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REHABILITATION AND MANAGEMENT OF CONCH RESOURCES
IN THE CARICOM / CARIFORUM STATES

1. This document has been submitted by Vincent and the Grenadines.
2. This project is designed to rehabilitate and strengthen the management of the Queen Conch, *Strombus gigas*, resources in the region by strengthening regional management capability and empowering fisheries divisions to carry out their tasks through training, systems improvements, and provision of financial and technical assistance. The overall long-term goal of this project is to ensure sustainable utilization of Queen Conch resources in the CARIFORUM Region through greater networking, research, capacity building and improved management to rehabilitate and protect the stocks and ensure sustainability of the fisheries. The project will deliver the following outputs: improved system in place for data collection and monitoring of catch, effort and trade in conch and conch products; and an updated regional database on Caribbean conch fisheries; fisheries independent estimates of densities, distribution and population status, and information available and transformed into management advice; regionally coordinated and harmonized management measures in place, increased collaboration between fishers and governments and sensitised and supportive fishers; and preparation of model conch management regulations and plans that could be used by governments. The estimated budget for executing the project is USD 448,500 inclusive of USD 86,250 co-financing from local sources. The project can be successfully implemented over a period of two years (2.0 years).
3. The Caribbean Regional Fisheries Mechanism (CRFM) Secretariat will coordinate the implementation of this project, in collaboration with strategic regional and national institutions. The participating countries will include: Antigua and Barbuda, Belize, Barbados, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Haiti, Jamaica, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Saint Kitts and Nevis, The Bahamas and Trinidad and Tobago.