

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

AGREEMENT made this 18th day of August 1992 between the Belize MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES (MAF) of the One Part and the Jamaica MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE of the Other Part.

WHEREAS the MAF of Belize is interested in deepening the level of cooperation between Belize and Jamaica in the spirit of the CARICOM integration process;

AND WHEREAS the Jamaica Ministry of Agriculture is desirous of entering into arrangements for accessing fisheries products from Belize;

AND ALSO WHEREAS the MAF of Belize represented by the Minister and Jamaica by the Minister of State for Fisheries entered into discussions on the manner in which the cooperation between Belize and Jamaica could be strengthened in the fisheries sector.

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby agreed as follows:-

1. Jamaica will be allowed to import into Belize and deploy two fishing vessels to undertake in joint venture with Belizean Fishing Cooperative(s), at least one being from the southern region of Belize, the rational and efficient exploitation of the fin-fish off-shore in the deep sea (greater than 75 ft

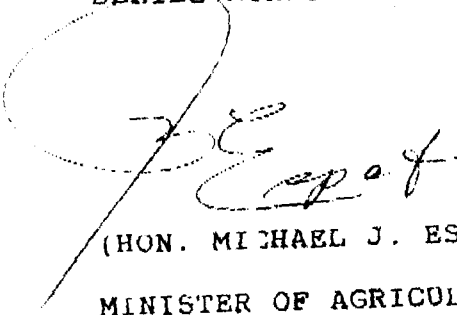
depth) outside the Barrier Reef;

2. Jamaica will import one vessel which will be involved in the harvesting of shrimp in the southern waters of Belize in joint ventures with a fishing cooperative in the South;
3. Jamaica will, recognizing the scarcity of fingerlings for the Jamaican industry, make its best efforts to provide to Belize some fingerlings of Tilapia to be used as brood stock in establishing a Tilapia fish-farming industry;
4. Belize will provide information on the policies governing deep sea joint venture operations and background information on the feasibility of deep and distant water fishing out of Belize;
5. The MAF would ensure that final licences and permits would be granted 2 to 3 months after the date on which an acceptable proposal is received;
6. There will be a follow-up visit by Jamaica under the leadership of the Hon. Minister of State, Fisheries to present proposals for the implementation of the fishing activities referred to in Sections 1 and 2 above.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, being duly authorized, have on behalf of the parties hereto signed this MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING on the day hereinbefore written:

FOR

BELIZE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES



(HON. MICHAEL J. ESPAT)

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES

FOR



JAMAICA MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

(HON. RUDDY LAWSON)

MINISTER OF STATE