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Progress Report on UNSF/FAO Caribbean Fisheries Development Project

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Abstract

Countries participating in the Project are French Guiana, Martinique, Guadeloupe and their dependencies; Surinam; Guyana; Trinidad and Tobago; Netherlands Antilles; Jamaica; Puerto Rico; Dominican Republic; St. Kitts, Nevis, Anguilla; Montserrat; Antigua; Dominica; St. Lucia; St. Vincent; Grenada; and Barbados.

Representatives of all participating countries met in Barbados in April and reviewed work accomplished and discussed work programs for the next three years.

Project headquarters are at Barbados with a branch office in Kingston, Jamaica. An internationally recruited staff of ten representing seven nationalities are on the job with four more to arrive before the end of the year.

Project staff members are bringing two newly constructed 82-foot multi-purpose fishing vessels from Japan to arrive in the area at the end of November. A third vessel of 56 feet is under construction in the United Kingdom and will arrive early in 1967.

Increasing interest in developing fisheries is reflected in improved handling and storage facilities in several countries, including Barbados, Surinam, Trinidad, and Netherland Antilles, and advanced plans in Guyana, Puerto Rico, and Grenada.

Netherlands Antilles, Dominican Republic, and Jamaica have under consideration large-scale projects for fisheries development.

Fish resources off the Guianas are now beginning to be exploited.
