

# FisherFolk Net

Caribbean Network of Fisherfolk Organisations



CNFO Chair Adrian LaRoda facilitating in BVI

The CNFO is collaborating with the Caribbean Natural Resources Institute (CANARI) to support fisherfolk in the British Virgin Islands by developing a formalised fisherfolk network to enable a collective voice and greater participation in decision-making.

On 30 November 2022 fisherfolk from Anegada, Jost Van Dyke, Tortola, and Virgin Gorda had their first in-person meeting to discuss actionable next steps toward the formation of the network.

Chairman of the CNFO, Mr. Adrian LaRoda, also attended the meeting and helped facilitate important discussions on the purpose and benefits of organising as well as shared examples from CNFO's experience of how multi-island fisherfolk networks are structured and communicate. Ms. Kia Soares, of the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries, also participated in the meeting.

CNFO and CANARI will continue to work with fisherfolk in the Virgin Islands in 2023.

This work is being carried out under the project, "Capacity building in fisheries evidence, networks and management in the Virgin Islands" funded by the UK Government through Darwin Plus.

## FIVE CNFO MEMBERS ATTENDED A MEETING IN BRAZIL

**LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN WORKSHOP  
IYAF 2022:  
CARDOSO ISLAND, CANANÉIA,  
STATE OF SÃO PAULO, BRAZIL,  
2-5 NOVEMBER 2022**

The goal of the workshop was to strengthen the recognition of small-scale fisheries' crucial contributions to global food security and nutrition, the importance of tenure rights in the sector, and social development. The workshop was also an opportunity to take stock of how the SSF Guidelines are being implemented in Latin America to eradicate poverty, ensure food security and nutrition, and promote the tenure rights of small-scale fishing communities.



## CNFO LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE - Value chain training

Caribbean Network of Fisherfolk Organisations (CNFO) partnered with WHYHUNGER to implement, "Incorporating value chain considerations in the Caribbean Network of Fisherfolk Organisations (CNFO) Leadership Institute portfolio. One identified area for further capacity development of the CNFO members is the area of the promotion of the understanding and awareness of the fisheries value chain. The CNFO members who have benefited from the leadership program have discussed this as something that would be beneficial to them with the potential to positively impact their livelihoods and provide additional income. The topics explored were harvesting and handling of fishery products, storage and preservation, processing and value addition, and marketing. Four Modules were developed and facilitated by Mr. Keegan Slinger on the 19th, 21st, 26th, and 28th of July 2022. Forty-six members registered for the sessions; 27 of them were men and 19 were women.

### ***View the sessions using the YouTube links below:***

Harvesting and handling of fishery products - <https://youtu.be/0hQhxMq7XEs>

Storage and preservation - <https://youtu.be/nP00Hx1FryE>

Processing and value addition - [https://youtu.be/1\\_mkmGZ10T4](https://youtu.be/1_mkmGZ10T4)

Marketing - <https://youtu.be/XZ1zrfS3yDA>

More CNFO Leadership Institute news! 2022 made it the third year of the CNFO leadership Institute's 9-module leadership program, and 24 members registered. Look out for announcements for sessions to start in the latter half of 2023.



## Oistins Fisherfolk Association (Barbados)

Oistins Fisherfolk Association in Barbados held its elections on 15th February 2023. Below are the results.

President: Natasha Clarke

VP: Cameron Morris

Secretary: Tawanna Weekes

Secretary/Treasurer: Lexine Hutchinson

PRO: Kemar Harris

### Floor members:

Antonia Sargeant-Rowe

Ronnie Holmes

Neil Bourne

Anderson Kinch

Ryan Bourne

**Advisor:** Bernard Seale



Oistins Fisherfolk Association Members (Barbados)

**ANNOUNCING  
THE ANNUAL  
GENERAL  
MEETING OF  
BARNUFO**

**3:00 PM**



**CONGRATULATIONS  
TO THE CRFM.**

**20TH-ANNIVERSARY  
CELEBRATION**

The Caribbean Regional Fisheries Mechanism (CRFM) was officially inaugurated 20 years ago -- on 27 March 2003, in Belize City, Belize.

