

# FisherFolk Net

Caribbean Network of Fisherfolk Organisations



PICTURE OF SOME VIRGIN ISLANDS FISHERFOLK AT MEETING HELD IN NOV 2022.

Caribbean Network of Fisherfolk Organisations (CNFO) partnered with Caribbean Natural Resources Institute on Capacity building in fisheries evidence, networks, and management (Virgin Islands) project. The project is implemented by the Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science (Cefas), CANARI, and the Government of the Virgin Islands and funded by the Darwin Plus Overseas Territories Environment and Climate Fund. Four online sessions were held on the CNFO Leadership Institute.

**Module 1** Group process for registering a Fisherfolk Organisation (21st March 2023)

**Module 2** Organisation structure and operation (23rd March 2023)

**Module 3** Financial operations (28th March 2023)

**Module 4** Effective Leadership in Fisherfolk Organisations (4th April 2023)

Sessions were designed to allow for decision-making, in relation to the development of a National Fisherfolk Organisation (NFO) in the Virgin Islands. In total, 20 persons attended the four training sessions. This included 17 fisherfolk (15 men and 2 women) from across the four main islands and 3 staff members from the DOAF.

## CNFO LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE 2023

*UPCOMING VIRTUAL SESSIONS. Online registration will open in Sept. 2023.*

Module 1: Exploring Leadership  
(3rd October 2023)

Module 2: Working with groups  
(10th October 2023)

Module 3: Facilitating the development of group vision, mission, and goals  
(17th October 2023)

Module 4: Advocacy, representation, negotiation and conflict resolution  
(24th October 2023)

Module 5: Relation management  
(31st October 2023)

Module 6: Communications and Networking  
(7th November 2023)

Module 7: Institutional Identity and Integrity  
(14th November 2023)

Module 8: Administration and operation  
(21st November 2023)

Module 9: Meetings and Decision-making  
(28th November 2023)

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"ONE OCEAN, ONE PLANET, ONE PLATE: UNITING AQUATIC FOOD STANDARDS AND OCEAN HEALTH."



**FISHER AWARDEES IN BELIZE 2023. MONTH-LONG CELEBRATION! FISHER OF THE YEAR WAS CELEBRATED ON 29TH JUNE 2023.**

**THE FISHER OF THE YEAR IS MR. OSVALDO SANTOYA OF CHUNOX VILLAGE, BELIZE. (2ND FROM RIGHT)**



**CEREMONY AND FAIR IN GUYANA 30 JUNE 2023.**



**CHURCH SERVICE IN SAINT LUCIA ON 29 JUNE 2023**

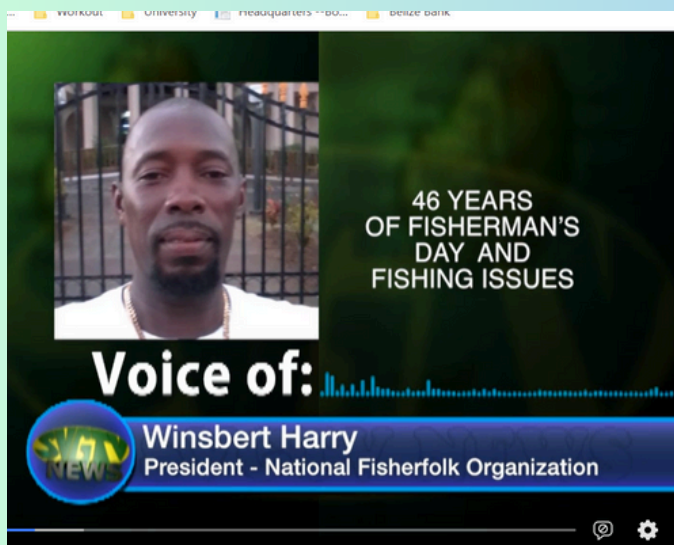
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@ Barbados Fisheries Division

