

**Conch Management Program -
St. Lucia**

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ABSTRACT

The main aim of the program is to determine the maximum sustainable yield for national needs. This is being done through the collection of landed statistics, surveys on local consumption through hotels and restaurants, and also the enforcement of existing legislation to control illegal exports and foreign poaching. An estimation of the conch populations around the island will be carried out by a dive sled technique. These populations will be mapped and structure determined through a tag-recapture program. The information will be used to develop a management program for the maintenance of stocks at MSY.