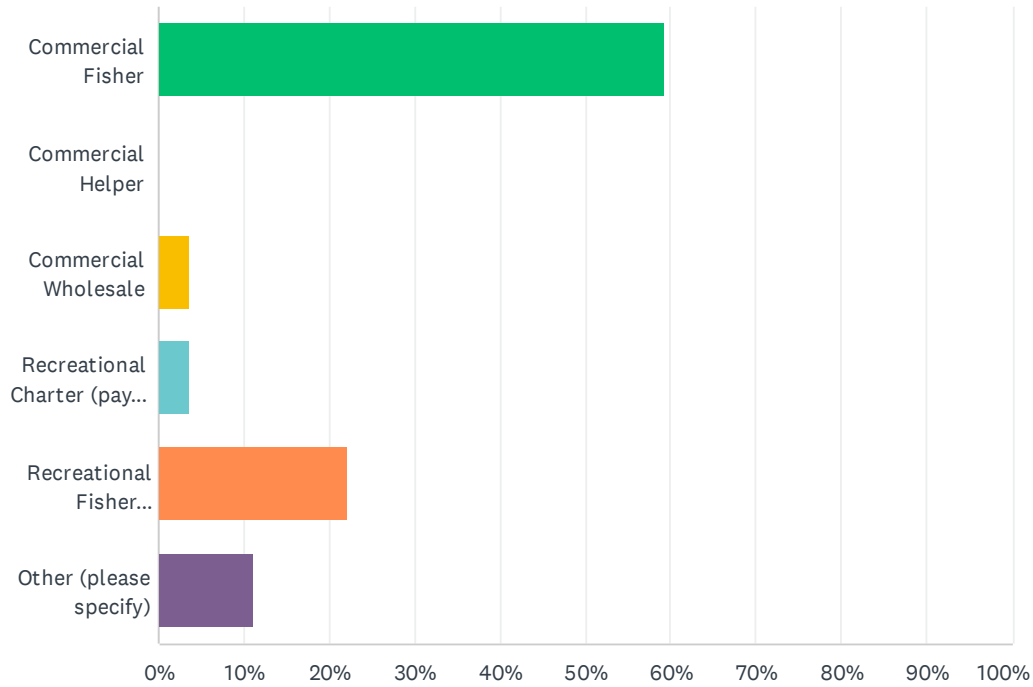


Q1 Which of the following best describes your role in the fishing industry? (Select one)

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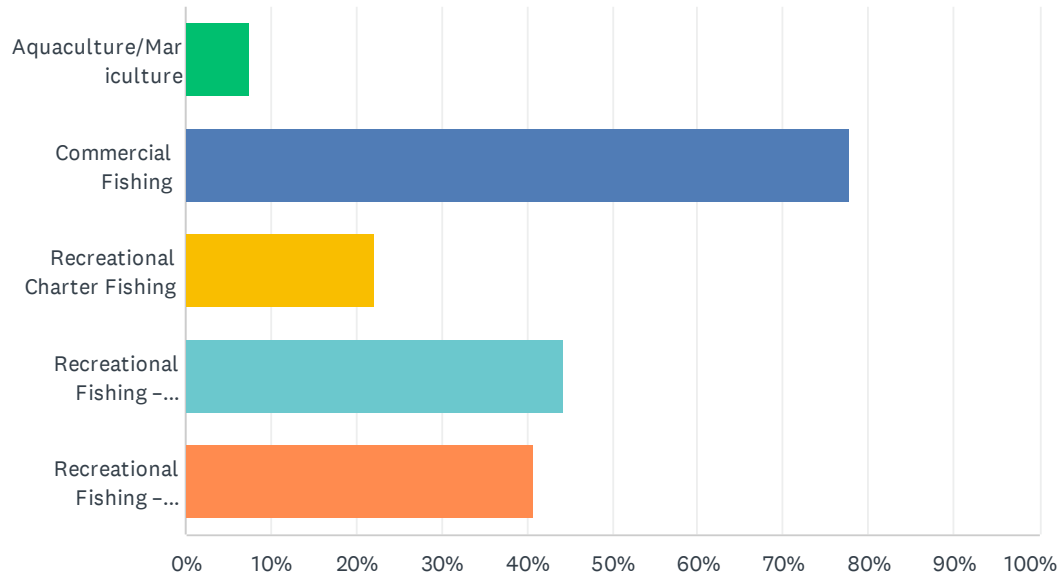


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Commercial Fisher	59.26%	16
Commercial Helper	0.00%	0
Commercial Wholesale	3.70%	1
Recreational Charter (pay for charters)	3.70%	1
Recreational Fisher (subsistence, home use)	22.22%	6
Other (please specify)	11.11%	3
TOTAL		27

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Charter first/commercial hook/line only/snare /spear second	11/2/2023 2:28 PM
2	Commercial fisherman Recreational charter	10/23/2023 11:50 AM
3	I am a commercial and recreational fisher. I am not yet a full time commercial fisherman	10/4/2023 1:03 PM

Q2 What types of fishing activities are you involved in? (Select all that apply)

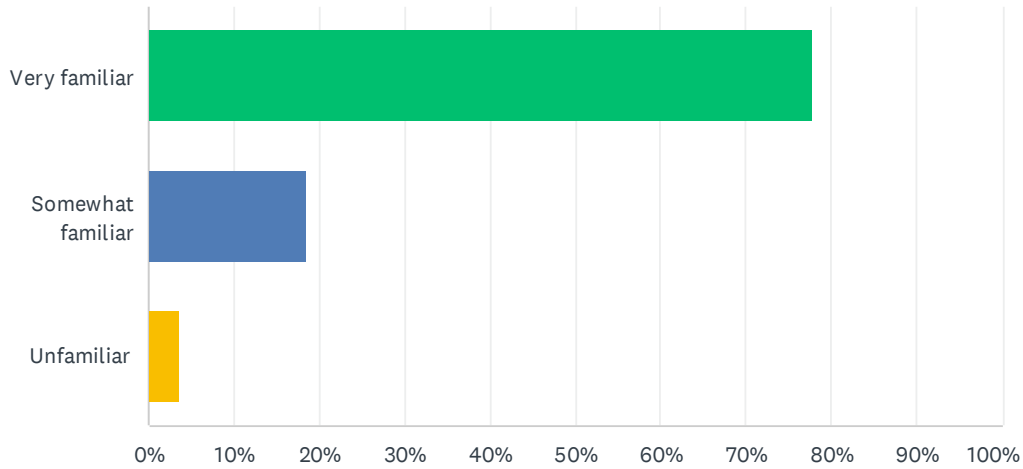
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Aquaculture/Mariculture	7.41% 2
Commercial Fishing	77.78% 21
Recreational Charter Fishing	22.22% 6
Recreational Fishing – Pelagic	44.44% 12
Recreational Fishing – Shoreline	40.74% 11
Total Respondents: 27	

Q3 How familiar are you with the fishing regulations and guidelines in the Virgin Islands? (Select one)

