The UNU-FTP and Caribbean Fisheries

High-level Roundtable
International Cooperation for Sustainable Development
Caribbean Small Island Development States

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Establishment of the UNU

1969 Suggested by U. Thant
1973 Charter of the UNU approved by the General Assembly.

The mission of UNU is to: contribute, through research and capacity building, to efforts to resolve the pressing global problems that are a concern of the United Nations, its Peoples and Member States.
Rationale for the UNU-FTP

• Importance of fisheries for food security in many developing countries
• Artisanal fisheries in coastal and inland waters are productive but usually overexploited
• World fish supply has shifted from developed countries to developing countries
  – Developing countries contribute about 80% of world supply
  – Expansion of EEZ and aquaculture
  – Important export commodity
Goals of the UNU-FTP

To help interested countries achieve their fisheries development goals through institutional capacity building

To promote the professional development of fellows for the respective posts they may hold in their home institutions
Learning for sustainability

Learning to do

Self

Learning to be

Others

Learning to live together

Learning to know

Nature

Culture
UNU-FTP
Structure of a 6 month training programme in Iceland

Orientation (1 week)

Introductory course (5 weeks)
Fellows should gain a holistic view of fisheries and be able to put their own fisheries into an international and/or regional perspective

Fisheries Policy and Planning (6 weeks)
- Resource economics
- Project planning
- Policy formulation
- Management systems

Resource (stock) Assessment (6 weeks)
- Fish biology
- Biological indicators
- Sampling strategy
- Survey design
- Environmental aspects of Fisheries
- Assessment models
- Data poor situations
- Precautionary approach
- Catch rules

Quality Management of Fish Handling and Processing (6 weeks)
- Fish processing
- HACCP
- Storage/shelf life
- Quality indicators
- Sanitation
- Traceability
- Packaging
- Product development

Fishing Technology (6 weeks)
- Fishing methods
- Fish behaviour
- Gear design
- Gear material
- Gear selectivity
- Gear research
- Vessel structure

Sustainable Aquaculture (6 weeks)
- Aquaculture systems
- Aquaculture research
- Site selection
- Species selection
- EIA
- Planning and monitoring
- Operational aspects

Management of Fisheries Companies (6 weeks)
- Operational planning
- Strategic planning
- Business planning
- Human resources
- Raw materials
- Economic analysis
- Accounting
- Fleet management

Project proposal

Research project – Final report and presentation (14 weeks)
Must address important issues in fellow’s home country
Continued cooperation

• Offer post-graduate fellowships in Iceland
  – Fellows get studies at UNU-FTP evaluated
  – Should address needs of home institutions

• Short courses in partner countries
  – Development and delivery in partnership with existing training institutions
  – Involve former fellows
  – Adapted to local conditions
  – Can be national or regional
  – Cooperation with FAO, Commonwealth Secretariat and others

• Participation in workshops and conferences