

## Issues

Unsustainable future of conch harvest

Conch meat for trade is only 8-15% of the animal, the remainder is wasted (85-92%)

CITES Regulations govern meat trade only, the rest are by-products for non-use

Proposal from other groups to cease the conch harvest for the protection of the species

Shrinking habitats: from pollution and shell discards

Over-harvesting

Undersized catch (juveniles)

Illegal harvests (closed season, no-take zones, cross-border)



## How YOU Can Help

### Join Us

We can stand together as one Region to:

- Protect the Queen Conch
- Save the traditions of Caribbean fishers
- Promote the cultural and artisanal influences that define Caribbean States
- Effect the socio-economic impact positively

**AND BUILD A TRULY SUSTAINABLE HARVEST**

### Who Can Join?

Fisher Groups/Co-ops  
Associations  
Non-Profit Organizations  
Non-Government Organizations.  
Community Groups  
Philanthropic Groups

### Strombus Gigas Alliance (SGA)

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Global, Sustainable Development  
of the Queen Conch

## SGA Mission

To conserve the Queen Conch (*Strombus gigas*) and related marine shell products and to promote the sustainable livelihoods of conch fisher folk and their communities.

## SGA Objectives

To encourage sustainable production and harvesting of queen conch and related marine shell products

To increase income and employment of conch fishermen and their families through the better use of by products and derivatives

To develop and promote industry best practices and quality standards

To promote national and international regulations that ensure the long term survival of the species



## SGA Solutions

Establish SGA in all conch harvesting countries

Establish alternate uses and markets of wasted by-products

Request to CITES as a Region of Caribbean States to annotate by-products from regulations

Collect shells with shore and barge landings



Collect all wasted by-products (dirty meat, foot, pistol and shell) for processing

Assist fisher-folk in mitigating the continuing limitations (shrinking) of the conch harvest quotas

Promote new technologies for sustainable conch production and harvesting

## Benefits for All

Provide authentic sustainability

Utilize the wasted 85-92% by-products without infringing upon the 'meat for trade'

Assist Caribbean States with CITES concerns for record keeping, weight in kilograms, size of animals, tissue loss, number of animals (data collection)

Provide secondary income to fishing communities of the conch harvest

Stop shell discards, prevent shrinking habitats

Provide monitoring assistance, prevent under-sized catch allowing juveniles to grow

Deter illegal fishing

## SGA Vision

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