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Mrs. Anne Caillaud
International Coral Reef Initiative (ICRI) Secretariat
c/o Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority
P.O. Box 1379, Townsville QLD 4810
AUSTRALIA

8th October, 2013

Dear Mrs. Caillaud,

The Fisheries Division of the Ministry of Agriculture, Lands, Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment of the Government of Grenada is hereby expressing interest in becoming a full member of the International Coral Reef Initiative.

As part of the Caribbean Challenge, Grenada has pledged to protect 25% of our near shore coastal resources by the year 2020. Among our achievements, we have established three (3) Marine Protected Areas (MPA's), and four (4) more Marine Protected Areas (MPA's) are earmarked for protection in the near future.

In parallel with our work on Fisheries Management, the Marine Protected Area program also empowers stakeholders and community organizations in the management of our coral reefs that is a critical part of our marine ecosystem.

The Fisheries Division supports both the International Coral Reef Initiative (ICRI) Renewed Call to Action and the Framework for Action.

Having similar goals and concerns, we believe that the Fisheries Division fits well into the International Coral Reef Initiative (ICRI) organization and can contribute to its general membership.

We respectfully ask the International Coral Reef Initiative (ICRI) Secretariat and Membership to accept this formal request for International Coral Reef Initiative membership.

In anticipation of acceptance, the Ministry is recommending the following two officers as the focal point for the International Coral Reef Initiative:-

1. Mr. Justin Rennie - Chief Fisheries Officer
2. Mr. Roland A. Baldeo - National Marine Protected Areas (MPA) Coordinator

Please let us know if you need any further information or have any question regarding the information communicated.

Respectfully Yours,


BERNADETTE HUNT
PERMANENT SECRETARY