

# CERMES Connections

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The first semester in the 2005-2006 academic year has nearly ended, and taken the calendar year with it. New semester and year quickly approaching! CERMES has been quite busy over the past couple of months. See what we have been up to. Best regards to you for 2006.

## ***CERMES looms large at the annual meeting of the Gulf and Caribbean Fisheries Institute in Colombia***

CERMES had a strong presence at the 58th annual meeting of the Gulf and Caribbean Fisheries Institute (GCFI) this year. The conference was held on San Andres Island, Colombia, from 7 to 12 November.

Barbadian fisherman Anderson Kinch, was awarded the GCFI's Peter Gladding Memorial Award for Commercial Fishers. The award fully sponsored his participation at the meeting in recognition of the contribution he has made to promoting responsible fishing in the region. He is one of the few fishermen to deliver oral presentations at the GCFI in recent years. Mr. Kinch is a member of the fisheries minister's Fisheries Advisory Committee in Barbados, and is a pelagic longline captain and boat owner. He is seen below with outgoing GCFI Chairman, Bob Glazer, and other award winners in San Andres.



CERMES CORECOMP sponsored the participation of Patrick McConney, Maria Pena, Bertha Simmons, Chris Parker, Robert Pomeroy, Jack Nightingale and Karen Joseph. Joined also by Lindsay Garbutt, these project participants held the CORECOMP terminal meeting which evaluated aspects of the project, identified final activities and recommended a project publication as a means of capturing the perspectives of the participants and for recording lessons learned about coastal and marine resource co-management through the project.

Robin Mahon, Hazel Oxenford and Kim Baldwin also attended GCFI. Paper and posters presented included:

- Pomeroy, R. and P. McConney. 'Conditions for successful fisheries adaptive co-management in the wider Caribbean'.
- Mahon, R., C. Parker, T. Sinckler, S. Willoughby, and J. Johnson. 'The value of Barbados' Fisheries: a preliminary assessment'.
- Pena, M., K. Blackman, C. Hanson, P. McConney, M. Miller. 'Socioeconomic information for managing fisheries in the Negril Marine Park'.
- Miller, M., E. Bartley, D. Grant, C. Hanson, R. Kelly, J. Masters. P. McConney. 'Towards a fisheries management plan for the Negril Marine Park, Jamaica'.
- Baldwin, K., A. Smith. 'Implementing 'Reef Check' in St. Vincent and the Grenadines: Recommendations for long-term sustainability and management of marine resources within the Grenadines bank'.
- Cook, A., R. Mahon and P. McConney. 'Livelihoods analysis of water taxi operators in the Grenadines Islands of St. Vincent and the Grenadines and Grenada'. (poster)
- Simmons, B. and P. McConney. 'Tobago Cays Marine Park: are the conditions for successful co-management likely to be met'. (poster)
- Rawlins, M., H. A. Oxenford and P. Fanning. 2005. 'Buffet menu or à la carte? Diets of large pelagic fishes landed in Barbados'. (poster)
- Headley, M., H. A. Oxenford and P. Fanning. 2005. 'Size matters: At least for blackfin tuna feeding in Tobago'. (poster, shown below )





Other posters also grabbed attention (above) and, in addition to making presentations (below left), some of us got to experience the local culture and fishing industry (below right) courtesy of our kind hosts at CORALINA. It was an excellent meeting.

The final meeting on these projects is scheduled for 26-27 January 2006 in Negril along with the inception training workshop of the new CERMES regional MPA management effectiveness project. CERMES partner from the University of Connecticut, Robert Pomeroy, will be leading this training workshop. Others are planned for the Tobago Cays Marine Park in the Grenadines on 19-20 December, and for the Sapodilla Cays Marine Reserve in Belize on 21-22 January.



Hazel Oxenford and Patrick McConney also attended several GCFI Board Meetings. Hazel assisted with the grading of student presentations for travel awards and worked with the GCFI Publications Sub-Committee.

### **Other events also took place at GCFI**

Hazel Oxenford, Patrick McConney and Kim Baldwin also participated in The Nature Conservancy and GCFI workshop "Meeting the needs of marine conservation practitioners in the Latin American and Caribbean region: Marine biodiversity assessment and community participation in MPA planning and management", where Patrick McConney made a presentation (on behalf of Robin Mahon) on the IOCARIBE Caribbean Large Marine Ecosystem Project. He also presented SocMon Caribbean to the group, along with Arie Sanders from the University of Zamorano in Honduras who is leading SocMon for the Spanish-speaking Caribbean.

### **4Cs Project continues in Negril**

Patrick McConney, Maria Pena and CERMES student Katherine Blackman worked in Negril, Jamaica, from 21-25 November to continue assisting the Negril Coral Reef Preservation Society (NCRPS) and its partners with projects on socio-economic monitoring and fisheries management planning for the Negril Marine Park. On this visit five community meetings and a multi-stakeholder forum were held to provide feedback to participants on the findings of previous research. The meetings were held on fishing beaches where fishers gather (left photo), and in more formal places (right).

### **Senior staffers Louisville study tour**

Robin Mahon and Leonard Nurse participated in a visit to Louisville University in Louisville, Kentucky, from 15-16 November 2005. The team from Cave Hill Campus, UWI, was lead by Deputy Principal, Prof. Leo Moseley and included Dr. John Charlery, from the Department of Mathematics, Computer Sciences and Physics. The purpose of the visit as it relates to CERMES was to:

- Explore opportunities for collaboration on climate change studies and teaching,
- Learn about disaster risk reduction and response at the Louisville campus, and explore opportunities for collaboration in setting up a similar system here
- Explore opportunities for collaboration in a service learning programme.

### **CERMES outreach for international treaties and scientific publications**

Neetha Selliah attended a workshop on Barbados' Second National Communications to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. She also attended a meeting for the Government of Barbados National Consultation for the preparation of Barbados' Third National Report to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CDB).

Hazel Oxenford attended a meeting of the Government of Barbados CITES Scientific Authority to discuss the status of the national CITES legislation as well as take decisions in preparation for the next CITES Conference of Parties meeting. She also was reviewer for papers submitted to the 'Marine Ecology Progress Series' and 'Ocean and Coastal Management' scientific journals.

### **Watch for updated web site soon**

Dale Benskin, our new information technologist, is in the process of updating our web site. Watch that cyber space for new CERMES products coming to you soon.