

A photograph of a fisherman in a kayak on the open ocean. The fisherman is wearing a black cap and a life vest, and is holding a fishing rod. A large billfish is jumping out of the water, creating a splash. The text "Caribbean Billfish Conservation and Management Plan" is overlaid on the image in blue. The text "A Public/Private Partnership" is overlaid on the image in blue.

# Caribbean Billfish Conservation and Management Plan

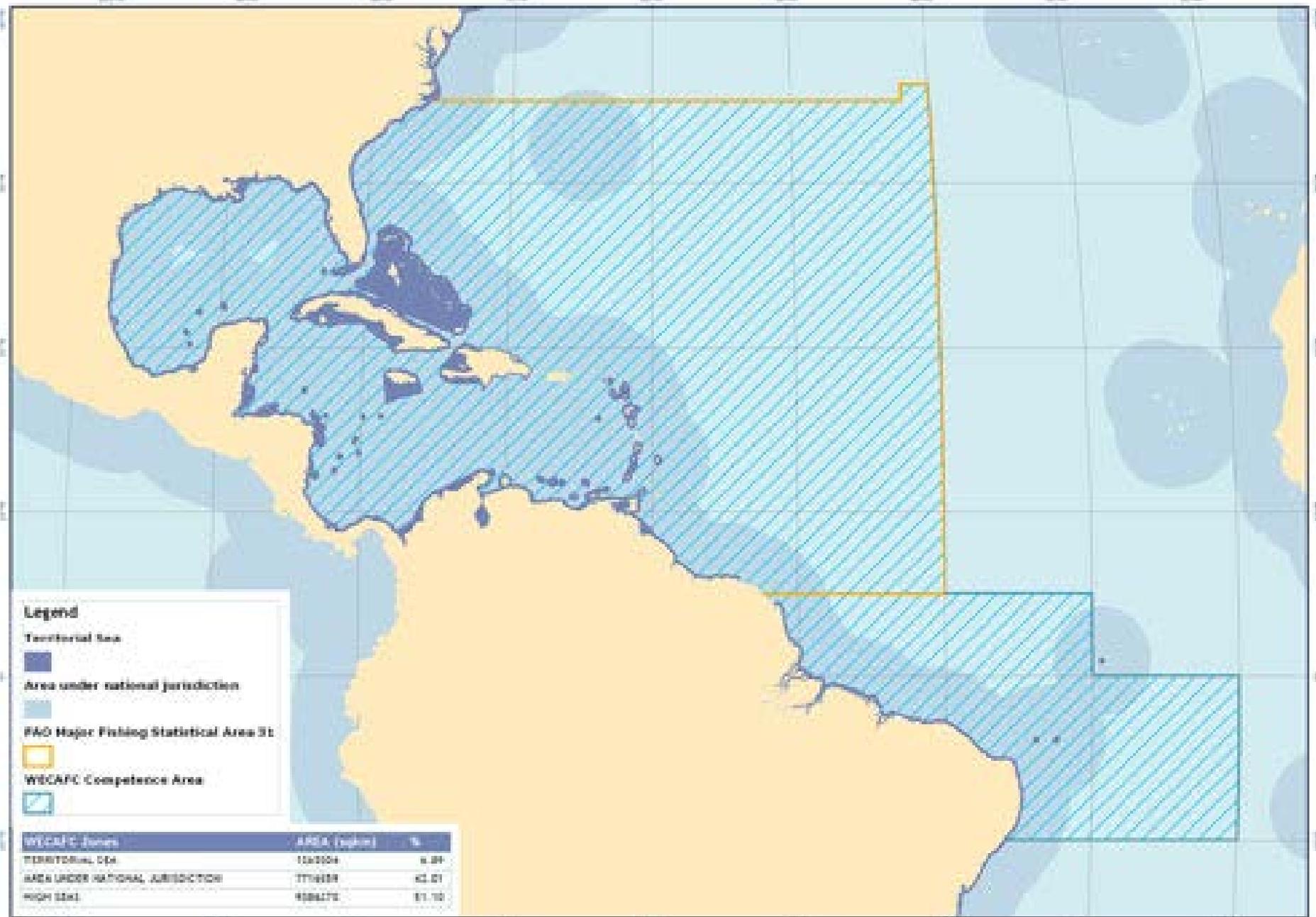
A Public/Private Partnership



TBF in the Caribbean

# The Western Central Atlantic Fishery Commission (WECAFC) of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominica, France, European Community, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Japan, Korea (Rep. of), Mexico, Netherlands, Nicaragua, Panama, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Spain, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, United Kingdom, United States, and Venezuela.



Projection: Robinson  
 Central Meridian: 60 W

# **WECAFC/OSPESCA/CRFM/CFMC Working Group on Recreational Fisheries: Feb. 6-9 2012**

- 14<sup>th</sup> Session of WECAFC created joint working group.  
Develop assessment methods: socio-economic value of recreational fisheries in the Wider Caribbean Region.  
Test the assessment methodology  
Prepare a recreational fisheries data collection scheme
- Prepare a draft Billfish management and conservation plan for the Wider Caribbean Region for endorsement by WECAFC, OSPESCA, CRFM, CFMC and ICCAT

October 2012 – TBF invited into preliminary discussions with representatives from the World Bank and WECAFC to discuss practicability of a GEF pilot project on “Introduction of billfish management and conservation in the Western Central Atlantic Region”

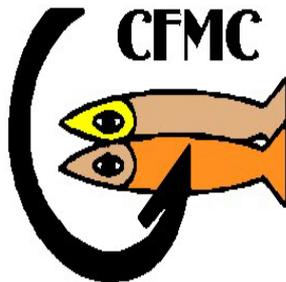
Public/private sector partnership: WECAFC to lead with TBF and IGFA partnering – recreational stakeholders.

