

Evaluation of Fisheries Legislation Caribbean Netherlands

Bonaire, St Eustatius, Saba, 2017

Client info:



Name: Dutch Ministry of Economic Affairs (MinEZ)

Sector: Government

Location: Caribbean Netherlands: Bonaire, St Eustatius, Saba (BES)

The Dutch Ministry of Economic Affairs is responsible for fisheries management and fisheries legislation, also in the Caribbean Netherlands



Rationale: The fisheries legislation of The Caribbean Netherlands has been inherited by the former country of The Netherlands Antilles. This legislation is outdated and has several shortcomings and issues concerning fishery management. The Fishery Commission BES together with the Ministry of Economic Affairs decided to execute an evaluation of the current legislation and management of fisheries in the Caribbean Netherlands.

Approach: For the evaluation we used relevant binding and non-binding international fisheries Agreements. Also, we interviewed a total of 27 stakeholders on all 3 islands. The evaluation consisted of 3 parts: a stakeholder analysis, an inventory of the fisheries of the 3 islands and an assessment of the fisheries legislation (national and island levels).

Outcome: The assessment report will be used for the updating of the fisheries legislation BES.