



Fisheries

SPS Capacity Building FACTSHEET

15 CARIFORUM Member States = ↑ Fisheries SPS Capacity

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CARIFORUM

Start: February 2020 | Implementation Period: 48 months | End: February 2024

PROJECT TARGETS

2%↑

Safe Trade of Agricultural
Products & Fisheries

5↑

Countries compliant with
International Standards

FISHERIES TARGETS



1

Roadmap to strengthen Regional
Coordination for Fisheries



2

Entities ↑ capacity to implement
Fisheries Protocols & Guidelines



2

Laboratories ↑ capacity
for Market Access Tests

ABOUT THE PROJECT



A limitation to increasing trade of fish and fishery products in the CARIFORUM Region is the restricted capacity of the sector to respond to international health and sanitary requirements. Additionally, laboratory testing services are often inadequate and pose challenges to countries in achieving the certification of products to meet international market standards.



Therefore, the focus of 11th European Development Fund (EDF) Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) Measures Project is to improve compliance by CARIFORUM Member States with international SPS measures, standards and procedures so as to increase international and regional market access.

Strengthening Regional SPS Capacity in the Fisheries Sector

The Caribbean Regional Fisheries Mechanism (CRFM) is a major partner in the implementation of the current SPS Action. The activities for the fisheries component include:

<p>A</p> <p>Develop implementation plan to strengthen regional coordination framework for fisheries and aquaculture sector</p>	<p>B</p> <p>Build food safety capacity for the fisheries and aquaculture sector</p>	<p>C</p> <p>Provide technical assistance to improve laboratory testing capacity for the fisheries and aquaculture sector</p>
<p>A plan will be developed for the implementation of the appropriate mechanism for organising and achieving improved regional coordination of SPS and AHFS management and/or monitoring of the fisheries and aquaculture sector.</p>	<p>This activity will seek to promulgate Good Fish and Fishery Product Hygiene Practices in selected regional companies. Technical assistance (training, guidance) will be provided to two companies to implement these protocols and guidelines. Two mini documentaries will be produced as a learning resource, chronicling the private sector technical assistance provided.</p>	<p>This activity will provide technical assistance (training, technical guidance, equipment) to two laboratories, one from each of two CARIFORUM countries, to improve their capabilities for monitoring and testing.</p>

Beneficiaries

- Private sector entities such as fishermen, fishing organisations, fish processors, exporters and exporters' associations and other national and regional private sector fishing associations and entities.
- Public sector entities including Ministries of Agriculture, Health, Trade, regulatory and inspection services, competent authorities, laboratories and agencies involved in fishing coordination and other specialised groups.

Main Benefits

- Increased capacity for exports;
- Increased trade and economic development;
- Increased compliance with international obligations;
- Improved market access;
- Improved food safety/quality locally and regionally.



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