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CRFM appoints new Deputy Executive Director

Belize City, Friday, 4 June 2021 (CRFM)—The Caribbean Regional Fisheries Mechanism (CRFM) today announced the appointment of its new Deputy Executive Director. Dr. Sandra Caroline Grant, a national of Jamaica, joined the CRFM Secretariat on 1 June 2021, following approval for her appointment by the CRFM’s Ministerial Council on 21 May 2021. Dr. Sandra Grant takes over from Dr. Susan Singh-Renton, who will retire from the CRFM on 30 June 2021, after 29 years of stellar service to the region.



Dr. Sandra Grant

Dr. Grant brings a wealth of experience to the CRFM’s team, having worked for the past 26 years in the fisheries sector throughout the Caribbean region. Most recently, Dr. Grant worked closely with the Government of Belize to lead the World Bank-funded Belize Marine Conservation and Climate Adaptation Project. The project was instrumental in mainstreaming climate resilience adaptation measures into ongoing government activities through a collaborative approach.

Dr. Grant started her career in fisheries as the Data Manager at the Fisheries Division in Jamaica from 1995 to 1999. She then worked with the CARICOM Fisheries Unit (presently the CRFM), as Data Manager/Analyst under the Caribbean Fisheries Resource Assessment and Management Programme (CFRAMP) from 1999 to 2001. She continued to work at the regional level as the ecosystem management planning consultant on the Lesser Antilles Pelagic Ecosystem (LAPE) Project, to conduct Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries (EAF) training workshops and update existing fisheries management plans in each beneficiary country. Dr Grant, later worked as the Regional Manager for the Caribbean on the EDF-funded ACP Fish II Programme, to assist ACP Caribbean countries with improving fisheries policies, management, enforcement capabilities, and research strategies and initiatives at both national and regional levels.

Dr. Grant attained her Ph.D. in Natural Resources and Environmental Management from the University of Manitoba, Canada. She also holds a Master of Philosophy in Zoology (Aquaculture), Certificate in Management and a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of the West Indies.

As Deputy Executive Director, Dr. Grant is responsible for assisting in the overall management of the CRFM Secretariat and for the coordination of the technical programmes. She will play a strong supporting role to the Executive Director in the identification and development of technical projects and the acquisition of funds, as well as promoting and implementing actions to ensure sustainable use, management, and conservation of the marine living resources of the CARICOM / CRFM Member States.

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ABOUT THE CRFM:

The Caribbean Regional Fisheries Mechanism (CRFM) was officially inaugurated on 27 March 2003 in Belize City, Belize, where it is headquartered, following the signing of the “Agreement Establishing the CRFM” on 4 February 2002. It is an inter-governmental organization whose mission is “to promote and facilitate the responsible utilization of the region's fisheries and other aquatic resources for the economic and social benefits of the current and future population of the region.”

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