



# Gender In Fisheries Team (GIFT)

## ABOUT US

On January 2016 the Gender In Fisheries Team was formed to conduct applied interdisciplinary research and outreach to better understand and assist with policy and practice concerning gender in Caribbean small-scale fisheries.



## OBJECTIVES

The main objective of GIFT is to facilitate and support implementation of the Voluntary Guidelines for Securing Sustainable Small-Scale Fisheries in the Context of Food Security and Poverty Eradication (SSF Guidelines) in Caribbean Regional Fisheries Mechanism (CRFM) member states.

Within the SSF Guidelines our focus is on the section Responsible fisheries and sustainable development, sub-section 8 on Gender equality.



## BACKGROUND

Gender has not been a high priority topic in Caribbean fisheries development and conservation management.

Compared to other areas of the world the gender characteristics of Caribbean small-scale fisheries are poorly documented.

People involved in fisheries routinely make assumptions about gender based mainly on their own observations.

## OUR TEAM

Led by Centre for Resource Management and Environmental Studies (CERMES) of The University of the West Indies, GIFT comprises ~12 members who share an interest in gender in Caribbean small-scale fisheries. research and development.

# WHAT HAVE WE DONE?

Within the two years, GIFT has engaged with stakeholders and partners in several events and initiatives.

## 2016

- Jan ● Announced GIFT
- Mar ● Field-tested tools for collaborative community research
- Aug ● Global Symposium on Gender in Aquaculture and Fisheries, Thailand
- Nov ● Leading Ladies in Caribbean Fisheries Calendar launched
  - Workshop on Gender-equitable small-scale fisheries, FAO, Rome
  - Inaugural Gender in Fisheries session at 69th GCFI, Grand Cayman

## 2017

- Jun ● Women in Fisheries Forum in Belize
  - Caribbean ladies learning exchange to Costa Rica
- Jul ● TBTI gender session at MARE Conference, Amsterdam
- Nov ● Mexican edition of Leading Ladies Calendar Launched
  - Gender in Fisheries session at 70th GCFI, Merida

## 2018

- Jan ● Draft protocol including gender for the Caribbean Community Fisheries Policy



## DID YOU KNOW?

Sex disaggregated (male/female) data are critical for gender analysis. Did you know that mostly men catch fish while women process fish?

Did you also know that gender patterns in fisheries work are changing, and we cannot easily tell how due to the scarcity of sex disaggregated data?

## OUR INTENTION

- Encourage inclusion of gender in the implementation of the SSF guidelines
- Promote and assist the mainstreaming of gender in fisheries policies, plans and projects
- Use gender analysis to better understand and document fisheries



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