

FisherFolk Net

Caribbean Network of Fisherfolk Organisations

Suriname President Santokhi discusses solutions for Fishermen's Collective

President Chandrikapersad Santokhi discussed solution models to achieve sustainable improvement in the fisheries sector at a meeting with the Fishermen's Collective. The meeting with the Fishermen's Collective led by Chairman Willem Mohamedhosein took place on October 7, 2024, at the President's Office.

Minister Parmanand Sewdien and experts from Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries (LVV) were also present at the meeting. President Santokhi stressed that preventing the blacklisting of Surinamese fisheries by the European Union should be the main priority.

Chairman Mohamedhosein indicated that the Fishermen's Collective is a recognised organisation where fisherfolk act cooperatively to promote their interests. He called attention to some issues including more transparency around fishing licenses, measures against overfishing, incentives in bringing in inputs for the sector, and safety at sea.

Mohamedhosein additionally presented some proposals on behalf of the organisation. He also called attention to the consideration of the revamped draft Fisheries Bill in The National Assembly.



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Responding, President Santokhi indicated that by working with cooperatives, it is possible to bring in inputs duty-free. Furthermore, maritime safety is an important priority. Before the end of the year, the navy will be reinforced with its seaworthy vessel for countering illegality. Illegal landing sites will be destroyed. The president appealed to the Fishermen's Collective to provide necessary support in the fight against illegality.

He indicated that new outlets have been identified in the region. For this, necessary arrangements are being made to enable exports. President Santokhi appointed LVV minister Sewdien to take the lead in implementing the solution models and continue consultations with the Fishermen's Collective.

Finally, President Santokhi indicated his availability to resolve issues at the highest level. Together, we will work towards sustainable improvements for the population of fisherfolk and the fisheries sector as a whole.

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STORIES FROM CARIBBEAN FISHING SECTOR



L-R Dr. Sandra Grant, Caribbean Regional Fisheries Mechanism (CRFM), Winsbert Harry (CNFO) Photo Credit: provided by Winsbert Harry

ST. VINCENT & GRENADINES

Board member of the CNFO Mr. Winsbert Harry represented the CNFO at the Caribbean Week of Agriculture 2024. The event took place at the University of West Indies, Open Campus, Kingstown, St. Vincent & the Grenadines, October 7-11, 2024 under the theme "Climate Smart Agriculture for a Sustainable Future"



Mr. Brent Brodie

VIRGIN ISLANDS

Mr. Brent Brodie fisher leader in the Virgin Islands (VI), reported that on 1st October 2024, Tortola Fisherfolk was legally registered as a non-profit organisation in the VI.



Picture of CNFO Chair Mr. Devon Stephen at an event in the Dominican Republic

SAINT LUCIA

The CNFO Chair Mr. Devon Stephen reported that he attended a meeting on 2nd October 2024.

Meeting entitled community meeting for FISH_ADAPT PROJECT. The meeting was facilitated by UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).

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Photo Credit: provided by Armando Ramirez

BELIZE

Belize conch season officially kicks off on October 1st, 2024, lasting until June 30th, 2025. Pictured is CNFO's treasurer Mr. Armando Ramirez and his crew of Punta Gordo, a southern town in the Toledo District of Belize.



TURKS & CAICOS

The Turks and Caicos Fishing Cooperative collaborated with the Grand Turk Fishing Cooperative to distribute soup to members every Thursday morning from 7-8 am.

Meet the
Board of Directors of BARNUFO
(September 2024 - September 2025)



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Vice President



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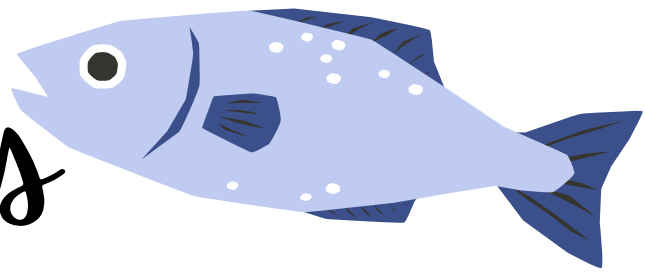
Sheldene Victor
Assistant Secretary

We're Here To Help!

BARBADOS

On September 30th, 2024, BARNUFO held its AGM, and a new Board was Elected to serve from 2024 to 2025.

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 Chair Mr. Devon Stephen attended the launching in the Dominican Republic (26th September 2024) and Jamaica (1st October 2024).



