

WORK PLAN
CFMC/OSPESCA/WECAFC/CRFM/CITES/ Queen Conch Working Group (QCWG)

The joint QCWG intends to carry out the following activities in 2015 - 2018:

Activity	Timeframe	Responsible
1. Finalization, publication and dissemination of the Report of the QCWG meeting in Panama (in hard copies and on-line on http://www.strombusgigas.com/index.htm and at www. WECAFC.org); including also the national summary reports)	March 2015	CFMC & FAO with inputs from meeting participants
2. Provide technical and scientific advice to national governments in the region in terms of support of implementing CITES COP 16 Decisions and WECAFC 15 recommendation WECAFC/15/2014/3	January 2015 – December 2018	QCWG members
3. Report to the: - 28th meeting of the Animals Committee: 30 August-3 September 2015 on the outcomes of the QCWG. - 17th meeting of the Conference of the Parties: September/October 2016, South Africa - 7th meeting of the WECAFC Scientific Advisory Group (SAG), November 2015. -16th session of WECAFC, March – May 2016	As deadlines for reporting require	CITES authorities of QC range States attending these meetings; CITES and WECAFC Secretariats
4. Develop and adopt a sub-regional regulation for Queen Conch	January 2015 onwards	OSPESCA & CRFM with member countries
5. Increase awareness and build capacity among fishers on Safety-at-Sea and particular address risk management in compressed air diving for Queen Conch; fishers organizations should be used/involved as much as possible for these activities.	January 2015 onwards	NOAA/CFMC and FAO with the fisheries authorities in the region
6. To begin a review of options for development of an auditable "chain of custody" procedure to track catches from their catch location to their eventual destination (implementation of Recommendation 28, b. Of the Expert Workshop)	January 2015	NOAA/CFMC with CITES, WECAFC/FAO and the authorities in the region
7. Finalize and publish the regional management and conservation plan for review and adoption by WECAFC 16, as well as for endorsement by CRFM, OSPESCA and CFMC at appropriate levels.	January 2015 onwards	CFMC, WECAFC, and CRFM, OSPESCA and the authorities in the region
8. Organize national level consultations to discuss QCWG proposed management and conservation measures for building awareness, increasing buy-in and contributing to future compliance	March 2015 onwards	QCWG members (national fisheries and CITES authorities)
9. Disseminate the proposed format for Queen Conch NDFs to the scientific and management authorities in the region	January 2015 – June 2015	QCWG members, CITES and FAO/WECAFC
10. Disseminate the guidance on the regionally agreed conversion factors for conch meat to all relevant stakeholders	January 2015 – June 2015	QCWG members, CITES and FAO/WECAFC