

FAO's initiatives on Water Management in the Caribbean

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Outline

- FAO What it is, what it does
- FAO's Regular Programme Activities
- FAO's Projects in the Caribbean



- In the United Nations system it is the lead agency for <u>agriculture</u>, <u>forestry</u>, <u>fisheries</u> and <u>rural development</u>.
- Its mandate to raise levels of nutrition and standards of living, to improve agricultural productivity, and to better the condition of rural populations.



- Advice to governments
- Development assistance
- Information
- Neutral forum

Water Resources, Development and Management Service

 Is concerned with sustainable use and conservation of water in agriculture.





Functions

- assesses water resources and monitors agricultural use;
- assists in water policy formulation
- promotes irrigated agriculture and efficient water use through management innovations, modernization and institutional reforms.
- collaborates with several other FAO units, in particular with the <u>Development Law Service</u> in rendering legal advisory services relating to the development, use and protection of freshwater resources.

Regular Programme Activities in the Caribbean

Recent and On-going Initiatives

- Water Harvesting (SKN) LOA with Mc Gill University to conduct and assessment of water harvesting potential in St. Kitts
- National Medium Term Investment Policy Frameworks
- National Medium Term Investment Programme and Bankable Investment Portfolio Projects
- Upscaling Project
- Workshops (e.g. Water harvesting with CDB/IICA and Irrigation Scheduling with CRFSP)
- Best practices studies

Other Regular Programme Services

Databases

- <u>CLIMWAT</u>
 Climwat is a climatic database to be used in combination with the computer program
- <u>CROPWAT</u>. It includes data from a total of 3262 meteorological stations from 144 countries.
- <u>Database of institutions providing training</u>
 Finding suitable Education and Training Courses in Irrigation,
 Drainage and Flood Control.
- Online data by country on land and water (AQUASTAT)
 The AQUASTAT database provides information on water and agriculture by countries organised by categories.
- Documents and digital media series



FAO's Water Projects in the Caribbean

Past projects

- Antigua and Barbuda TCP Project "Enhancement of Water Supply and Catchment Protection"
- Belize TCP "Water Resources Management Policy and Legislation"
- "Enhancement of Sustainable Small-farming Food Production"
- Dominica TCP "Pre-Feasibility study of Small-Scale Irrigation"
- St. Lucia TCP "Pre-feasibility study of Small Scale irrigation
- Cuba Apoyo a la producción de granos básicos

Feasibility Study for the Expansion of Small-Scale Irrigation Grenada

- Total Budget: US \$ 167,000 from FAO
 Technical Cooperation Programme Funds
- Aim: To increase domestic food production and reduce food importation through the formulation of a plan for the expansion of irrigation
- Pilots established in Calivigny and Pearls, Grenada

Feasibility Study for the Expansion of Small-Scale Irrigation Grenada

- Hydrological database incorporated in to national land and water resources information system
- Irrigation potential estimated and main areas for irrigation expansion identified
- Feasibility study of irrigation schemes conducted
- Plan of Action for implementation developed
- Training
- Participatory Rural Appraisal conducted to identify constraints to the formation of Farmers' groups and Water User's groups



On-going Projects

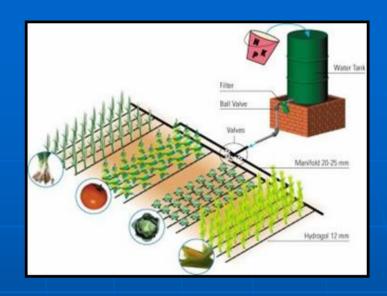
FAO CARICOM/CARIFORUM Food Security Project

- Three-year US\$ 4.98 million project funded by the Italian Trust Fund
- Goal To improve the food security situation in the countries individually and collectively by improving the productivity and incomes of small holders, increasing the overall value and quality of agricultural produce traded and consumed
- Implemented in 13 countries
- Currently the single largest component being executed under the US\$26.1 million Caribbean Regional Special Programme for Food Security (CRSPFS)

CARICOM/CARIFORUM Food Security Project

3 Key Components

- · Small Holder Enhancement
- · Trade Facilitation
- Food Security Enhancement and Policy Integration











CARICOM/CARIFORUM Food Security Project

Small Holder Enhancement

Goals.

To increase productivity and overall crop production by extending the growing season using irrigation

To improve crop quality

To reduce cost of production

Activities:

Training of Farmers and Extension Officers
Establishment of Demonstration Plots emphasisin
the adoption of water management techniques

210 demonstrations 2, 500 to 3, 000 farmers US \$ 1,580,000

Study of Best Practices

incentives, water users' groups, public financed irrigation systems, water information systems

Assistance to develop a National Agricultural Water Resources Information System

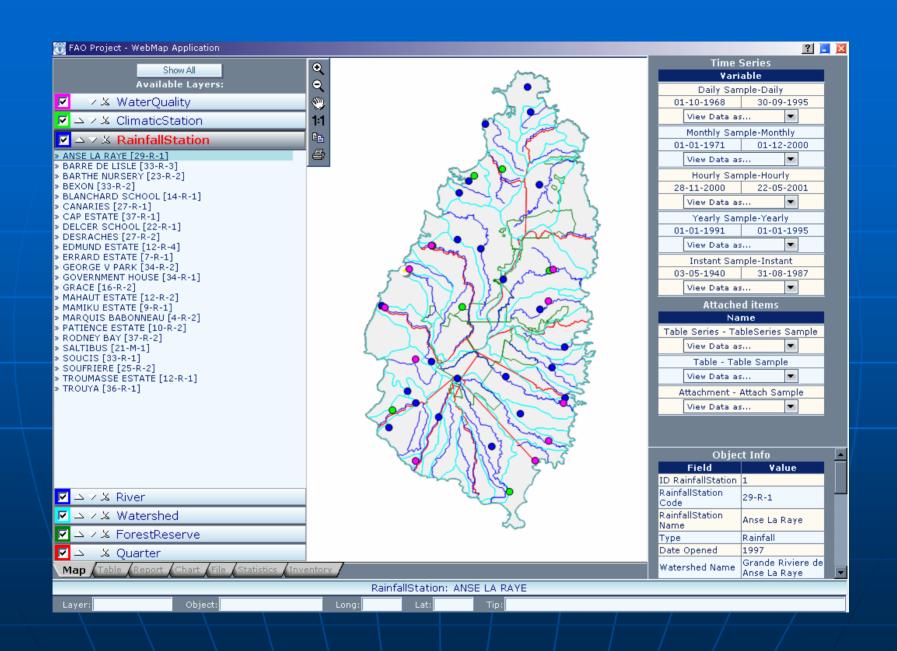
■ Two year project US \$ 148,000

Objectives:

- To assist the Government in developing a properly functioning water resources information system;
- to strengthen national capacities in data collection and management in support of decision making.

Project Outputs

- An assessment study of the performance and effectiveness of the existing water monitoring networks
- a fully functioning database of data and information on key hydrological variables, supported by adequately performing water data processing;
- a functioning data exchange network between agencies involved in hydrological data collection, analysis, interpretation, publication and dissemination of reports of summary data
- an institutional framework for data collection developed.
- At least 20 staff members trained in database management; water use assessment; and hydrometeorology and water resources information system management;



FAO's Modalities for Assistance

- Regular Programme Budget
- Technical Cooperation Programme
 - · TCP Projects
 - TCP Facility
- Trust Fund Projects
- Telefood Projects

FAO is ready to assist!!

Thank You