

## FisherFolk Net

Caribbean Network of Fisherfolk Organisations



#### **CNFO EXECUTIVE 2020-2023**

The CNFO adapted swiftly to the times and hosted its 2nd General Assembly virtually on 10th December 2020. The 16 member board remains the same (one leader from each National Fisherfolk Organisation from each CNFO member state)

Outgoing Chair Ms. Vernel Nicholls has been named Chairperson emeritus and the Executive with three new faces is pictured above.

At the General Assembly the board agreed to finalise a Regional Code of Conduct at the very next board meeting which took place on 31st March 2021.

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#### **Keeping Fish on Caribbean Tables**



### Implementing regional and global fisheries instruments and policies

The Caribbean Network of Fisherfolk Organisations (CNFO) in collaboration with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) implemented a one-year project entitled, "Promoting fisher-led implementation of SSF Guidelines in the Caribbean Region".

A 10 session Virtual Workshop was held between 1st December 2020 and 19th January 2021. Participating were CNFO members from 13 Caribbean member states representing 18 men and 14 women from Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, Saint Lucia, Suriname, St. Vincent and Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago, Turk Caicos. Policy brief and communication products under this project can be view at: https://cnfo.fish/policy-brief-keeping-fish-on-caribbean-tables/

No negative impacts to small-scale fisheries to be embraced in all national and regional initiatives, and a focus on integrating, improving and developing the fisheries sector is incorporated into any blue economy or other related national development.

## CNFO LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

#### ONLINE LEADERSHIP TRAINING:

(Starting August 2021 for CNFO Members)

Training Module 1: Exploring leadership

Training Module 2: Working with groups

Training Module 3: Facilitating the development of group vision, mission and goals

Training Module 4: Advocacy, representation, negotiation and conflict resolution

Training Module 5: Relation management

Training Module 6: Communications and Networking

Training Module 7: Institutional identity and integrity

Training Module 8: Administration and operation



#### **Stewardfish Project**

The development of the regional code of conduct was guided by the Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries (EAF). The concept of EAF is used as a means of balancing both fishery and ecosystem-level goals, by taking into account the complexities, uncertainties and strong connections between human and environmental systems. In order to advance EAF management in the Caribbean, there is the need for a code of conduct which articulates a shared understanding of what EAF entails at the regional and national levels.

The articles of the code have been heavily influenced by the FAO Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries (CCRF), SSF Guidelines, the SSF Protocol under the Caribbean Community Common Fisheries Policy (CCCFP) and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Specifically, SDGs 1, 2, 5, 8, 10, 13 and 14.

See FULL CNFO REGIONAL CODE OF CONDUCT: https://cnfo.fish/cnfo-regional-code-of-conduct-for-caribbean-fisheries-31st-march-2021/

Fish and seafood directly contribute to human health and a reduction in the public health bill, while providing livelihoods, generating economic activity, and addressing poverty.

#### CNFO LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

**UWI-CERMES** hosted two Gender and Leadership **Group Discussions with** fisherfolk organisation leaders on 24 and 25 February 2021 as part of the FAO-implemented StewardFish project. The sessions, one for women leaders and one for men, aimed to learn how gender, youth and leadership intersect in the fisheries sector. . Over 80 fisherfolk leaders from Jamaica, Barbados, Guyana, and St. Vincent and the Grenadines have provided insight into existing gaps in leadership capacity of women, men and youth. The information collected in these discussions and previous gender analysis activities will be used to develop training for fisherfolk organisation leaders.



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## STORIES FROM CARIBBEAN FISHING SECTOR



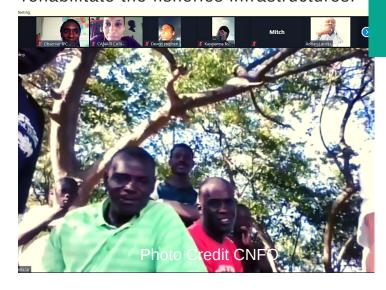
#### BELIZE

Gillnet fishers of Belize say NO to the ban on gillnet. According to the belize Fishermen Cooperative Association (BFCA) in late November 2020 OCEANA secretly convinced the former Minister of Fisheries to ban gillnet in Belize. The BFCA has taken this matter to court.

#### **DOMINICA**

Hurricane Maria (2017), a category five, dealt a severe blow to the fisheries sector including major infrastructure such as the Roseau Fisheries Complex (RFC).

Japan responded positively to a request from the Government of Dominica to rehabilitate the fisheries infrastructures.





### HAITI & BVI

**HAITI:** On February 1, 2021 fisherfolk in Haiti met online with representatives of the CNFO as part of a peer knowledge exchange hosted under the European Union funded PISCES project.

**BVI:** CNFO collaborating on a project called "Capacity Building in Fisheries Evidence, Networks and Management in the British Virgin Islands" that is being led by Cefas in partnership with CANARI and the BVI Government.



# INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF ARTISANAL FISHERIES AND





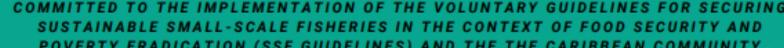
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- SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS
- FOOD & NUTRITION SECURITY
- LIVELIHOODS & POVERTY REDUCTION
- WAY OF LIFE, CULTURE AND TRADITION











## CARIBBEAN SMALL-SCALE FISHERIES ARE CRITICAL TO CARIBBEAN LIFE GUIDANCE TO SUSTAINING CARIBBEAN FISHERIES IS FOUND IN

Voluntary Guidelines for Securing Sustainable Small-Scale Fisheries in the Connect of Food Security and Powerty Challeston



Food Security





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# SECURING CARIBBEAN SMALL-SCALE FISHERIES NOW AND FOR THE FUTURE SSF GUIDELINES CCCFP



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governance of tenure
consultation and participation

disaster risk and climate change

sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS)



# Spotlight on Mrs. Veldine Bruce & Mr. Renrick Bruce

Fisherfolk couple from St. Vincent and Grenadines. Mrs. Bruce fish with seine net with husband and when he was out in Canada she continued fishing by herself or with other people even camping in different areas. Mrs. Bruce said its not challenging for her its her daily bread.



# Mark Your Calendar:

Caribbean Fisherfolk Day - 29th June 2021

Leadership Training under STEWARDFISH PROJECT (TBA)

CRFM Forum and Ministerial Council Meeting -

Ask about the World Forum Fisher Peoples (WFFP)

Working Group - Ocean Grabbing, Food Sovereignty and In land Fisheries.

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