

# FisherFolk Net

Caribbean Network of Fisherfolk Organisations

## REGIONAL CODE OF CONDUCT FOR CARIBBEAN FISHERIES

2020-2025



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**CNFO NEWS:** The CNFO presented its Regional Code at the CRFM Fisheries Forum (2021) and was endorsed by the Ministerial Council in May 2021.

CNFO is actively promoting the implementation of the Caribbean Community Common Fisheries Policy (CCCFP) and the Voluntary Guidelines for Securing Sustainable Small-Scale Fisheries in the Context of Food Security and Poverty Eradication (the SSF Guidelines).

2020-2021 has brought many challenges to fisherfolk in the Caribbean region. Relating to the COVID-19 pandemic in many instances government's initial response failed to take into consideration the needs and importance of small-scale fisheries.

Climate change and associated impacts, including sargassum influx, have arrested the attention of the network.

Conservation NGOs continue to push foreign agendas and this type of move needs to be carefully considered and responded to by fisherfolk.

Consideration for the National Fisherfolk Organisation of St. Vincent and Grenadines and the effects of the volcano eruption on its members.

The CNFO board of directors expresses condolences to the loved ones of

**Sarah McIntosh**



# St. Vincent and Grenadines 'Fish waste'- Waste or an untapped reservoir?

Waste occurs at every point in the fish value chain. These include guts, skins, frames, heads, shells and in some cases, whole fish and bycatch. By the time the fish gets onto the consumer's plates, between 15 to 70% of fish byproducts can be generated. Unfortunately, most of these unutilised byproducts are often dumped in the sea, resulting in both environmental and economic ramifications.

As a part of the "Establishing a sustainable fish waste management and utilisation drive through capacity building in the fisherfolk community" project, also known as the fish waste project, the NFO facilitated two workshops. These workshops demonstrated fish composting and fish silage production. Representatives from various fisherfolk co-operatives and other fisheries sector stakeholders were present.

The Caribbean Natural Resources management institute(CANARI) and the Centre for Resource Management and Environmental Studies(CERMES) financed the fish waste project under the Global Environmental Facility (GEF) funded StewardFish project.

We believe it is a small step in the right direction towards protecting our vulnerable ecosystem. The project sought to sensitise fisherfolk and the consuming public about the adverse effects of fish waste on our vulnerable marine environment and alternative uses for this valuable resource.

## **CNFO LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE**

### **ONLINE TRAINING:**

*Training Module 1: Exploring leadership 31st August 2021*

*Training Module 2: Working with groups 14th September 2021*

Training Module 3: Facilitating the development of group vision, mission and goals **28th September 2021**

Training Module 4: Advocacy, representation, negotiation and conflict resolution **12th October 2021**

Training Module 5: Relation management **26th October 2021**

Training Module 6: Communications and Networking **9th November 2021**

Training Module 7: Institutional identity and integrity **23rd November 2021**

Training Module 8: Administration and operation **7th December 2021**



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# STORIES FROM CARIBBEAN FISHING SECTOR



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## BELIZE

MARIA ALLEN IS FISHER OF THE YEAR 2021!!!!!!

Maria Allen, a 43-year-old fisherwoman, who lives on Caye Caulker is Fisher of the Year 2021! Maria, who has been fishing for over 30 years, continues to fish during the COVID-19 pandemic.

## GRENADA

Petite Martinique FisherFolk held a meeting in August to revive the organisation. There is a new Executive and Mr. Renwich Bethel as the new Chairperson. The Co-op has is looking into changing the name from fisherman to fisherfolk.



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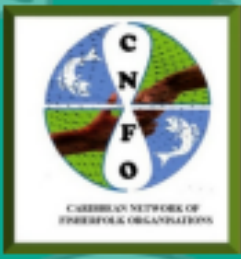


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## SAINT LUCIA

Choiseul Cooperative in Saint Lucia held its AGM on 18th May 2021 and the new chair is Mr. Richardson JanBaptiste (pic left). For the first time, the cooperative will purchase fish from members starting mid-August with assistance from the credit union. About 112 members make up the coop.

The aim is for profits to be used within the coop eg. building of FADs, assist elder fishers, and scholarships for fisher members' children.