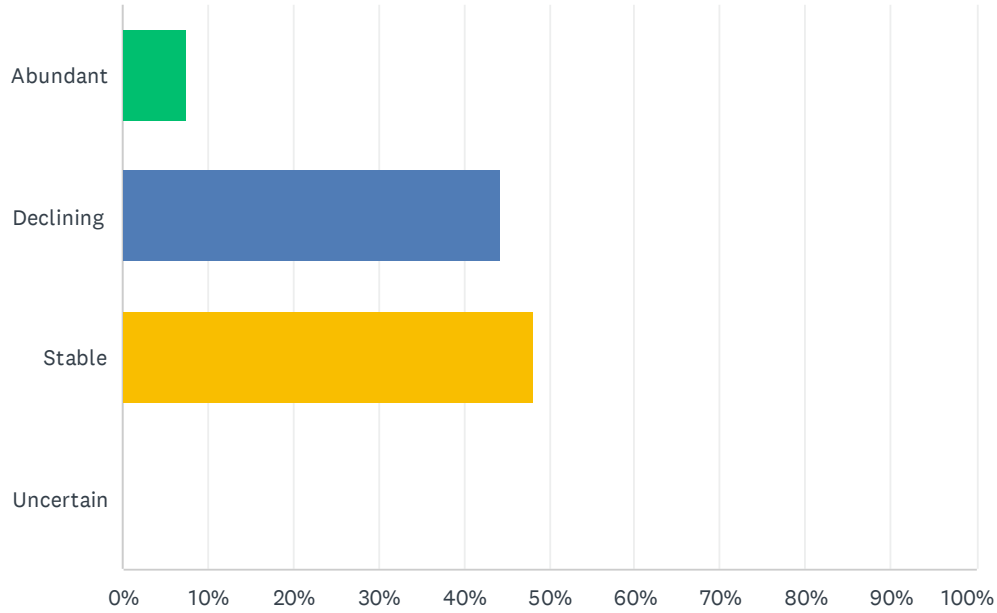
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very familiar	77.78%	21
Somewhat familiar	18.52%	5
Unfamiliar	3.70%	1
TOTAL		27

Q4 How do you perceive the current state of fish stocks in waters surrounding the Virgin Islands? (Select one)

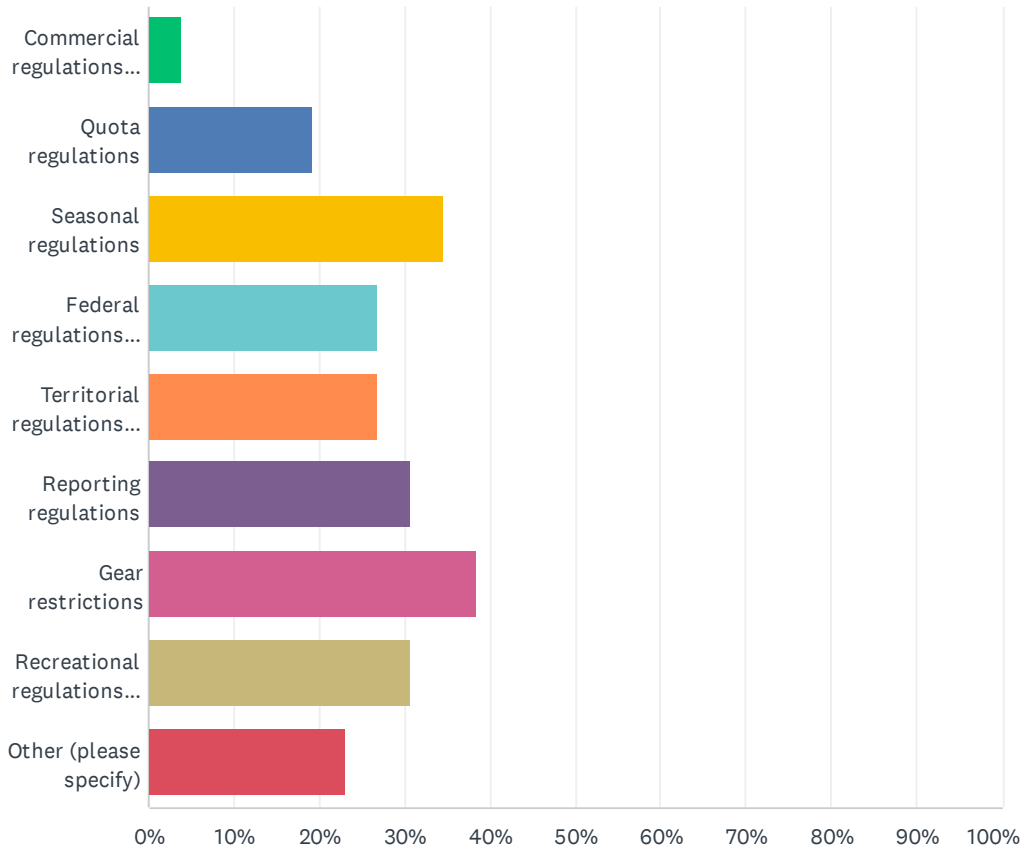
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Abundant	7.41%	2
Declining	44.44%	12
Stable	48.15%	13
Uncertain	0.00%	0
TOTAL		27

Q5 What challenges do you face in adhering to fishing regulations? (Select all that apply)

Answered: 26 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Commercial regulations unclear	3.85% 1
Quota regulations	19.23% 5
Seasonal regulations	34.62% 9
Federal regulations unclear	26.92% 7
Territorial regulations unclear	26.92% 7
Reporting regulations	30.77% 8
Gear restrictions	38.46% 10
Recreational regulations unclear	30.77% 8
Other (please specify)	23.08% 6
Total Respondents: 26	

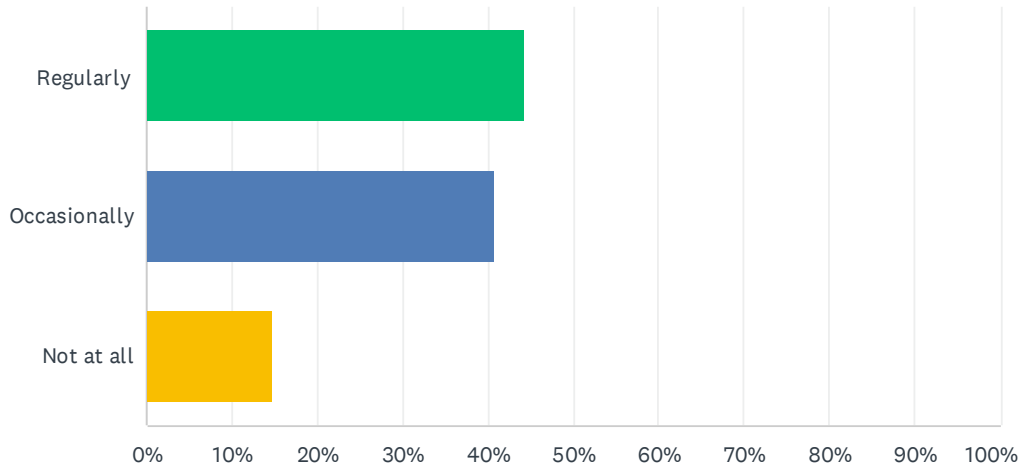
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1	Please close whelks for 5 years. The species is in a major decline.	11/6/2023 10:41 AM
2	No boat working.	11/5/2023 11:11 PM
3	None	10/23/2023 12:05 PM
4	N/a	10/23/2023 7:39 AM
5	None	10/4/2023 4:13 PM
6	Places to sell your catch very limited in stt	10/4/2023 12:49 PM

Q6 Do you participate in cooperative or collaborative fishing efforts with other local fishermen? (Select one)

