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Progress Report on UNSF/FAO Caribbean Regional Fisheries Development Project

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Abstract

The UNSF/FAO Caribbean Regional Fisheries Development Project was declared "operational" by the Special Fund at the end of August 1965. Original signatories of the project plan of operations are: France, in respect to French Guiana, Guadeloupe, Martinique, and their dependencies, Surinam, British Guiana, Trinidad and Tobago, Netherlands Antilles, Jamaica, St. Christopher (St. Kitts and Nevis), Anguilla, Montserrat, Antigua, St. Lucia, St. Vincent, Grenada, and Barbados.

Special Funds contribution is US \$1,775,600 and participating governments are contributing approximately US \$770,000 in cash and equal amount in kind, consisting of personnel, equipment, services and facilities. Duration of the project is four years.

The project consists of exploratory and demonstration fishing, marketing studies and demonstration, and training of fishermen and fishery officers. Recruitment of staff is being accelerated, vessels constructed and equipment secured. Four multi-purpose vessels, ranging from 56 to 76 feet, will be used. Organization and supervision of exploratory fishing is to be contracted to the U. S. Bureau of Commercial Fisheries, with Mr. Warren Rathjen in charge. Mr. John Dibbs of Australia is in charge of marketing.

The chief of training has not yet been appointed, but some training has already been given to 14 officers from participating countries on board the exploratory vessels OREGON and GERONIMO through the kind cooperation of the U. S. Bureau of Commercial Fisheries. The project will provide training for 75 fishermen and 30 fishery officers through shore based courses and on project vessels.

Fourteen internationally recruited personnel, consulting services equivalent to 50 man-months, and 167 local personnel including 105 trainees will be directly engaged in the project. The plan of operations provides for continuing consultation with participating countries through liaison officers appointed by governments. The first meeting of liaison officers is planned for early 1966.