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COMMITTED TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE VOLUNTARY GUIDELINES FOR SECURING  
SUSTAINABLE SMALL-SCALE FISHERIES IN THE CONTEXT OF FOOD SECURITY AND  
POVERTY ERADICATION (SSF GUIDELINES) AND THE THE CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY





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



Food Security



Healthy



Livelihoods



Identity



Way of Life

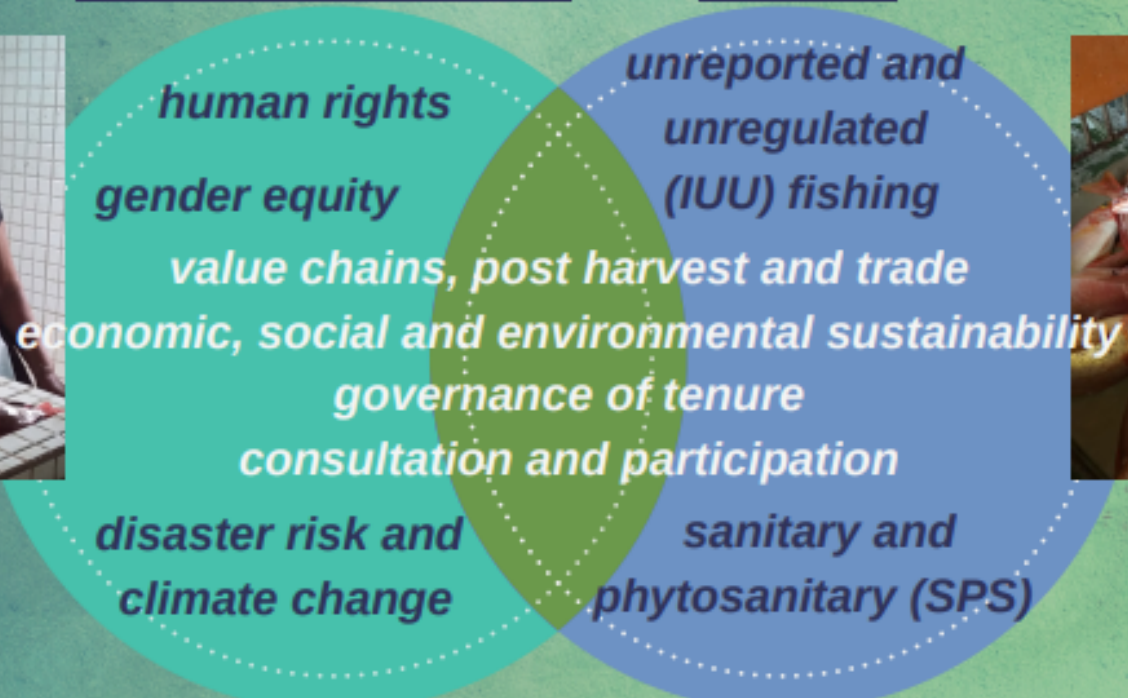


The Voluntary Guidelines for Securing Sustainable Small-Scale Fisheries in the Context of Food Security and Poverty Eradication ([SSF Guidelines](#)) and the The Caribbean Community Common Fisheries Policy ([CCCFP](#))

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

SSF GUIDELINES

CCCFP





# CRFM appoints new Deputy Executive Director



The Caribbean Regional Fisheries Mechanism (CRFM) announced the appointment of its new Deputy Executive Director. Dr. Sandra Caroline Grant, a national of Jamaica. She joined the CRFM Secretariat on 1 June 2021. Dr. Sandra Grant takes over from Dr. Susan Singh-Renton, who retired from the CRFM on 30 June 2021, after 29 years of stellar service to the region.

## PROJECTS:

- CNFO continues to work on gender equity including capacity building for women and youth in collaboration WHYHUNGER.
- STEWARDFISH project ends 31st July 2021. CNFO agreement ended 30th April 2021 but continued to collaborate with other partners in implementation of their activities.
- CC4FISH Project extends to March 2022. CNFO agreement ended 1st March 2020 but continues to collaborate with other partners/members in implementation of their activities.
- CNFO is collaborating with CANARI on Darwin Plus Cefas Project in building fisherfolk organisations in British Virgin Islands.

## Mark Your Calendar:

Leadership Training under  
CNFO Leadership Institute  
Starting 31st August 2021

74th GCFI Fort Walton  
Beach, Florida, November  
8 - 12, 2021

International Fisherfolk  
Day 21st November 2021

Ask about the  
World Forum Fisher Peoples  
(WFFP)  
Working Group - Ocean  
Grabbing, Food Sovereignty  
and In land Fisheries.

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