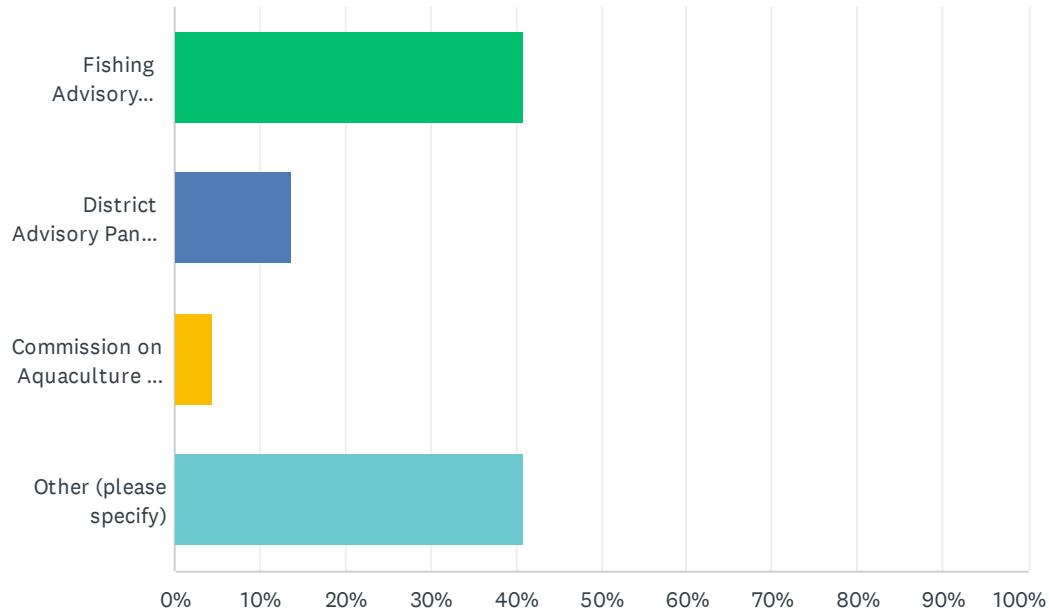
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Regularly	44.44%	12
Occasionally	40.74%	11
Not at all	14.81%	4
TOTAL		27

Q7 Do you participate in Territorial or Federal stakeholder meetings with other local fishermen? (Select one)

Answered: 22 Skipped: 5



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Fishing Advisory Committee – Department of Planning and Natural Resources	40.91% 9
District Advisory Panels (DAP) – Caribbean Fishery Management Council	13.64% 3
Commission on Aquaculture and Mariculture	4.55% 1
Other (please specify)	40.91% 9
TOTAL	22

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	No	11/5/2023 11:51 PM
2	Fishing Club	11/5/2023 11:27 PM
3	Golden Hook Fishing Club	11/5/2023 10:50 PM
4	Board Member of Virgin Islands game fishing club	11/2/2023 2:28 PM
5	I am on both the local advisory panel and also on the District advisory panel for the CFMC	10/24/2023 5:30 AM
6	All the above i am a member of all those committees.	10/23/2023 12:10 PM
7	Not really	10/23/2023 11:50 AM
8	N/A	10/23/2023 7:58 AM
9	I only go to the yearly seminar	10/4/2023 1:03 PM

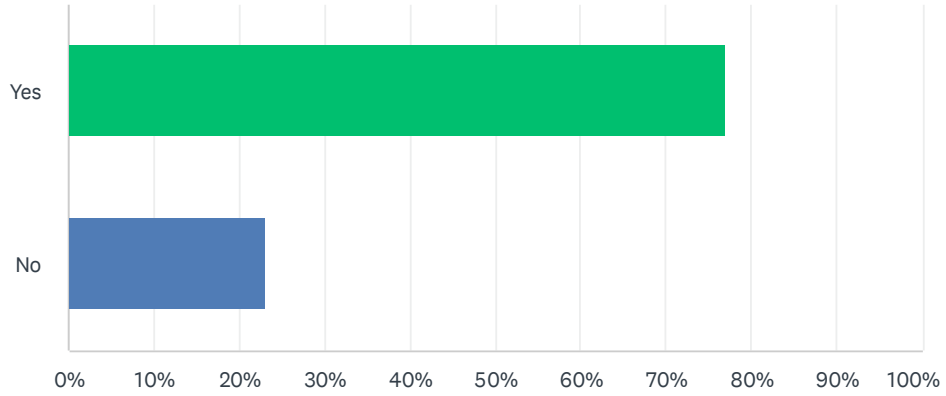
Q8 What challenges do you currently face in the Fishing Industry?

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	There is little to no enforcement. Stolen traps. No license required for recreational fishing. No regulations for Baitfish, so the stock has been decimated!	11/6/2023 10:41 AM
2	Desperately need & require FADS.	11/5/2023 10:50 PM
3	Lots of unlicensed fisher man selling the catch. An in need of fads .	11/2/2023 6:31 PM
4	Seaweed/weather/tourism/bait catching	11/2/2023 2:28 PM
5	Too many restrictions and reporting requirements.	10/26/2023 3:06 PM
6	Lack of enforcement	10/24/2023 5:30 AM
7	Area set aside for selling ! Imports from BVI Illegal fishing and selling Help from government to help push fresh and sustainable food	10/23/2023 12:23 PM
8	Equipment failure	10/23/2023 12:16 PM
9	Not enough costumers to sell sea food to.	10/23/2023 12:10 PM
10	Lack of fish	10/23/2023 12:05 PM
11	Gas price	10/23/2023 8:49 AM
12	Low Frequency of fishing trips due to schedule	10/23/2023 7:58 AM
13	The fishermen of the Virgin Islands deserve a proper indoor facility to clean and sell their products instead forcing us to the side of the road.	10/23/2023 7:39 AM
14	Rising cost of gear vs. limited market price Rising cost of fuel/dockage	10/23/2023 6:51 AM
15	Our place to sell fish was taken away displacing thousands of customers and fishermen From selling fish	10/8/2023 5:31 AM
16	Hurricanes wiping out lobster grounds, unlicensed fisherman undercutting the market, lack of enforcement of regs, complete lack of FADs being deployed by government agencies.	10/5/2023 8:19 AM
17	Whether	10/4/2023 4:13 PM
18	Fuel prices	10/4/2023 1:03 PM
19	Lack of places to sell	10/4/2023 12:49 PM

Q9 Have you ever participated in or supported local marine conservation or habitat restoration initiatives? (Select one)

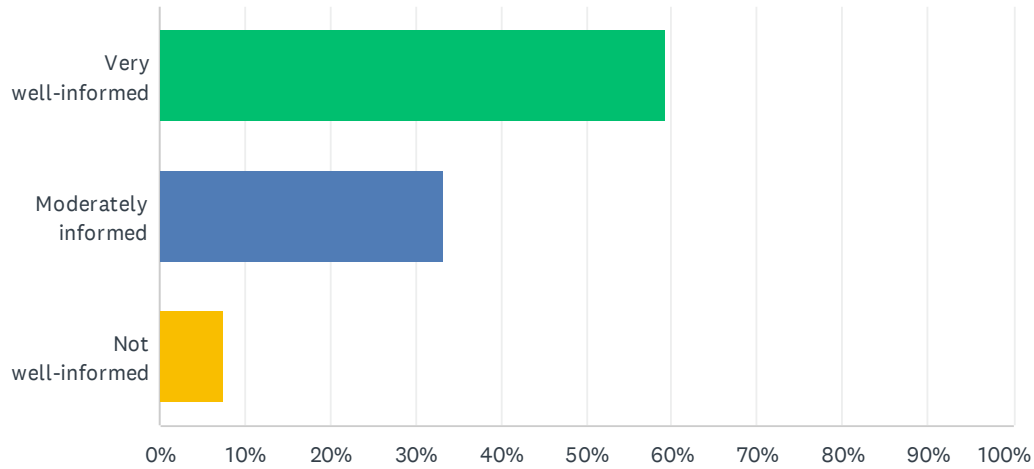
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	76.92%	20
No	23.08%	6
TOTAL		26