**WEEK OF ACTIVITIES IN BARBADOS. OISTINS FISHERFOLK DAY AND DIGIFISH YEAR 2 LAUNCH  
29 JUNE 2023**



@SVGTV



@The National Fisheries Authority Jamaica

**ST. VINCENT AND GRENADINES CELEBRATED THE 46TH ANNIVERSARY OF FISHERMAN'S DAY ON 29 MAY 2023. CNFO DEPUTY AND PRESIDENT OF NFO GAVE NEWS INTERVIEWS.**

**INTERNATIONAL FISHERMAN'S DAY SYMPOSIUM IN TREASURE BEACH, ST. ELIZABETH, JAMAICA. 14 JULY 2023**

# STORIES FROM CARIBBEAN FISHING SECTOR



Photo Credit <https://bsop.coastalzonebelize.org/technical-working-groups-inaugural-meeting/>

## BELIZE

on the 30th of March 2023, the Coastal Zone Management Authority and Institute (CZMAI) held the inaugural meeting for the Belize Sustainable Ocean Plan's (BSOP) Technical Working Groups (TWGs). The CNFO was invited to sit on the fisheries inclusive of the aquaculture technical working group and was able to participate online at the first working group meeting held on June 26, 2023.

## ANGUILLA

Supporting a Fisherfolk-led Approach to Fisheries Management, Research and Conservation in Anguilla. Chair Adrian LaRoda participated in a workshop in Anguilla held on 20 - 21 June 2023. An invitation for the collaboration came from the Marine Conservation Society.

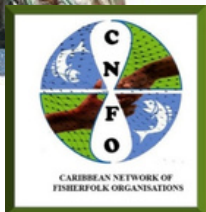


2nd from the left is Mr. Adrian LaRoda, Chair of CNFO.  
3rd from left is Mr. Aristo Richardson leader in the Anguilla NFO with other fisherfolk from the workshop.

## GUYANA

In 2022, Guyana produced more than 33,500 metric tonnes of seafood of which Guyanese are said to consume approximately 35kg of seafood per person annually. This is more than twice the world's average. - Agriculture Minister Zulfikar Mustapha at the National Fisherfolk Day exercise





# 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/)**

# 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.

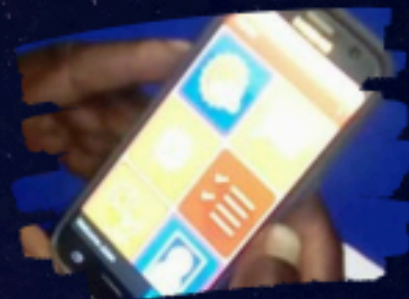


## SECURE IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS

- 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.



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[HTTPS://CNPO.FISH/](https://cnpo.fish/)



# LORINSTON ASIM JENKINS

Manager of Basseterre and Old Road Fisheries Complex in St. Kitts.

Born in St. Kitts.

Studied at the Guyana School of Agriculture. Majoring (Fisheries studies).

Started working in fisheries in 2009.

Started Managing Basseterre and Old Road Fisheries 2019

Worked in a number of areas in fisheries:

- Data
- Marine protected areas
- Fish processing
- Value-added products
- FADS

Training:

- Trained as a trainer of trainers in Marine Protected Areas.
- Stock assessment in the sea (Japan 2010) and strengthening fisher folk organization (In Japan 2013)
- Mr. Jenkins is a team player and is focused on improving the quality of fish products.
- A strong advocate for conservation and proper management of marine resources.



- 19th to 21st July Fisherfolk Peer Learning Exchange. Virgin Islands fishers to visit Barbados.
- 23rd to 31st August 2023 CRFM 20th Anniversary Scientific Conference.
- World Forum of Fisher Peoples 15-member coordination committee meeting September 20-27, Turkey
- Caribbean Week of Agriculture, 9-13 October, Bahamas
- World Fisheries Day 21st November 2023

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