

## **Report of the Evaluation Team on Opportunities for Caribbean Mariculture**

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The Evaluation Team for the Aquaculture sessions at the 34th Annual GCFI held in Puerto Rico, November 1981, recommended that, "the 1982 aquaculture sessions target species and potentials specifically adaptable to the islands and Gulf and Caribbean countries." This Evaluation Team believes that the recommendation was well followed with generally excellent presentations on the principal species that show potential for successful aquaculture in the region. From these papers presented and the efforts to develop a regional Aquaculture Center for the English speaking countries of the region, similar to the Latin American Center located in Brazil, it is evident that there is increased interest in development of aquaculture by GCFI member countries. Therefore, the Evaluation Team recommends strongly, as was recommended last year, that continued reports and papers on aquaculture should be included in future programs of the annual meeting of the Institute.

The Evaluation Team further recommends that at each annual meeting an overview report on aquaculture development be presented thereby monitoring the progress of the industry within the region for the benefit of its members. This report should include, major impediments and constraints as they relate to the industry, update on all projects in the region and comments on future prospects.

With respect to future presentation of papers, the Team urges that speakers be encouraged to provide a conceptual and theoretical framework into which their current research fits and spend less time on presenting detailed technical information which can be made available in the published Proceedings.

The Evaluation Team is cognizant of the fact that aquaculture development should not only be aimed at developing high technology commercial ventures, but also include small scale local aquaculture ventures aimed at self-sufficiency and local markets. We were, therefore, pleased to see that at this year's session papers presented provided a balance in this regard.