Q10 How well-informed do you feel about sustainable fishing practices? (Select one)

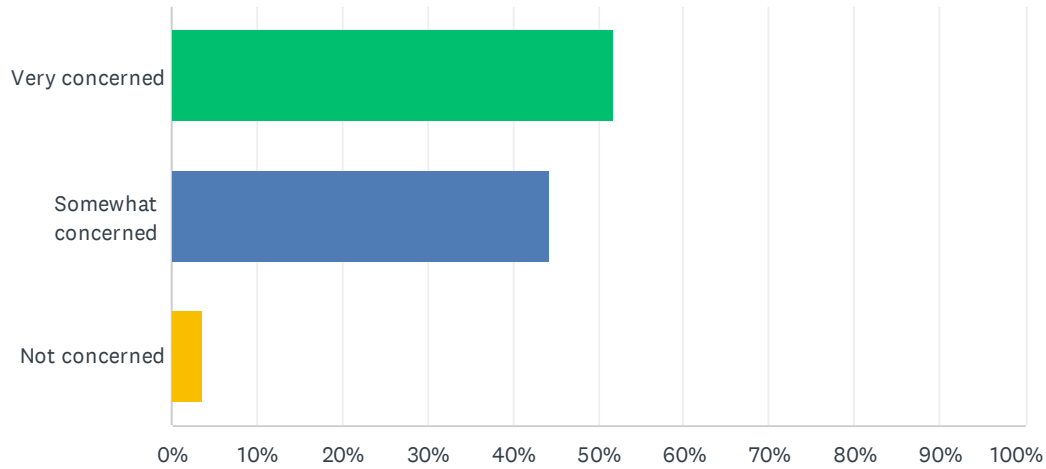
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very well-informed	59.26%	16
Moderately informed	33.33%	9
Not well-informed	7.41%	2
TOTAL		27

Q11 How concerned are you about the sustainability of fish stocks in the Virgin Islands? (Select one)

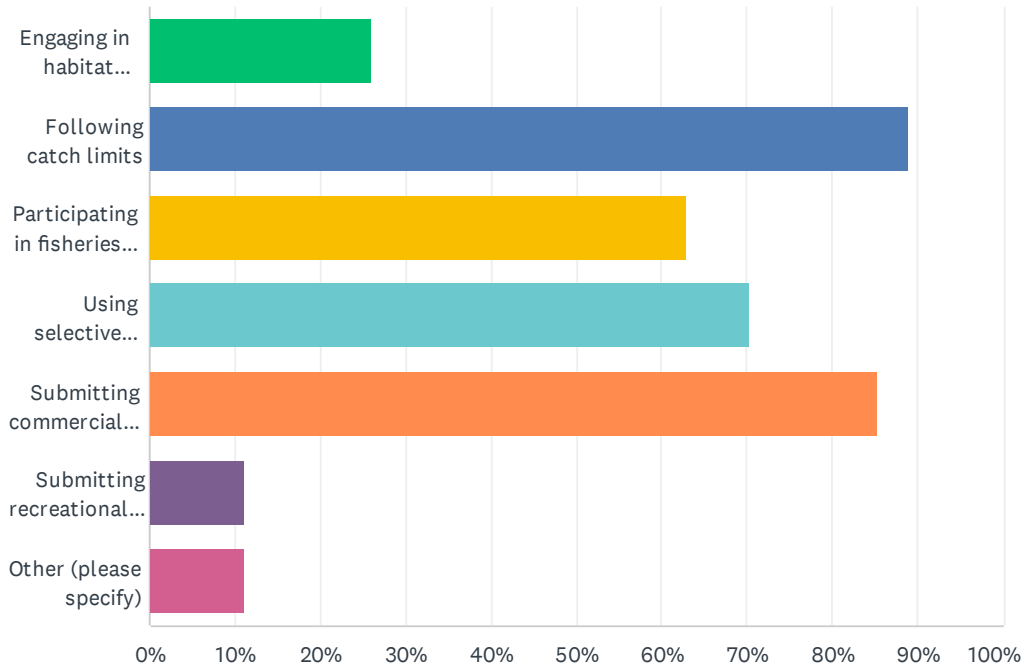
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very concerned	51.85%	14
Somewhat concerned	44.44%	12
Not concerned	3.70%	1
TOTAL		27

Q12 Have you taken any steps to promote sustainable fishing practices? (Select all that apply)

Answered: 27 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Engaging in habitat restoration efforts	25.93% 7
Following catch limits	88.89% 24
Participating in fisheries management discussions	62.96% 17
Using selective fishing gear	70.37% 19
Submitting commercial catch reports	85.19% 23
Submitting recreational catch reports	11.11% 3
Other (please specify)	11.11% 3
Total Respondents: 27	

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	2 small children/hard to keep up with paper/catch reports	11/2/2023 2:28 PM
2	Done studies on vents that allow the escape of by catch Done lobster population study and also yellowtail snapper study	10/23/2023 12:23 PM
3	I've partaken in multiple fisheries studies.	10/23/2023 7:39 AM

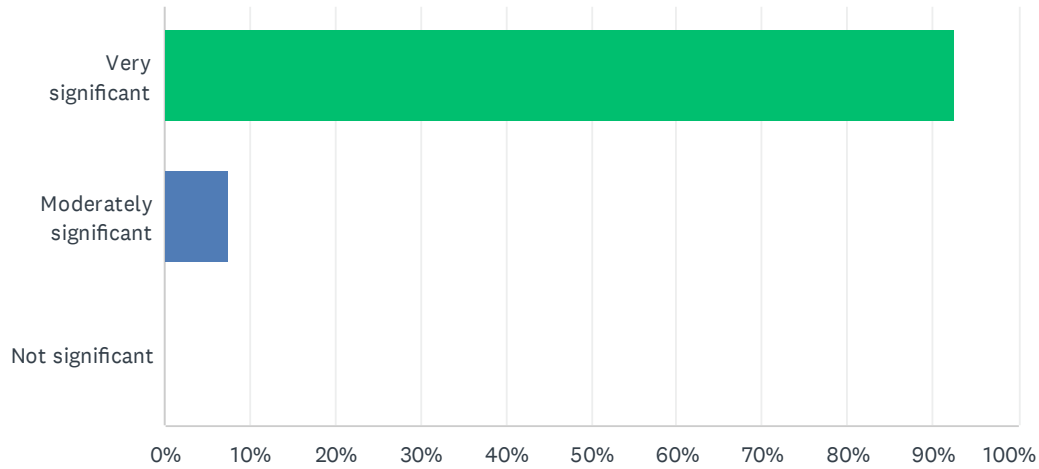
Q13 In your opinion, what additional measures could be implemented to improve the sustainability of the fishing industry in the Virgin Islands?

