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### **UBEC-CERC provides support in Fisheries Sector**

The Fisheries Department is currently conducting a three- month training programme in Seafood Processing and Handling, Safety at Sea, Onboard Fish Handling and Dropline FAD Fishing Techniques for Fishers and Seafood Processors.

This initiative falls under the Contingency Emergency Response Component (CERC) of the Unleashing the Blue Economy of the Caribbean (UBEC) - Food Insecurity Project.

According to a release from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, the training will provide fishers with skills in Safety at Sea, as well as to improve their ability to navigate their fishing vessel in the event of a disaster.

Training courses will include; Safety at Sea (7 Courses), Seafood Processing (5 Courses) and 4 courses of Onboard Handling and Dropline FAD Fishing Techniques.

After the successful completion of the training sessions, fishers will receive a “Safety Grab Bag” with life jackets, first aid kits, handheld VHF radio, EPIRB and other fishing equipment.

Additionally, Seafood Processors will also receive Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and simple filleting equipment (cutting boards and fillet knives) which will assist in the production of safe fish products.

The consulting firm, Windward Islands Research & Education Foundation (WINDREF) in collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture, will provide the facilitators.

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