

FisherFolk Net

Caribbean Network of Fisherfolk Organisations

World Forum of Fisher Peoples 8th General Assembly, November 13-21 2024, Brazil

The 8th General Assembly of the World Forum of Fishers People (WFFP) was held from 13-20 November 2024, in Brasilia, Brazil, marking a pivotal moment in the global struggle for the rights of fishers and their communities.

Hosted by MPP, the assembly brought hundreds of representatives together with 90 delegates from 40 countries, activists of MPP and the rest of the world, allies, academic institutions, researchers, and partner organizations from across the globe to discuss and strategize on the future of fisheries, food sovereignty, address the challenges of the Climate Crisis, devastating effects of Ocean Grabbing, under the guise of “Blue Transformation”. The CNFO had a 23-person delegation.

The picture below is the CNFO full delegation.

World Fisheries Day Celebrations in Brasilia: A Global Rally for Future of our Oceans:

On November 21, 2024, World Fisheries Day was celebrated in Brasília, Brazil, with an inspiring rally organized by the World Forum of Fisher Peoples (WFFP). Delegates from countries across the globe gathered in the heart of Brazil's capital to raise their voices in solidarity with coastal and fishing communities, advocating for sustainable fisheries, climate justice, and the protection of marine ecosystems.



STORIES FROM CARIBBEAN FISHING SECTOR



Fisherman in SVG

ST. VINCENT & GRENADINES

St. Vincent and Grenadines National Fisherfolk Organization received a 10K USD small grant from WHYHUNGER to assist fisherfolk affected by the passing of Hurricane Beryl on July 1st, 2024. Over twenty-five (25) fisherfolk benefitted from this generous donation.



Mr. Estevan Solis (Belize fisher leader) and Nadine Nembhard (CNFO)

BELIZE

FAO Rome office sent some 2025 calendars to be distributed. Northern Fishermen Cooperative Society Limited of Belize, Chairperson Mr. Estevan Solis receiving one. The theme of the calendar is the small-scale fisheries guidelines.

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO).

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

Fisherfolk in Trinidad and Tobago have reported an increase in boat thieves since the last quarter of 2024, this is a result of all the Coast Guard boats being serviced and offering no assistance to security on the sea.

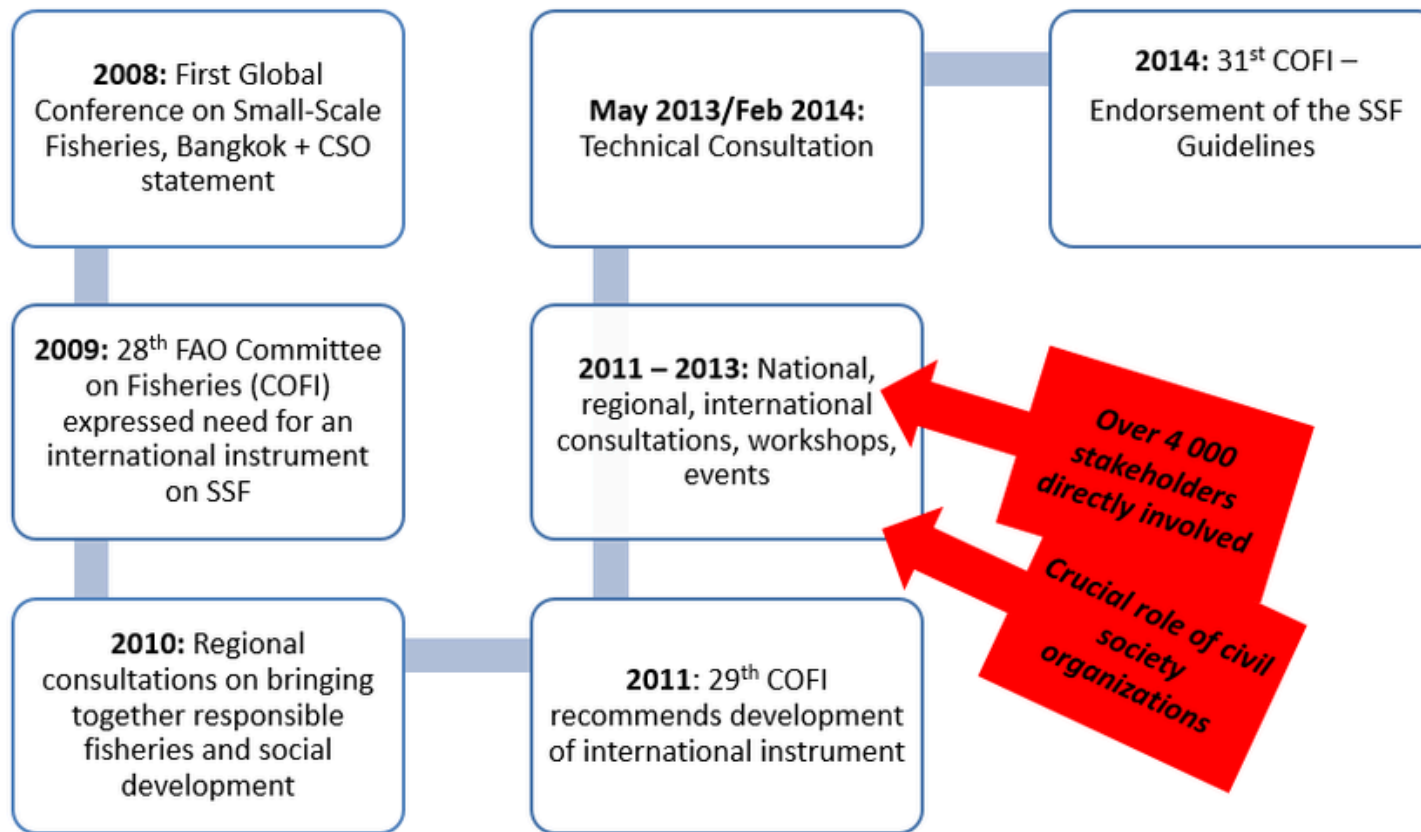
<https://newsday.co.tt/2024/11/25/ffos-offers-15k-reward-for-stolen-tobago-boat/>