Answered: 20 Skipped: 7

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Fisheries Law Enforcement like the US mainland. Hold people accountable!	11/6/2023 10:41 AM
2	FADs	11/5/2023 11:27 PM
3	Awareness & Education.	11/5/2023 11:11 PM
4	We are putting too much pressure on long bank .. we need to get some of the self by buck island even if it's to line fish only with a permit from national park service ..	11/2/2023 6:31 PM
5	More enforcement	11/2/2023 2:28 PM
6	Actually enforcing the fishing registration	11/2/2023 2:14 PM
7	Limited entry and trap reduction.	10/26/2023 3:06 PM
8	Restore the great salt pond on the south shore, Coakley Bay, Altoona lagoon, and by the Frederiksted pool	10/24/2023 5:30 AM
9	Enforcement is needed ! Not enforcement just for the commercial fishers but enforcement of the entire fishery as there are 50 x more recreational fishers than there are commercial and most laws and enforcement are tailored to the commercial fishers	10/23/2023 12:23 PM
10	FADS!	10/23/2023 12:16 PM
11	Stop illegal fishing in the national parks and east end marine park.	10/23/2023 12:10 PM
12	Prohibit the sale of species subject to a closed season during the closure	10/23/2023 11:53 AM
13	More like fishing than fish pots	10/23/2023 11:50 AM
14	More ways to bring in bait fish	10/23/2023 8:49 AM
15	Need more officers and employees in the monitoring departments to help oversee the compliance of the regulations in place for the fishery	10/23/2023 7:58 AM
16	Recreation bag limits.	10/23/2023 7:39 AM
17	Proper enforcement	10/23/2023 6:51 AM
18	Buy back ,when fisher men want to retire buy traps and retire trap tags	10/8/2023 5:31 AM
19	Offshore FADs, artificial reefs, aquaculture exports, and enforcement of regulations	10/5/2023 8:19 AM
20	Enforcement	10/4/2023 4:13 PM

Q14 How significant is the fishing industry to the local economy of the Virgin Islands? (Select one)

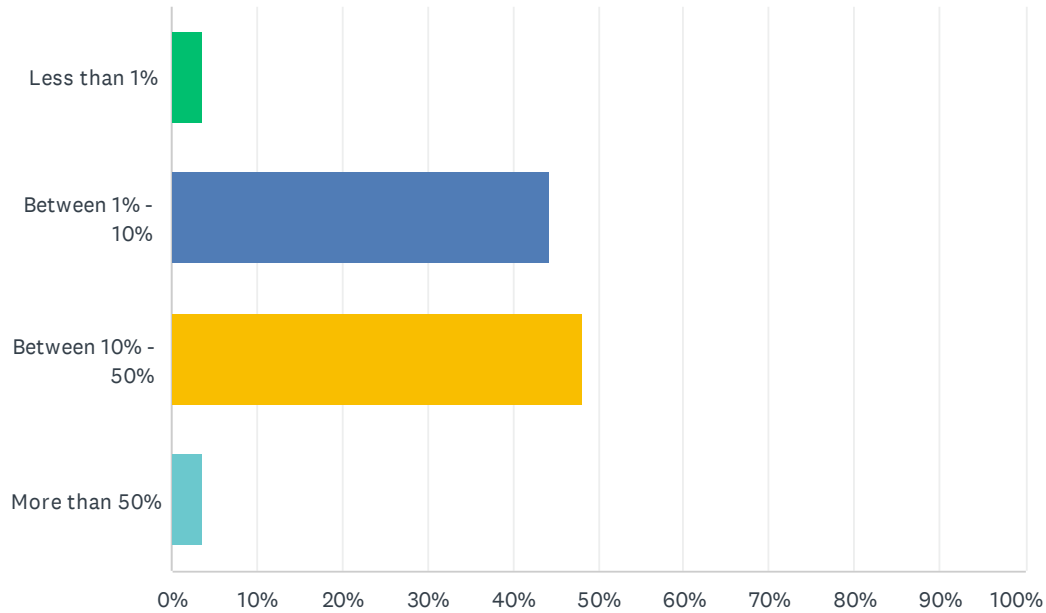
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very significant	92.59%	25
Moderately significant	7.41%	2
Not significant	0.00%	0
TOTAL		27

Q15 What percent of the local economy do you perceive is supported by fishing activities? (Select one)

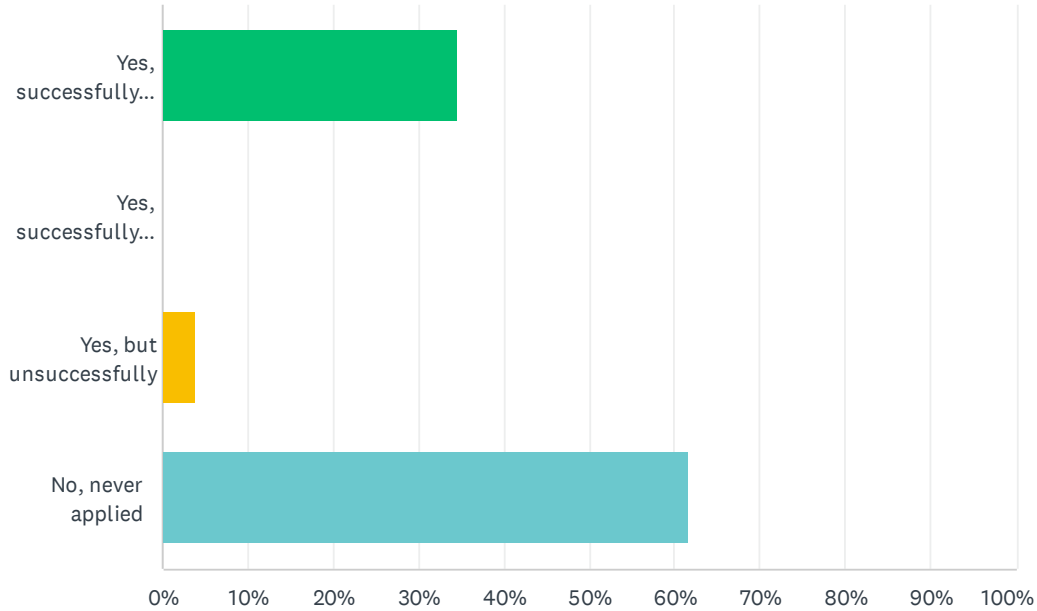
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Less than 1%	3.70%	1
Between 1% - 10%	44.44%	12
Between 10% - 50%	48.15%	13
More than 50%	3.70%	1
TOTAL		27

Q16 Have you ever applied for or received grants to support your fishing-related activities (Select one)

Answered: 26 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes, successfully for disaster-related grants	34.62%	9
Yes, successfully applied for business-related grants	0.00%	0
Yes, but unsuccessfully	3.85%	1
No, never applied	61.54%	16
Total Respondents: 26		

Q17 What economic challenges do you believe the fishing industry currently faces in the Virgin Islands?