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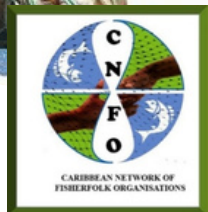
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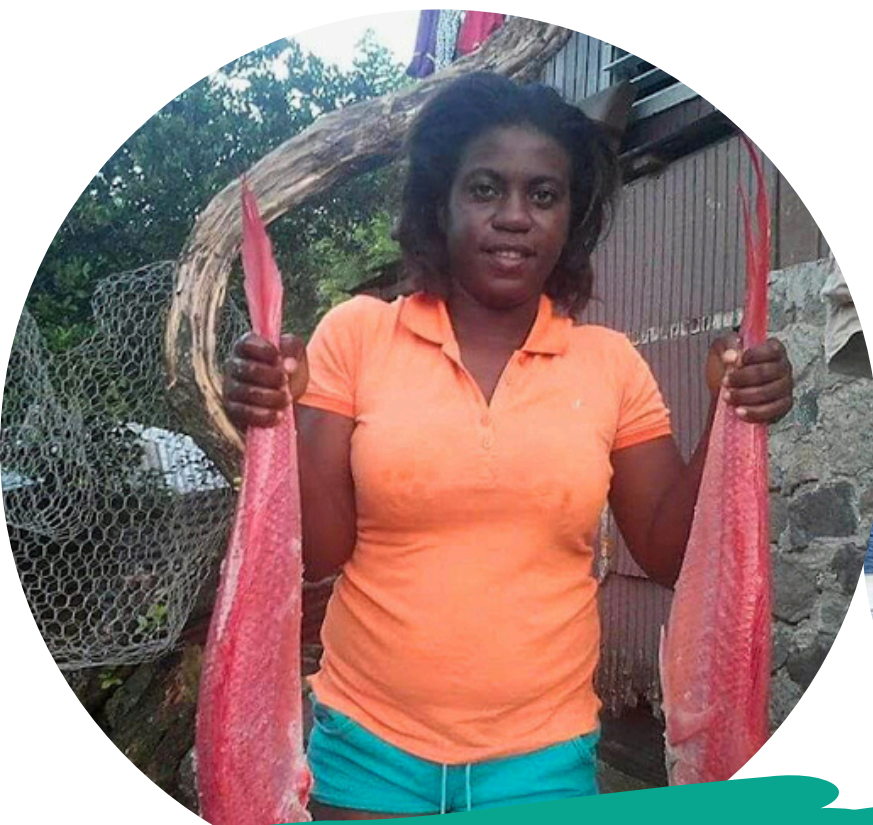
WHYHUNGER is supporting the CNFO with twelve (12) communication products to share in Fisherfolk Net which are to:

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/)



World Forum of Fisher Peoples

8th General Assembly

14th - 21st November 2024

WFFP ASSEMBLIES

During the days of 14th and 15th November there will be special assemblies dedicated for youths, women and indigenous peoples and inland fisheries.

THEMES

- Food Sovereignty – ‘the solution we want’
- The Climate Crisis – “the collective attempt to survive all organisms”
- Ocean Grabbing – ‘the threat we struggle against’

CONTINENTAL FORA

At the General Assembly members will get a chance to meet at the regional level on 20th November 2024. The CNFO delegation will meet in the Latin American and Caribbean (LAC) continental fora.

QUESTIONS

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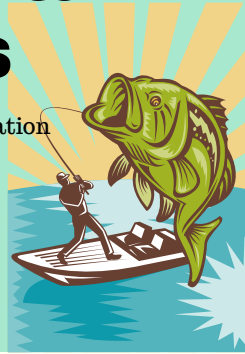
LAST GENERAL ASSEMBLY



THE LAST GENERAL ASSEMBLY TOOK PLACE IN NEW DELHI, INDIA, FROM NOVEMBER 17 TO 21, 2017.

Voluntary Guidelines for Securing Sustainable Small-Scale Fisheries

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.

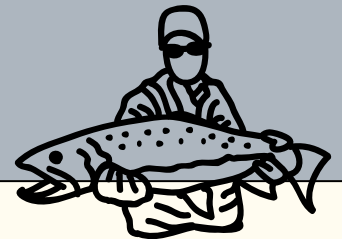
Social development, employment and decent work

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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MAVIS VERNON

Ms. Mavis has her 1st degree in Accounting, 1st degree in Management, and Masters in Business Administration.

Certificate in Seafood Technology from CFTDI in Trinidad, Certificate in Processing of Seafood, HACCP certified, Certificate in Seafood Handling, Processing and Marketing of Fish & Marine Products from JICA in Japan. Certificate in Management from JICA in Japan. Certificate in ServSafe certification
Certified Accredited Director

Work Experience:

Assistant Financial Controller Antigua Fisheries Ltd for 2 years and General Manager of Antigua Fisheries Ltd for 36 years.

Director of Antigua Commercial Bank

- Member of Antigua Fishermen Corporative
- Secretary of the Fad Association in Antigua
- Owner of a Processing and Marketing of Seafood & gears business

Extra Curriculum Activities:

Served as Treasurer, Auditor and currently as Stewardship Director of the SDA church



- 7-11 Oct Caribbean Week of Agriculture (SVG)
- 4th Nov - 8th Nov GCFI77 (Guadelope)
- 14th Nov to 21st Nov World Forum of Fisher Peoples 8th General Assembly (Brazil)
- 21st Nov International Fisheries Day

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