



Enhancing stakeholder participation in management of flyingfish fishery

Background

Given the significance of the Eastern Caribbean four-wing flyingfish commercial fishery, the Caribbean Regional Fisheries Mechanism (CRFM), in collaboration with the Western Central Atlantic Fishery Commission (WECAFC), developed and finalised a [Sub-regional Management Plan for Flyingfish \(Sub-regional FMP\) in the Eastern Caribbean](#). Following extensive consultation with stakeholders at both the national and regional levels, the Sub-regional FMP was endorsed by the 15th Session of the WECAFC in March 2014, CRFM Forum in April 2014, and the

PROJECT IN BRIEF

Results:

- Improved education and awareness-building of the National-intersectoral Committees (NICs) and Fisheries Advisory Committees (FACs)
- Involvement of the full range of stakeholders in the ecosystem approach to fisheries (EAF) management of the flyingfish fishery.

Lead: Caribbean Natural Resources Institute (CANARI)

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CRFM Ministerial Council in May 2014. The Plan is now cleared for voluntary implementation by CRFM Member States.

In support of the implementation of the Sub-regional FMP, CANARI in partnership with the Centre for Resource Management and Environmental Studies of the University of the West Indies (UWI-CERMES) will be implementing a technical assistance project aimed at enhancing stakeholder education and participation in flyingfish fishery governance and management. The project, which targets the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) countries of Barbados, Dominica, Grenada, Saint Lucia, Saint

Vincent and the Grenadines, and Trinidad and Tobago, will contribute to enhancing the governance arrangements for implementing an ecosystem approach to flyingfish fisheries under the 10-year [Strategic Action Programme for the Sustainable Management of the Shared Living Marine Resources of the Caribbean and North Brazil Shelf Large Marine Ecosystems \(CLME-SAP\)](#).

The project will achieve the outlined results through the following specific outputs and activities:

Key output	Activity
Updated stakeholder identification and analysis	Using the CRFM Consultancy Report on Stakeholder Identification and Analysis of the flyingfish fisheries in the Wider Caribbean, an updated and expanded stakeholder identification and analysis will be conducted to confirm known, as well as determine any new, stakeholders at the national and regional levels in the Eastern Caribbean flyingfish fishery. The results will be used to identify target audiences for education and awareness building in order to enhance their involvement in ecosystem approach to fisheries (EAF) management of the flyingfish fishery.
Awareness and educational products	In collaboration with selected key stakeholders at the national and regional levels, a communication strategy and action plan aimed at effectively involving key stakeholders in the project and in the governance arrangements for the Eastern Caribbean flyingfish fishery at the national and sub-regional levels will be developed. In keeping with this strategy, a two-phased approach will be used to develop awareness and education products aimed at informing and engaging key stakeholders in the project, and in the governance and management of the Eastern Caribbean flyingfish fishery.

Documentary on the Eastern Caribbean flyingfish fishery	In addition to the communication products, a 15 to 20-minute mini-documentary on the Eastern Caribbean flyingfish fishery aimed at improving awareness of the challenges around governance and management of the flyingfish fishery in the context of EAF and policy cycle (i.e. data and information, analysis and advice, decision-making, review and implementation) will be produced and disseminated.
KAP studies on key stakeholders' involvement in the policy cycle	Knowledge, Attitude and Practice (KAP) studies to gauge the level of key stakeholder involvement in EAF, the policy cycle and other aspects of flyingfish fishery management will be conducted at the start and towards the end of the project. The KAP studies will be conducted through longitudinal focus groups [e.g. National-intersectoral Committees (NICs) and Fisheries Advisory Committees (FACs)] in at least four of the project countries as this will allow the tracking of changes in key stakeholder involvement in flyingfish fishery governance and management.
National stakeholder consultations in at least four countries participating in the flyingfish fishery	National stakeholder consultations will be conducted to improve awareness, technical knowledge and capacity among targeted groups of key stakeholders from the public and private sectors and civil society (including fisherfolk) in governance, socio-economic and ecological issues related to EAF and the policy cycle in the flyingfish fishery in the Eastern Caribbean. Four countries involved in flyingfish fishery will be selected, and in each country, three national stakeholder consultations will be held over the period of project implementation.



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The **Enhancing stakeholder participation in management of flyingfish fishery** project is being done under contract to the Caribbean Regional Fisheries Mechanism (CRFM) as part of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Global Environment Facility (GEF) funded project Catalysing Implementation of the Strategic Action Programme for the Sustainable Management of shared Living Marine Resources in the Caribbean and North Brazil Shelf Large Marine Ecosystems (CLME+ Project).