea Innovation Fund. The project is entitled “increasing safety at sea and stewardship among Anguillan fisherfolk to build climate change resilience”.

Project activities will include assessing at-sea safety risk and identifying possible solutions, training in first aid and first response, and enhancing nearshore coastal habitat through construction and deployment of lobster houses within the Prickly Pear marine Park. Activities are scheduled to commence in October 2019.



# CC4FISH Training in St. Kitts and Nevis



Information provided by National Project Coordinator Ms. Orisia Williams.

## Climate Change Adaption in the Eastern Caribbean Fisheries Sector (CC4FISH)

project treated 31 fishers of St. Kitts and Nevis to a Basic Fisherfolk Training Course. The BFTC is designed to develop the necessary competence and skills in fishers, as well as equip them with a basic understanding of the diverse effects of unsustainable fishing practices and climate change in order to ensure the long-term sustainability of the fishing industry.

The training started on August 26, 2019 and continued in September (3-5). Topics were Climate Change in the Fisheries Sector, how to obtain a food handler permit, best practices in fish handling, dive safety, marine communications, fisheries regulations, how to properly label vessels, benefits of cooperatives and marine managed area map.

Activities planned for this year include boat engine repair and maintenance workshop, October 24 and 25. Also, installation of



Participants of CC4FISH Training in St. Kitts and Nevis

repeater to improve vhf radio frequency for fishers October 30 and November 1.

## WORLD NEWS! Penang Resists Reclamation

Prepared by Masifundise

On Saturday 31st August, members of the International Planning Committee for Food Sovereignty (IPC) Fisheries Working Group representing member fisheries organization went into the field to meet with local small-scale fishing communities and to learn about the reclamations in Penang, Malaysia. The Penang South Reclamation (PSR) projects in Malaysia would hugely impact the livelihoods of these communities as well as ecosystem function and well-being.

There are 3 major reclamations that have been proposed in the PSR, covering an expanse of 1821 hectares on the Southern side of the Island, and requiring 6.9 million m<sup>3</sup> of dredged materials. The Environmental

Impact Assessment was approved in June this year, despite the abundance of marine life that will be affected by these projects. In addition to the environmental impacts, almost 3000 small-scale fisherfolk live and operate in the impact zone and are facing major loss of fishing grounds and access to resources due to the reclamation projects.

The fishing communities have organised themselves and are actively arranging demonstrations to defend the region, protect their livelihoods and stop the reclamation projects. The organisation is called Penang Tolak Tambak (Penang resists reclamations). Sign the petition to support them, follow this link: <https://www.change.org/p/prime-minister-of-malaysia-save-pe...>





## ST. VINCENT & GRENADINES

This is **Winston Hazelwood** of Barrouallie, St. Vincent and the Grenadines (SVG). He is the Public Relations Officer (PRO) for the National Fisherfolk Organisation of SVG, Vice President of Barrouallie Fisherfolk Cooperative and Vice President of SVG-Fishing Aggregating Device (FADs) group. He is 54 years old and has been fishing for over 40 years.

He started fishing by the rockside, then used Skull boats and now he uses an engine boat to catch dolphin, king fish and tuna. He builds his own boat and fish alone. When FAD was introduced to Barrouallie, he started FAD fishing. He uses drop line. He teaches other FAD fishers how to make drop line and he shares other techniques with them.

Barrouallie is one of the biggest fishing community in SVG because of the different types of fishing. Blackfish, deep seine, net, skull boats for red snapper, they also fish for king fish and dolphin. A small boat 15 hp is used for FADs. FAD fishing is the biggest fishing activity taking place right now in the community.

Mr. Hazelwood advises all fishers to take fishing as a serious business and to make sure that they have all their safety equipment including their life jacket when going out to fish.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CNFO thoughts are with the affected people in the Bahamas after Category 5 hurricane Dorian caused terrible destruction on September 1, 2019. We hope to bring you details in our next issue newsletter

## HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS FOR CARIBBEAN FISHERFOLK

### SECURE BOATS AND FISHING GEAR

- Remove boats to higher grounds. Turn them over, secure with rope or tie the boat. Boats can also be filled with sand and sunk for protection against high winds.
- Protect nets by weighing them and securing them where they will not be washed away by floodwaters.



### CREATE EVACUATION PLAN

- Evacuate low-lying coastal areas.
- Do not go out to sea if storm threatens. The strength or speed could change unexpectedly.
- Make sure of an alternate safe route to the nearest shelter in your area.



### SECURE IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS

- Gather all vital documents like boat registration, ID's including passport and put in a safe place.
- Take pictures of all fishing gear and equipment preferably with date and location stamps.
- Take cash out of ATM and keep with you.



### CREATE COMMUNICATION PLAN

- Ensure land to boat communication. Eg. VHF radio and cell, or satellite phone.
- Monitor weather on a radio, weather app or website of your choice.



IN COLLABORATION WITH THE FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS (FAO). CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION OF THE CARIBBEAN FISHERIES (CC4FISH)  
HTTBS://CNFO.FISH/

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Second CRFM / OSPESCA Joint High-Level Ministerial Meeting, Best Western Plus Biltmore Plaza Hotel, Belize City, Belize Wednesday 2 October 2019
- TENURE AND USER RIGHTS: Latin America & the Caribbean (LATCAR) REGIONAL WORKSHOP 22 – 25 October 2019 Valparaíso, Chile
- 1<sup>st</sup> International Trade Show on Sargassum management Technologies, 24-26 October 2019, Guadeloupe
- WFFP-CC Meeting, Sri Lanka, 28th Oct to 1st November 2019
- STEWARDFISH Mentors workshop, 29<sup>th</sup> Oct to 1<sup>st</sup> Nov, St. Vincent and Grenadines
- 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference of the Gulf and Caribbean Fisheries institute Conference, November 4-8, 2019, Dominican Republic
- FAO International Symposium on Fisheries 18-21 November 2019

**Caribbean Network of Fisherfolk Organisations**

**C/O CRFM Secretariat, Princess Margaret Drive, Belize City, BELIZE**

**Tel: 501-223-4443 Ext 225 Email: [cnfo\\_cu@yahoo.com](mailto:cnfo_cu@yahoo.com) Website: <http://cnfo.fish>**

**Facebook: [www.facebook.com/CNF017](http://www.facebook.com/CNF017) Twitter: @fisherfolknetwork Instagram: CNF017**

**Subscribe to yahogroup: [fisherfolk\\_network-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:fisherfolk_network-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)**