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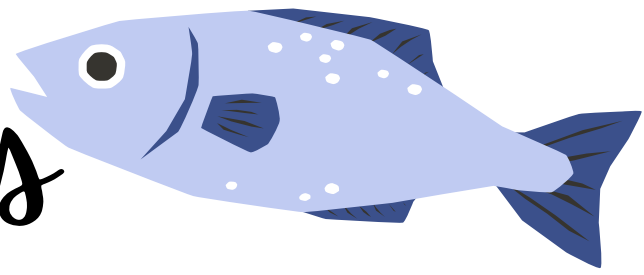
About SSF Guidelines process



SOME CNFO WORK:

- Developing and implementing an advocacy campaign to address identified fisheries challenges in three CNFO member states, in the context of implementing the SSF Guidelines (Anguilla 8th, 10th, and 15th March 2022); (Jamaica 13th, 16th, and 30th June 2022); and St. Kitts and Nevis 24th, 25th August and 22nd September 2022).
- Another three members will develop an advocacy campaign between 2025 and 2026.
- The CNFO will Conduct training with provisions of the SSF Guidelines and the Caribbean Community Common Fisheries Policy (CCCFP), at the national and regional levels.
- Participate in the annual CRFM Caribbean Fisheries Forum.

Project Updates



CSFUND/TIDES

January 9, 2024 Tides Foundation, on the recommendation of CSFund, gave the CNFO a grant of USD\$60,000.00. This grant is for the CNFO's Just Transitions. The grant period is from January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2026



PADF/USAID

USAID/PADF launched regional programme to promote marine biodiversity.

CNFO will facilitate 13 workshops between February 2025 and July 2025.



CANARI

Promoting the ecosystem approach to fisheries.

Saint Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, and Trinidad and Tobago.


Caribbean Biodiversity Fund, co-financed by the International Climate Initiative (IKI) of the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection through KfW.

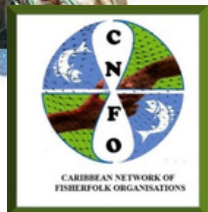
January 2024 and July 2026

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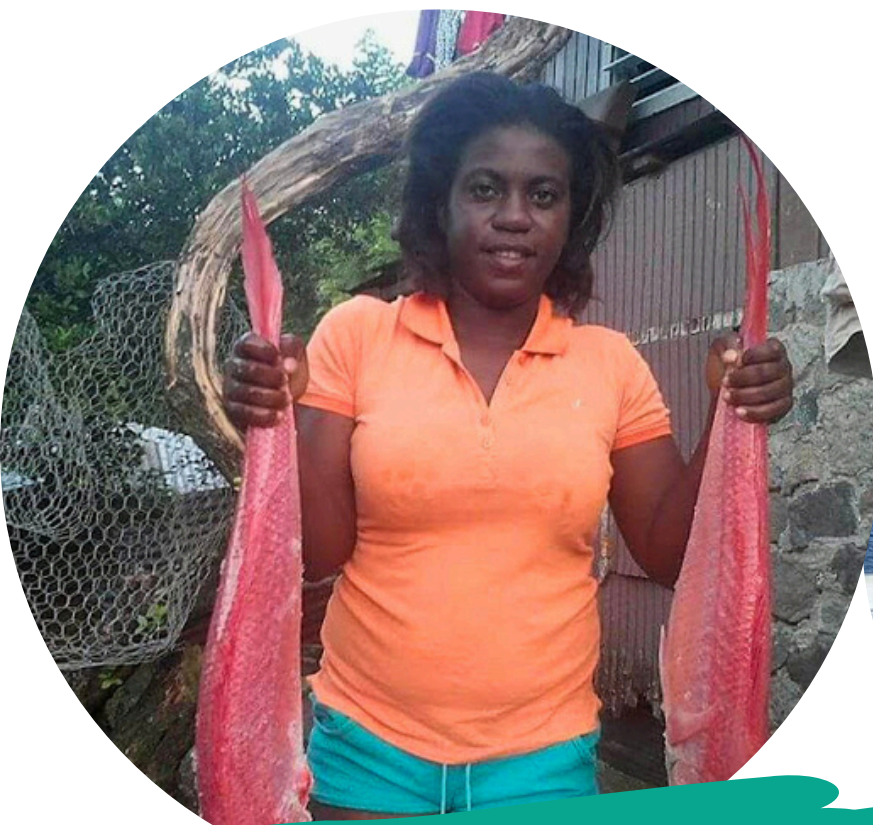
WHYHUNGER is supporting the CNFO with twelve (12) communication products to share in Fisherfolk Net which are to:

Build Awareness of the Voluntary Guidelines for Securing Sustainable Small-Scale Fisheries in the Context of Food Security and Poverty Eradication (SSF Guidelines).





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/)



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(14th - 21st November 2024)

YOUTH ASSEMBLY

Access to Finance: A Barrier for Young Fishers in the Caribbean

Young fishers in the Caribbean face significant financial challenges when trying to enter or expand their fishing operations. The fishing sector is often seen as a high-risk venture, making it difficult for youth to access the capital they need. This financial exclusion is compounded by a general lack of awareness and support from financial institutions, which often view fishing as a volatile and unprofitable business. Young fishers are calling for more accessible financial tools, including grants, loans, and microfinance options that take into account the realities of small-scale fishing operations.



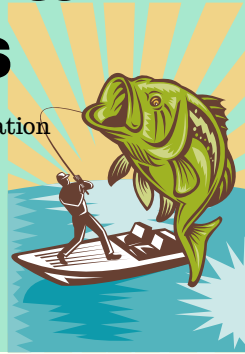
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WFFP MONTHLY UPDATES

WFFP Youth Working Group meeting during 7-10 March 2025 which will be held in Sri Lanka.

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in the context of Food Security and Poverty Eradication



Value chains, post-harvest and trade

Involve post-harvest actors in the decision-making process. Stress the role of women. Infrastructure and technology investments, value-added activities, and post-harvest loss and waste reduction.

GOVERNANCE OF TENURE

Secure equitable tenure rights to fishery resources and coastal land. Sustainable resource management including co-management.

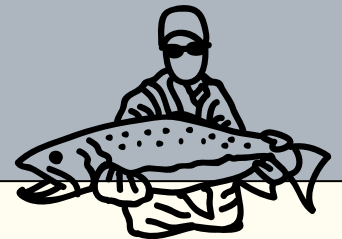
Social development, employment and decent work

Address issues such as education, health services, financial services, social protection, public infrastructure, and other public services.

Health and safety; measures to improve safety at sea.

Gender equality

Improve gender equality in the entire value chain. Equal participation of women in decision-making, mainstreaming gender issues.



DISASTER RISK AND CLIMATE CHANGE

Develop policies, strategies for climate change adaptation and mitigation, and emergency response and disaster preparedness.



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RAISING AWARENESS: KNOWLEDGE PRODUCTS AND OUTREACH

Communication materials on SSF Guidelines, implementation guides, translation into local languages, promotion and awareness-raising



Empowering stakeholders: capacity development and institutional strengthening

Effective participation and fair representation in governance and development. Capacity development (technical skills, organizations skills, business development)

Supporting implementation: program management, collaboration and management

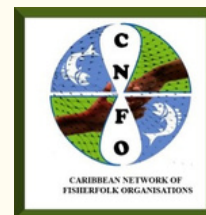
Establishment of a transparent monitoring system and strengthened partnerships and collaboration.



Strengthening the science-policy interface: sharing of knowledge and supporting policy reform

A strengthened knowledge base that informs a policy reform within a human rights context.

Good practices need to be identified and shared. Case Studies, technical support, and assistance for review and revisions of policy and legal framework.



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Miss Jenicia Cooper-Winchester is a product of the pristine village of Parlartuvier where her childhood memories of fishing boats and seagulls nurtured in her a special bond with the sea and all things natural. She enjoys spending time immersed in nature whether it be hiking, gardening, heading out to three sisters in a pirogue, or the occasional fishing tournament.

She is the mother of four beautiful girls and believes in building strong family values. She treasures the cornerstones of Tobago's unique society: respect for elders, manners, hard work, and faith in God.



- SMART SEAS SSF WEEK 2025
Trinidad and Tobago, 3rd to 6th Feb 2025
- CNFO/SVG workshop under
PADF project Feb 2025
- WFFP strategic planning/
youth assembly planning,
Sri Lanka March 2025
- CRFM Fisheries Forum 5-7
March 2025. Virtual

Her passion for the sea and the progress of her fellow Tobagonians has propelled her to serve as the Secretary of the Parlatuvier Fisherfolk Association. In addition, she functions ably as Assistant Secretary of AFTA - All Tobago Fisherfolk Association. On the national level, she holds the position of Secretary for TUFF - Trinidad Unified Fisher folk. Miss Jenicia Cooper-Winchester is proud to serve humbly, dedicated to securing a strong future for the fisherfolk in Tobago.



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