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Launching of Climate Change Adaptation in the Fisheries of Anguilla and Montserrat Project

Port of Spain, September 14, 2017 – The Darwin Plus funded project *Climate change adaptation in the fisheries of Anguilla and Montserrat* got under way in Montserrat, on August 30, 2017, with the convening of the inception workshop for the Project Steering Committee. The project is aimed at mainstreaming climate change into the fisheries sector of both countries.

At the opening ceremony, the Honourable Minister of Agriculture, Trade, Lands, Housing and the Environment, Mr. Claude E. S. Hogan, noted that Montserrat was home to many endemic species which could be impacted by climate change, and acknowledged the contributions of the Darwin Plus: Overseas Territories Environment and Climate Fund in dealing with climate change issues in the Overseas Territories (OTs), while calling for the inclusion of OTs in Global Environment Facility funded projects. He also highlighted the cooperation among Anguilla, Montserrat, the Centre for Resource Management and Environmental Studies (CERMES) of the University of the West Indies and Caribbean Natural Resources Institute (CANARI) in developing and implementing the project.



Figure 1: The Honourable Minister of Agriculture, Trade, Lands, Housing and the Environment, Mr. Claude E. S. Hogan (centre, back), Permanent Secretary in the Ministry, Mrs. Daphne Cassell (left, front) and participants at the inception workshop for the Project Steering Committee (Photo credit: Nerissa Golden)

During the two-day inception workshop, the Project Steering Committee reviewed and refined the work plan for project implementation and monitoring and the stakeholder analysis done during project development; applied outcome mapping to define the behaviour changes required from key stakeholders; and identified opportunities to leverage synergies with relevant regional projects, including the four-year Global Environment Facility/ Food and Agriculture Organisation project *Climate Change Adaptation in the Eastern Caribbean Fisheries Sector (CC4FISH)*. CC4FISH is being implemented in Antigua and Barbuda, Dominica, Grenada, St. Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines and Trinidad and Tobago. The Project Steering Committee is comprised of representatives from the Department of Fisheries and Marine Resources, Anguilla, Fisheries and

Ocean Resources Unit, Montserrat, CERMES, CANARI, Anguilla Fisherfolk Association and Montserrat Fishers and Boaters Association.

About the project: Anguilla and Montserrat are particularly vulnerable to the impacts of climate change and variability, such as increased sea surface temperature, intensity of storms and sea level rise, which are expected to trigger a complex series of biophysical and socio-economic impacts on fisheries. Climate change adaptation (CCA) is therefore crucial. The three-year (April 2017 – March 2020) Darwin Plus funded (£260,925) *Climate Change Adaptation in the Fisheries of Anguilla and Montserrat* project is aimed at mainstreaming CCA into fisheries governance, using an ecosystem approach to fisheries, which should result in improved resilience and sustainability of fisheries, associated livelihoods and conservation of the marine environment in Anguilla and Montserrat. The project is being implemented by CANARI, working in partnership with the Department of Fisheries and Marine Resources, Anguilla, Fisheries and Ocean Resources Unit, Montserrat and CERMES.

About CANARI: The [Caribbean Natural Resources Institute](#) is a regional, technical, non-profit organisation which has been working in the islands of the Caribbean for more than 25 years. Our mission is to promote equitable participation and effective collaboration in managing natural resources critical to development. Our programmes focus on research, sharing and dissemination of lessons learned, capacity building and fostering regional partnerships.

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