



Food and Agriculture
Organization of the
United Nations



Organisation of
Eastern Caribbean States



UNITED NATIONS
UNCTAD

Side event to the Thirty-second meeting of the CITES Animals Committee

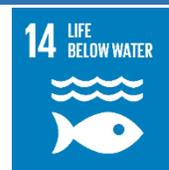
Strengthening institutional cooperation for improving sustainability and legality findings in the fisheries sector

Date: 19 June 2023

Time: from 17.15 to 18.45 (Geneva time)

Venue: Room E/F, International Conferences Centre, Geneva

Click [here](#) to see the event's website



Provisional Agenda

Moderator: **Hyeon Jeong Kim**, Associate Scientific Support Officer, CITES Secretariat

17.15	Greetings and registration
17.20 – 17.25	Opening remarks Ms Ivonne Higuero, Secretary-General of CITES Mr Blaise Kuemlangan, Chief of Development Law Service, FAO (video)
17.25 – 17.35	Partnerships for improving CITES implementation for commercially exploited aquatic species Mr Juan Carlos Vasquez, Chief of Legal Unit, CITES Secretariat
17.35 – 17.45	Sharing key findings from the legal training workshops on CITES and fisheries Introduction from the sea, Legal acquisition findings, Non-detriment findings Ms Julia N. Nakamura, Legal Officer, Development Law Service, FAO
17.45 – 17.55	Sharing key findings from the UNCTAD-OECS Blue BioTrade Initiative Mr. Joel Richards, Senior Technical Specialist, Permanent Delegation of the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) Geneva Mission
17.55 – 18.05	Questions & Answers
18.05 – 18.35	Panel: Regional perspectives on institutional cooperation from the Pacific, Caribbean and Latin America Mr Mauro Gongora, Fisheries Officer, Department of Fisheries, Belize Mr Hugh Robertson, Conservation Scientist, Department of Conservation, New Zealand Ms Frida Pacheco, Biologist Fisheries Expert, Directory of Conservation of Ecosystems and Species, General Direction of Biological Diversity, Peru
18.35 – 18.45	Questions & Answers
18.45	Closing remarks Mr Juan Carlos Vasquez

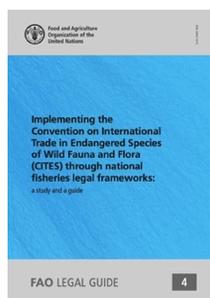
Background

Institutional cooperation is fundamental for enhancing the implementation of CITES in the fisheries sector. As more commercially exploited aquatic species (e.g. sharks, rays, sea cucumber and queen conch) are being included in the Appendix II of the Convention, it is crucial that national authorities designated as CITES Management Authority, CITES Scientific Authority, and those responsible for fisheries, as well as customs, enforcement, port, among others, effectively communicate, share information, data, and any relevant findings that can support Parties in meeting the Convention's requirements.

At the international level, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) has been collaborating with the CITES Secretariat, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) and the Organization of Eastern Caribbean Countries (OECS) to enhance comprehension of the interrelationship between CITES and fisheries legal regimes and build capacity for CITES-compliant trade.

This side event will share the latest findings from these partnerships, as well as the experiences and lessons learned from regions where FAO-CITES legal training workshops for the implementation of the Convention in the fisheries sector were carried out.

See below materials produced under or supported by these partnerships:

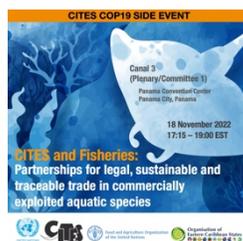


Legal study and guide
Implementing CITES through national fisheries legal frameworks
(in [English](#) and [Spanish](#))

CITES-LEX
A legal database of national legislation implementing and relevant to CITES
(*forthcoming*)



[POA Queen Conch Value Chain](#)



[CITES and Fisheries](#)
CoP19 side event



Technical reports on the legal training workshops on CITES and fisheries with [Pacific](#) and [Caribbean](#) Island Countries

Contact

julia.nakamura@fao.org / juan.vasquez@cites.org / david.vivaseugui@unctad.org / lench.fevrier@oece.int