For the past two decades, the CRFM has served as a regional fisheries management institution, within the framework of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM). As a CARICOM Institution, the CRFM serves countries across the Caribbean, providing the support needed to strengthen the fisheries and aquaculture sector across the region.

**MARCH  
4TH,  
2023**

**LOCATION**  
FISHERIES DIVISION  
PRINCESS ALICE  
HIGHWAY  
BRIDGETOWN,  
ST. MICHAEL

**SAVE THE DATE**



# STORIES FROM CARIBBEAN FISHING SECTOR



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## BARBADOS

Dr. Shelly-Ann Cox is Barbados' new Chief Fisheries Officer. She assumed duties on Tuesday, January 3. She has 10 years of experience in fisheries management and applied interdisciplinary climate research, a Ph.D. in Natural Resource Management from The University of the West Indies (UWI), Cave Hill Campus, and a BSc. with honors in Environmental and Natural Resource Management with Marine Biology from the UWI, St. Augustine Campus.

## JAMAICA

Glaston White, from Jamaica, is the General Secretary of the Caribbean Network of Fisherfolk Organisations and is using the SSF Guidelines quick reference card created by CNFO.

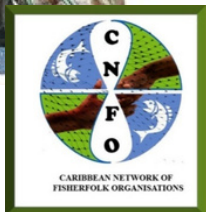


Quick reference cards developed in collaboration with FAO. <https://cnfo.fish/voluntary-guidelines-for-securing-sustainable-small-scale-fisheries/>



## DOMINICA

Huron Vidal resided at Bioche, Dominica. He went out to sea on August 11th, 2022, and never returned. He has been missing since. Huron is a former board member of the CNFO. Check out the YouTube link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kuLRSg9BDn8>  
Pictured on the left is L-R: Mitchell Lay and Huron Vidal (24th November 2016 in Dominica).



# CONTRIBUTING TO ACHIEVING THE 25% BY 2025 REDUCTION IN THE CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY FOOD BILL



**CNFO/CRFM SSF ACTION PLAN LINK:**

**[HTTPS://CNFO.FISH/CNFO-CRFM-SMALL-SCALE-FISHERIES-ACTION-PLAN-2023-2025/](https://cnfo.fish/cnfo-crfm-small-scale-fisheries-action-plan-2023-2025/)**





# KEEGAN SLINGER

Keegan Slinger is the Manager of the Seafood Technology and Fisheries Training Department at the Caribbean Fisheries Training and Development Institute (CFTDI) located in Trinidad and Tobago. He is a member of the Carenage Fisher Folk Association (CFFA) and other networks related to his field.

Mr. Slinger obtained his qualifications from the University of the West Indies, St. Augustine beginning with a Bachelor of Science degree in Agri-Business Management followed by a Master of Science degree in Marketing and Agri-Business specializing in Food and Nutrition Security. He has certified training from the Caribbean Fisheries Training and Development Institute (CFTDI), in chilled and frozen fish handling and processing and Salt curing, Drying and Smoking of fish.

Additionally, he successfully completed a fellowship at the United Nations University – Fisheries Training programme enhancing his research, data-collection and presentation skills whilst gaining an appreciation of world issues, government policies and strategies.

During his career in Agri-Business Management, he has developed more than a decade of practical experience, research and technical skills in various areas geared toward the development of the industry.

His passion for the industry, his work ethic and professionalism are just a few of his qualities. To date, his research interests focus on value chain development, fisheries economics and policy planning.



- Regional Workshop on the 2022 Voluntary Guidelines on Transshipment Latin America, Caribbean, and America 6-10 March 2023, Barbados
- WECAFC Working Group on Spawning Aggregations, WECAFC Queen Conch. San Juan, Puerto Rico 14-15 March 2023
- 21st Meeting of CRFM Forum, online, 23rd and 24th March 2023
- Annual Caribbean Fisherfolk Day 29th June 2023



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