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WESTERN CENTRAL ATLANTIC FISHERY COMMISSION (WECAFC)

NINETEENTH SESSION

Bridgetown, Barbados, 06-08 September 2023

Provisional Programme

Tuesday 05 September 2023

Arrival and Registration of delegates

Wednesday 06 September 2023

Morning session

- 0830 Opening of the session
- 0900 Introduction of delegates
- 0930 Adoption of the agenda and arrangements for the session
- 0945 Report of the Executive Committee
- 1015 Finalization of amendment of the 2014 revised Rules of Procedure
- 1115 Coffee break**
- 1130 Finalization of amendment of the 2014 revised Rules of Procedure-Cont'd
- 1230 Report of the Scientific Advisory Group (SAG), including review of WG recommendations, as appropriate
- 1300 Reports of selected WECAFC working groups on updates on intersessional work and any recommendations for the Commission's consideration
- Finalization of the Caribbean Regional mFAD Management plan and the Guide for improved monitoring of MFAD catches and improved assessment of MFAD impact on stocks
- 1330 **Lunch**

Afternoon session

- 1430 Reports of selected WECAFC working groups on updates on intersessional work and any recommendations for the Commission's consideration

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- Manual on mFAD Governance
- Spawning Aggregations Working Group
- Queen Conch Working Group

1630 End of the first day of the session

Thursday 07 September 2023

Morning session

0830 Reports of selected WECAFC working groups on updates on intersessional work and any recommendations for the Commission's consideration

- Manual on mFAD Governance
- Spawning Aggregations Working Group
- Queen Conch Working Group

0930 Impacts of Sargassum on marine resources in the region and utilization initiatives

1000 Strategic reorientation/implementation of the Ad hoc Intersessional Working Group (IWG) Roadmap from WECAFC17 and proposed next steps

1100 **Coffee break**

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1330 **Lunch**

Afternoon session

1430 Main decisions and recommendations of the 35th Session of the Committee on Fisheries (COFI-35)

1500 Summary of the regional priorities established by the XXXVII FAO Regional Conference for Latin America and the Caribbean and the potential contribution of fisheries and aquaculture

1530 Opportunities for collaboration with the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT)

1600 Closing of the International Year of Artisanal Fisheries and Aquaculture (IYAFA) 2022: a new era of support for small-scale fisheries and aquaculture in the WECAFC Region

1630 Marine Biodiversity of Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ) treaty and its potential implications for the fisheries sector

Short break

1715 World Trade Organization (WTO) agreement on fisheries subsidies

1745 Report by the Secretary on the financial and administrative affairs of the Commission

1815 Finalising Updated 2023-2025 Programme of work

1845 End of the Day

Friday 08 September 2023

Morning

Drafting (and translation) of the report by WECAFC Secretariat.

1330 Lunch

Afternoon session

1430 Adoption of the report

1630 Election of the Chairperson and two Vice-Chairpersons for the Commission

1645 Date and place for the next session

1700 Closure of the 19th session