Answered: 23 Skipped: 4

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Non point source Pollution. Over building on the shoreline. Destruction of the mangroves. Illegal anchoring.	11/6/2023 10:41 AM
2	Water, not enough money, capital investment, expensive	11/5/2023 11:51 PM
3	FADS	11/5/2023 11:27 PM
4	Down island longliners.	11/5/2023 11:11 PM
5	FADS, FADS, FADS in St. Croix	11/5/2023 10:50 PM
6	Prices are not regulated properly an u have all kind of prices to compete with..	11/2/2023 6:31 PM
7	ACL's/seaweed/tourism/market conditions	11/2/2023 2:28 PM
8	Funds to repair facilities used by fisherman	11/2/2023 2:14 PM
9	Cost of gear.	10/26/2023 3:06 PM
10	The importation of a species during the close season of that species in the territory	10/24/2023 5:30 AM
11	The imports from the BVI is going with 1/2 of the lobster money from the USVI each year we allow them to pay 5 dollars for an import license! We are not allowed there and they should not be allowed here The estimated value they took from USVI fishermen last year was around 720,000 dollars	10/23/2023 12:23 PM
12	Lack of FADS makes catching fish harder and results in far more resources used to be successful.	10/23/2023 12:16 PM
13	The ability to sell all it's catch every day so days in the week have to be cut according to demand for sea food.	10/23/2023 12:10 PM
14	Lack of fish due to overfishing and environmental issues. Lack of enforcement	10/23/2023 12:05 PM
15	Imports	10/23/2023 11:53 AM
16	Too much traffic on the sea	10/23/2023 8:49 AM
17	Non-commercial fishing license-holding participants in commercial fishing	10/23/2023 7:58 AM
18	Elevated Operation costs	10/23/2023 6:51 AM
19	Expensive dockage, no place to sell fish in middle of island	10/8/2023 5:31 AM
20	High gas prices	10/5/2023 8:19 AM
21	Not sure	10/4/2023 4:13 PM
22	Unlicensed people overfishing and selling illegally	10/4/2023 1:03 PM
23	Poor enforcement	10/4/2023 12:49 PM

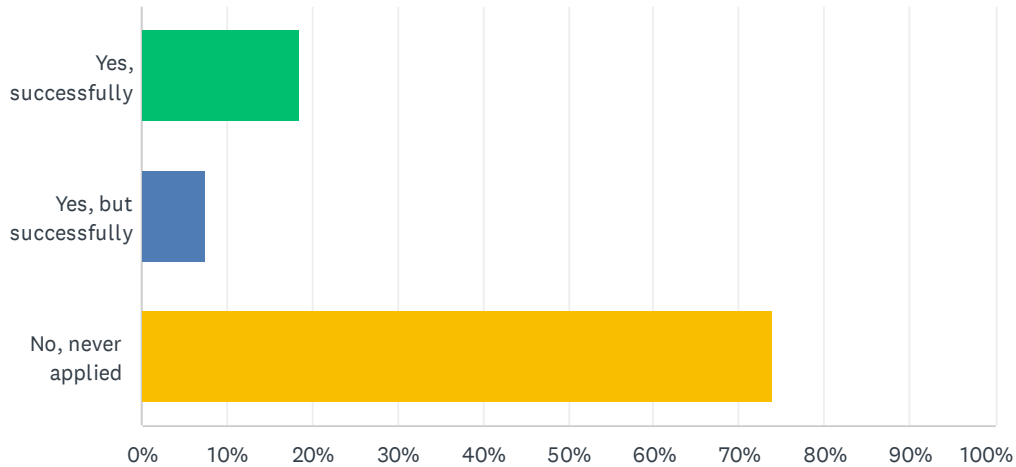
Q18 Could the fishing industry tap into potential economic opportunities to benefit the local economy?

Answered: 21 Skipped: 6

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Yes, please install FADS!	11/6/2023 10:41 AM
2	If people would go to programs for education or have a trade school.	11/5/2023 11:51 PM
3	Yes	11/5/2023 11:27 PM
4	Yes.	11/5/2023 11:11 PM
5	Tourism	11/5/2023 10:50 PM
6	If mannage properly..	11/2/2023 6:31 PM
7	Local/buy local seafood	11/2/2023 2:28 PM
8	Yes	11/2/2023 2:14 PM
9	More fish and crustacean farming. A fishing cooperative to assist with lowering gear cost.	10/26/2023 3:06 PM
10	Yes	10/24/2023 5:30 AM
11	There are all sort of grants available to fishermen and studies about the fishery once the money enters our community it tends to be invested in our community	10/23/2023 12:23 PM
12	Yes better advertising to the individual buyer vs the Resteraunt industry	10/23/2023 12:16 PM
13	Ibwould hop so fishermen need new gare every year.	10/23/2023 12:10 PM
14	Yes	10/23/2023 12:05 PM
15	Yes	10/23/2023 11:50 AM
16	Yes	10/23/2023 8:49 AM
17	Yes, economic incentives to restaurants and hotels in supporting local fisheries	10/23/2023 7:58 AM
18	Depends on the long term impact of such said opportunity	10/23/2023 6:51 AM
19	Take tourist out to see what fisher do ,lobster trap fishing	10/8/2023 5:31 AM
20	Yes	10/5/2023 8:19 AM
21	Buying fuel in bulk to offer discounted prices for commercial fishermen	10/4/2023 1:03 PM

Q19 Have you ever applied for or received grants to support your fishing-related business or activities? (Select one)

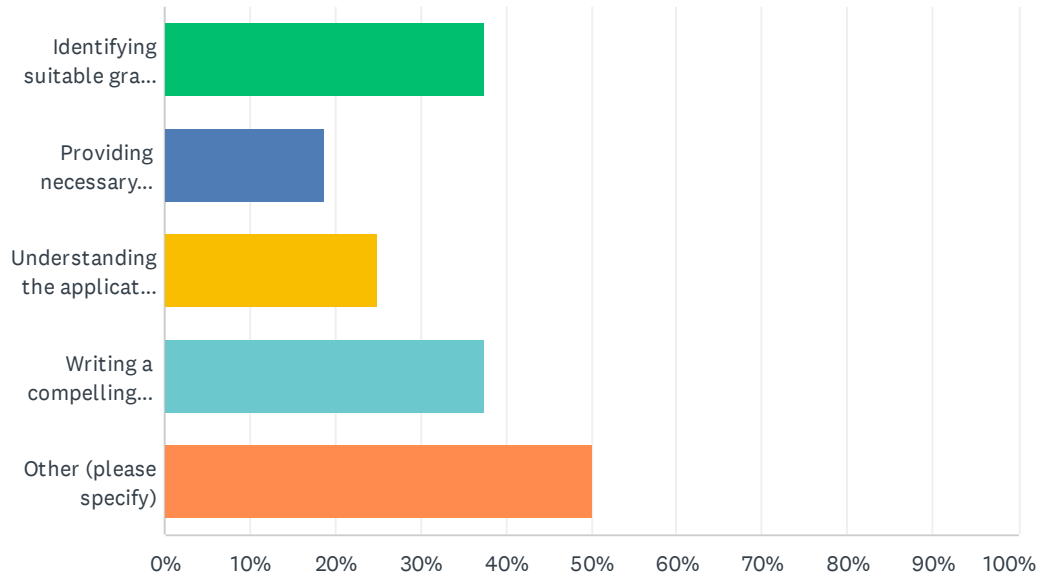
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes, successfully	18.52%	5
Yes, but successfully	7.41%	2
No, never applied	74.07%	20
TOTAL		27

Q20 If you have applied for grants, what were your main challenges during the grant application process? (Select all that apply)

