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Regional Cooperation Among CRFM, OSPESCA and WECAFC for Sustainable Fisheries in the Caribbean

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Abstract

This contribution examines the collaborative relationship among three regional fisheries bodies in promoting sustainable fisheries in the Caribbean. It considers their functions, and their strengths and weaknesses in relation to sustainable management of marine fish stocks. Shared fish stocks, including migratory and straddling species, which extend beyond the jurisdiction of any one state, can only be managed effectively through cooperative efforts of all states and entities that share the stocks or participate in the fisheries. Regional fisheries bodies have emerged as the only realistic means of facilitating conservation and management of such stocks to ensure they provide sustainable contribution to the economic development of the states. The paper highlights the challenges of regional cooperation for sustainable development and conservation of shared stocks that are largely under the sovereignty or jurisdiction of coastal states in the Caribbean region.

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