Socio-economic Monitoring by Caribbean Fishery Authorities: preparation, monitoring site selection and training workshops

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PROJECT OBJECTIVE
To increase and improve the use of socio-economic information in inshore fisheries and coastal management decision-making by training at least 50 fisheries management stakeholders, in five selected Caribbean Regional Fisheries Mechanism (CRFM) member countries, in the use of SocMon Caribbean methods.

APPLICATIONS AND SITE SELECTION

October 2007
- Applications invited from CRFM Member States
- Project partners solicited through this process.

November 2007
- Applications submitted by 5 fishery authorities

February 2008
- St. Vincent and the Grenadines application received
- 5 fishery authorities and CRFM incorporated into project

PREPARATION AND TRAINING WORKSHOPS

Site preparation February to April 2008:
- Workshop training dates, local workshop organisers and SocMon lead individual contacts confirmed and identified for all sites
- Local fishery authorities selected fisheries stakeholders to be trained

Training material preparation March to April 2008:
- Project overview PowerPoint slide presentation
- Generic SocMon PowerPoint slide presentation
- Add-on SocMon specialisation modules in MPA management effectiveness evaluation; economic valuation; livelihoods analysis; co-management
- Workshop packages for distribution

Training workshops May to June 2008:
- 5 in-country 3-day training workshops held, 89 stakeholders trained in SocMon methods

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<td>Colihaut, Dominica</td>
<td>To monitor impacts of present and proposed development with a view to ensure sustainable use of the resource base of the Dublanc, Biache and Colihaut communities</td>
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<td>Biache, Dominica</td>
<td>To collect socio-economic data to inform marine conservation and development decision-making</td>
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<td>To gather baseline socio-economic information to inform development decision-making and enhance the environmental condition of Rose Place</td>
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