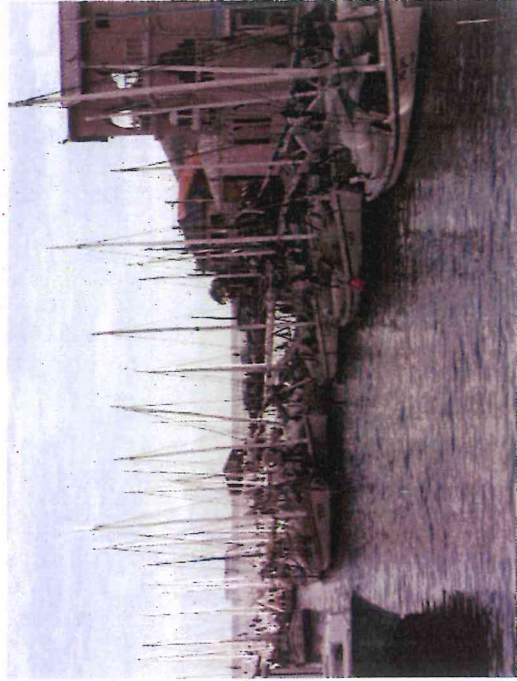


## CRFM Priorities

- Research and data analysis to support regional policy formation and decision-making
- Resource assessment and management
- Human resource development and institutional strengthening
- Strengthening of fishers' organizations and improved community participation
- Promotion of expansion and use of underutilized aquatic resources
- Development and promotion of aquaculture as a viable industry in the Caribbean
- Development and promotion of risk reduction programmes for fishers
- Development and promotion of programmes for conflict resolution among multi-users in coastal zones



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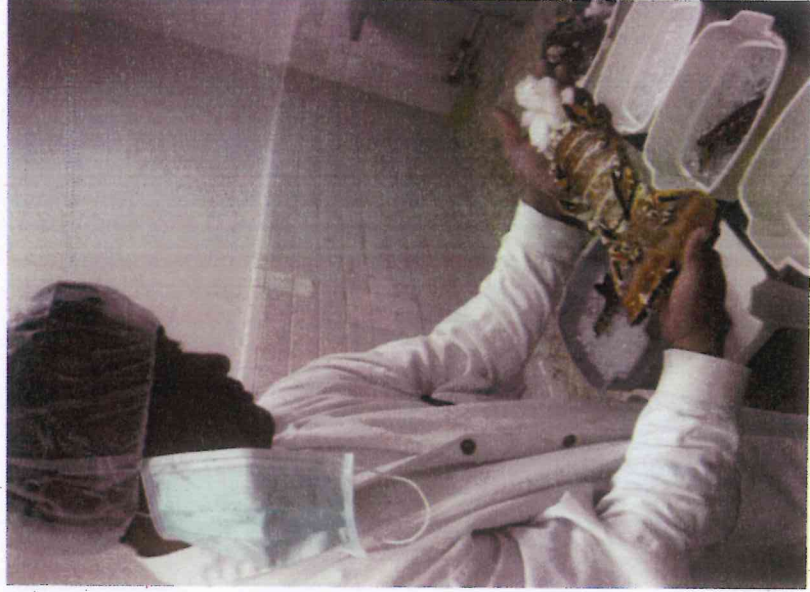
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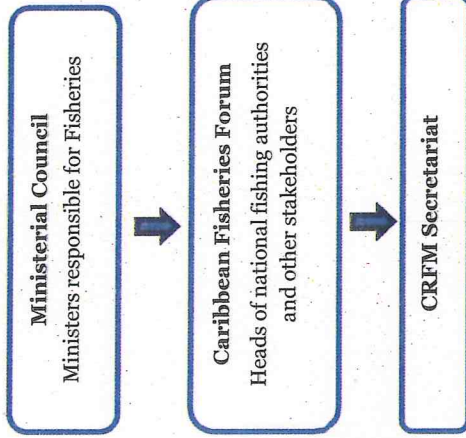
# Caribbean Regional Fisheries Mechanism

The Caribbean Regional Fisheries Mechanism (CRFM) was officially inaugurated on 27 March 2003, in Belize City, Belize, where it is headquartered. It is an inter-governmental organization with 17 members states, which are Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, The Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Montserrat, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago and the Turks and Caicos Islands.



The CRFM consists of three bodies:

- Ministerial Council
- Caribbean Fisheries Forum
- CRFM Secretariat



The hierarchy of decision making within CRFM

## Vision of the CRFM

To promote sustainable use of fisheries and aquaculture resources in and among CARICOM Member States and participating countries by the development, management and conservation of these resources, in collaboration with stakeholders, to benefit the people of the Caribbean region.

## General Principles

- Maintaining bio-diversity in the marine environment using the best available scientific approaches to management
- Managing fishing capacity and fishing methods so as to facilitate resource sustainability
- Encouraging the use of precautionary approaches to sustainable use and management of the fisheries resources
- Promoting awareness of responsible fisheries exploitation through education and training
- According due recognition to the contribution of small scale and industrial fisheries to employment, income and food security, nationally and regionally
- Promoting aquaculture as a means of enhancing employment opportunities and food security, nationally and regionally



## Objectives

- The efficient management and sustainable development of marine and other aquatic resources within the jurisdictions of Member States
- The promotion and establishment of cooperative arrangements among interested States for the efficient management of shared, straddling or highly migratory marine and other aquatic resources
- The provision of technical advisory and consultative services to fisheries divisions of Member States in the development, management and conservation of their marine and other aquatic resources