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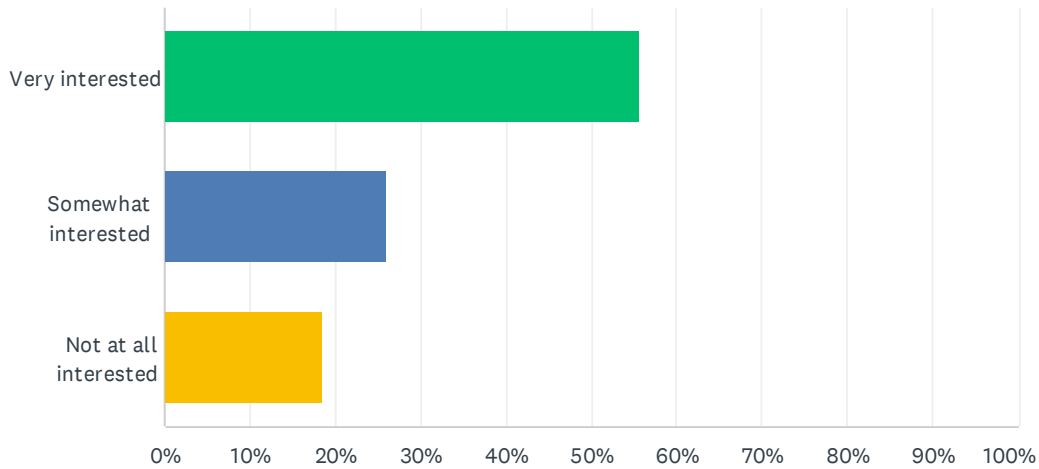


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Identifying suitable grant opportunities	37.50% 6
Providing necessary documentation	18.75% 3
Understanding the application requirements	25.00% 4
Writing a compelling grant proposal	37.50% 6
Other (please specify)	50.00% 8
Total Respondents: 16	

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	NA	11/6/2023 10:41 AM
2	Government	11/5/2023 11:27 PM
3	N/A	11/5/2023 11:11 PM
4	N/A	11/2/2023 2:28 PM
5	Most Fishermen don't even file their taxes so unless we have some workshops and try to explain to them the importance of taxes and catch reports we limit ourselves from tons of grants and other opportunities	10/23/2023 12:23 PM
6	Payment protection plan and also SBA LOAN and world central kichen grant	10/23/2023 12:10 PM
7	Knowing what is available	10/23/2023 11:50 AM
8	How do I find out about grants	10/4/2023 1:03 PM

Q21 Would you be interested in receiving assistance or training to improve your grant writing skills and increase your chances of securing funding? (Select one)

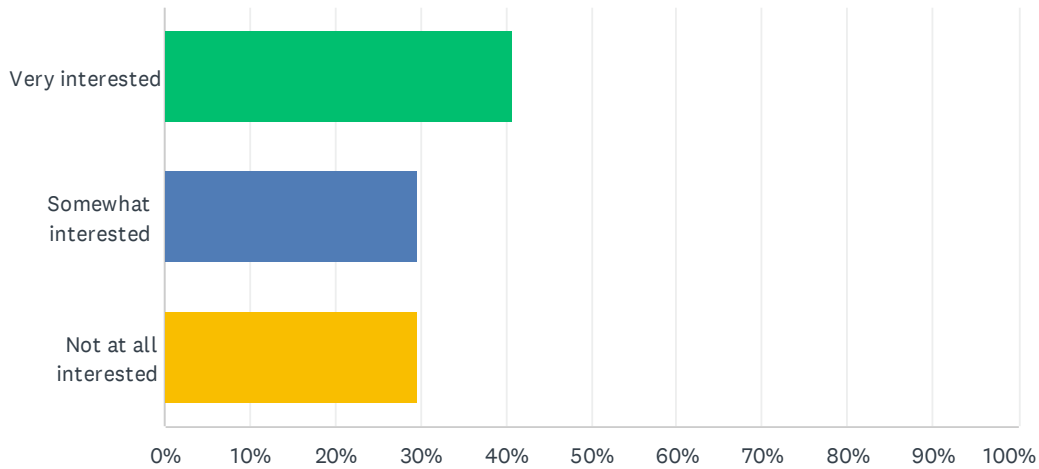
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very interested	55.56%	15
Somewhat interested	25.93%	7
Not at all interested	18.52%	5
TOTAL		27

Q22 Would you be interested in receiving assistance or training to improve your tax preparation skills to increase your chances of securing funding? (Select one)

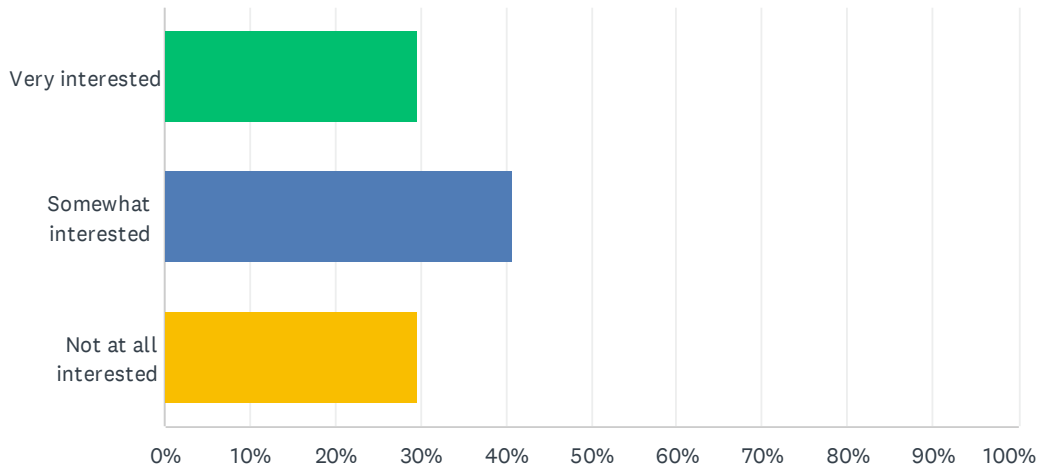
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very interested	40.74%	11
Somewhat interested	29.63%	8
Not at all interested	29.63%	8
TOTAL		27

Q23 Would you be interested in receiving assistance or training to improve your fishing harvest reporting skills to increase your chances of securing funding? (Select one)

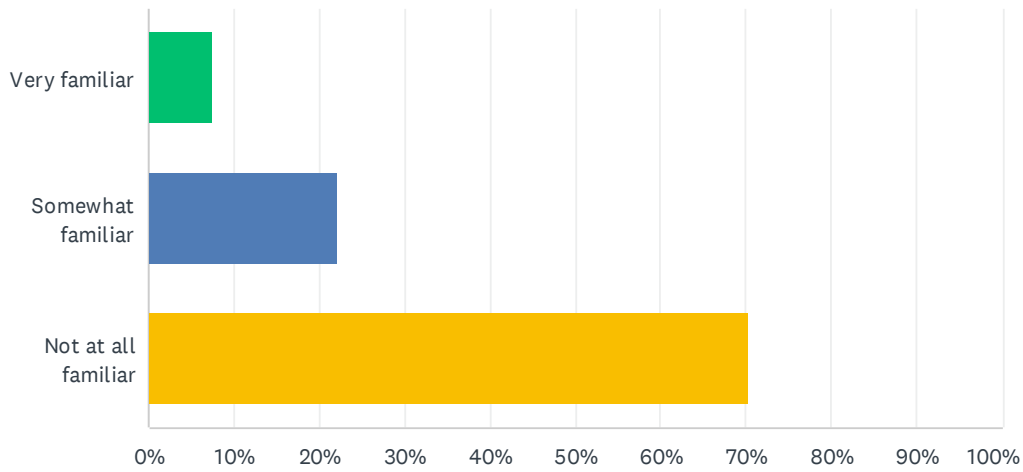
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very interested	29.63%	8
Somewhat interested	40.74%	11
Not at all interested	29.63%	8
TOTAL		27