October – November 2012

TBF funded preliminary work by  
Rob Southwick and Brad Gentner  
to develop economic impacts  
assessment manual for use by nations  
of the greater Caribbean and  
developed outline of possible billfish  
plan

# Expert Workshop on the Assessment of Socio-Economic Impacts of Recreational Fishing – the Caribbean, a Beginning

Nov. 4 2012 –Santa Marta, Colombia



Participants: Caribbean Netherlands, Colombia, Costa Rica, El Salvador, France (Martinique), Trinidad and Tobago, United States of America (including Puerto Rico) and Venezuela. In addition, CRFM, CFMC, TBF, ICCAT, IGFA, GCFI, World Bank and FAO.

Meeting facilitated by GCFRI

First meeting of the Joint Working Group on Recreational Fisheries

# Outcomes

- Reviewed and approved manual (English & Spanish)
- Caribbean Netherlands, Colombia and Trinidad and Tobago to test it
- Agreed: World Bank/GEF pilot project on “Introduction of billfish management and conservation in the Western Central Atlantic Region”.
- TBF to lead plan development technical team
- TBF & IGFA to hold stakeholders workshop in early 2013.
- Endorsed similar effort for dolphin fish



**GEF ABNJ Project and Caribbean Fisheries  
Stakeholder Meeting  
The World Bank  
Feb 20 2013**

Frank Asche, Duke/Stavanger University  
Tim Bostock, World Bank  
Randy Brummett, World Bank  
Brad Gentner, Gentner Consulting Group  
Nicole Glineur, GEF  
Valerie Hickey, World Bank  
Rebecca Lent, World Bank  
Russell Nelson, Nelson Resources Consultants  
Ellen Peel, President, The Billfish Foundation  
Raymon VanAnrooy, WECAFC

Billfish represent opportunity to demonstrate benefits from allowing transfer of fishing effort from low-return to high-return uses

Agreed to produce formal proposal for WB review



## WECAFC/OSPESCA/CRFM/CFMC Working Group on Recreational Fisheries

### 1st Workshop on the preparation of a billfish management and conservation plan for the Western Central Atlantic

Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, USA

19 -20 March 2013

Partners:





# Outcomes

- Approval of proposed WB pilot project
- Approved basic format for CBCMP
- Established WECAFC oversight for WB pilots
- Established a Caribbean Billfish consortium to produce CBCMP – TBF as Secretariat
- Tasked TBF and WECAFC with producing formal WB proposal and a MOU to establish Consortium
- Agreed to meet again upon acceptance and funding of projects through the WB

# Draft MOU Prepared

*This Memorandum of Understanding (herein referred to as “the MoU” is made among the parties listed below:*

- *The Billfish Foundation (TBF)*
- *The Westerner Central Atlantic Fishery Commission (WECAFC) of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)*
- *The World Bank*
- *The Caribbean Regional Fisheries Mechanism (CRFM)*
- *The Central American Fisheries and Aquaculture Organization (OSPESCA)*
- *The International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tuna (ICCAT)*
- *The Caribbean Fisheries Management Council (CFMC)*
- *The International Game Fish Association (IGFA)*
- *The Caribbean Network of Fisherfolk Organizations (CNFO)*
- *The Conservation International (CI)*

# Caribbean Billfish Conservation and Management Plan

- *A regionally agreed Billfish management and conservation plan for the Western Central Atlantic, spanning areas within and beyond national jurisdiction of the Western Central Atlantic.*
- *Reformed regulatory and institutional frameworks in the Caribbean enabling innovative approaches for investment in responsible billfish management and conservation at national level.*

# Caribbean Billfish Conservation and Management Plan

- *Pilots in two Small-Island Developing States (countries or overseas territories) and implementation of lessons learned where specific economics based will be tested*
- *Enhanced understanding of the socio-economic and ecological value of Billfish resources in the Western Central Atlantic and a clear value proposition for reform of current billfish governance structures.*

# Caribbean Billfish Conservation and Management Plan

- *Increased capacity in the participating SIDS to effectively engage in the management of fisheries in the Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction (ABNJ) in the Western Central Atlantic and the global Ocean Governance processes in general.*
- *A regional Billfish management information system established and functioning at the WECAFC Secretariat*
- *A business plan/case developed for investment in long-term, sustainable management and conservation of the Billfish resources in the Western Central Atlantic (Area 31*

# TIMEFRAME

- MOU has been distributed for parties to review and endorse
- WB funding decisions have been moved back to years end
- 2014 – prep of draft CBCMP
- 2014 – Survey of likely pilot study sites
- Project update at 7<sup>th</sup> World Recreational Fishing Conference – Brazil 9/2014
- Convene expert group on economics-based fisheries alternatives for use in pilots
- 2015 thru 2018 finalize project and reports

QUESTIONS?