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### Fisheries personnel trained in data collection and fish species identification



The Fisheries Directorate of the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries yesterday organized a major training session for 24 fisheries workers in collecting fisheries data and identifying fish species.

This training focuses on coastal and inland fisheries and underscores Suriname's ongoing commitment to strengthening its fisheries sector and meeting international and national reporting requirements. During the session, fisheries participants from various districts, namely Paramaribo, Commewijne, and Saramacca, were trained in accurate data recording. The importance of reliable data for monitoring fish stocks and supporting sustainable fishing practices was emphasized. Attention was also paid to the new guidelines resulting from European regulations, which the Directorate of Fisheries will use to further improve data collection and validation processes.



A central component of the training was the use of the field guide "Common marine fisheries species of Suriname," which describes the most common marine fish species. Participants were given practical exercises in identifying fish species, which is essential for ensuring accurate data and protecting our fish stocks.



With these initiatives, Suriname continues to invest in a sustainable and successful fishing sector, strengthening its position in international markets and contributing to the conservation of its rich marine resources. Similar training is planned for staff in the Nickerie district.





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