Q24 Are you familiar with the Agriculture Business Center? (Select one)

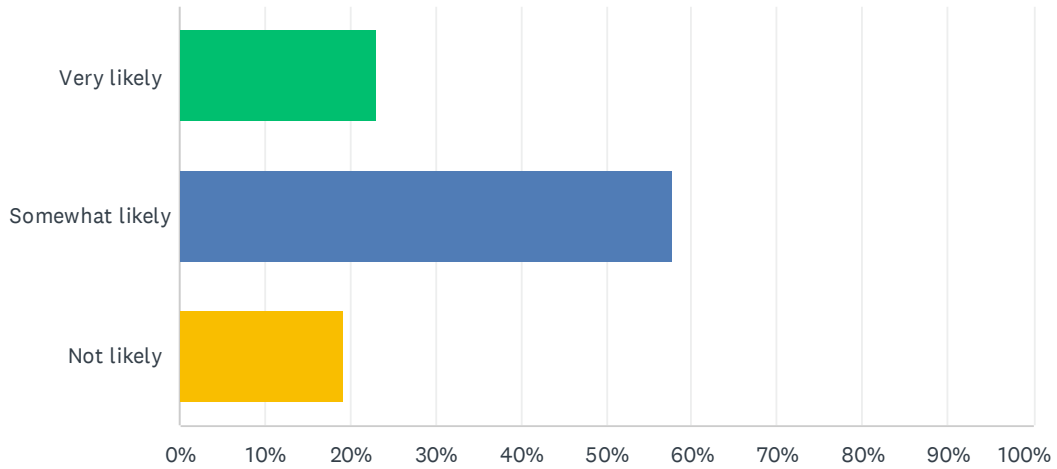
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Very familiar	7.41% 2
Somewhat familiar	22.22% 6
Not at all familiar	70.37% 19
TOTAL	27

Q25 How likely are you to utilize the services of the Agriculture Business Center? (Select one)

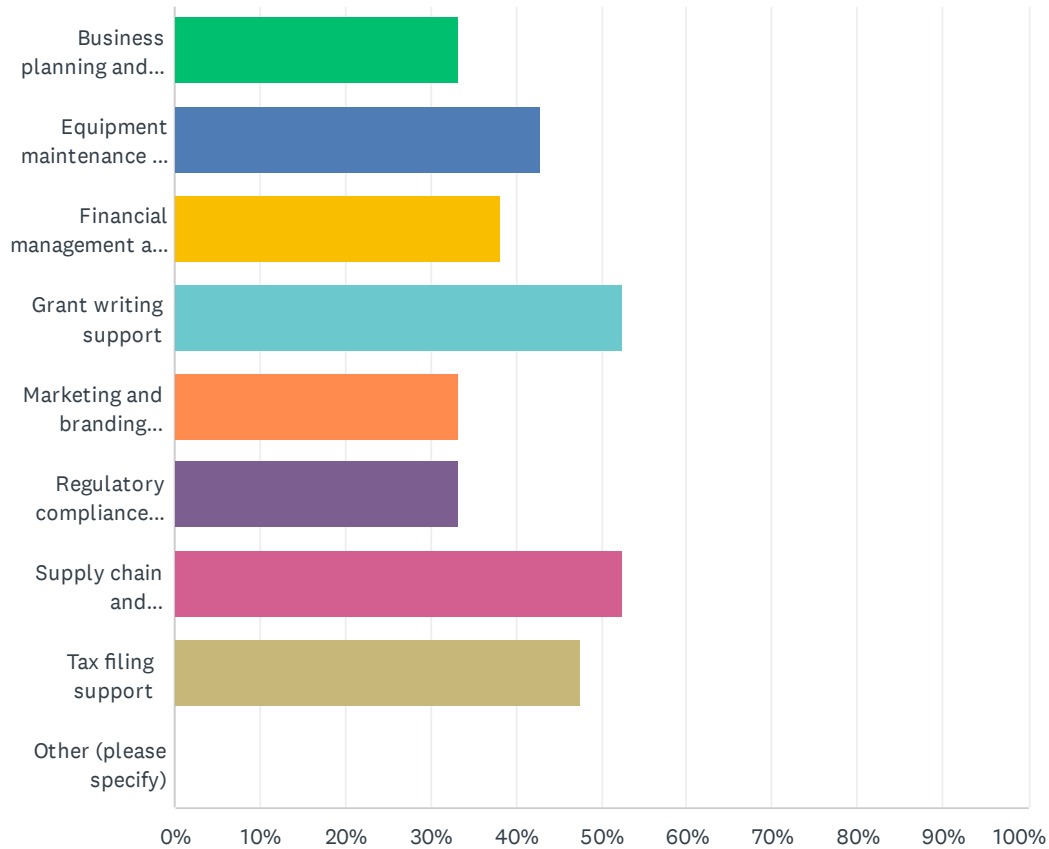
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Very likely	23.08% 6
Somewhat likely	57.69% 15
Not likely	19.23% 5
TOTAL	26

Q26 In your opinion, what specific types of assistance would be most beneficial to your fishing business? (Select all that apply)

Answered: 21 Skipped: 6



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Business planning and strategy development	33.33% 7
Equipment maintenance and technology adoption	42.86% 9
Financial management and budgeting	38.10% 8
Grant writing support	52.38% 11
Marketing and branding guidance	33.33% 7
Regulatory compliance education	33.33% 7
Supply chain and distribution support	52.38% 11
Tax filing support	47.62% 10
Other (please specify)	0.00% 0
Total Respondents: 21	

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
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There are no responses.

Q27 What additional services or resources could enhance support for the fishing industry at the Agriculture Business Center?

Answered: 12 Skipped: 15

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Reduce registration woes. Fishers are required to visit to many offices every year to register.	11/6/2023 10:41 AM
2	No idea.	11/5/2023 11:51 PM
3	Money and FADs.	11/5/2023 11:27 PM
4	Training	11/5/2023 11:11 PM
5	Make people feel like the seafood they eat here is local/sustainable	11/2/2023 2:28 PM
6	Assisting the farmers and fisherman with filing for Social Security	10/24/2023 5:30 AM
7	A plan that can be set up to help immediately in case of another disaster ! We got help with the last grant for that but took a long time to get the help We need to get that help faster so we can get back out there to provide the people of the Virgin Islands with fresh food in those times	10/23/2023 12:23 PM
8	Not very aware	10/23/2023 12:16 PM
9	Water plant	10/23/2023 8:49 AM
10	Online education and tutorials on different aspects of complying and maintaining commercial fishing in my area	10/23/2023 7:58 AM
11	A decent place to sell the products	10/23/2023 7:39 AM
12	N/a	10/5/2023 8:19 AM

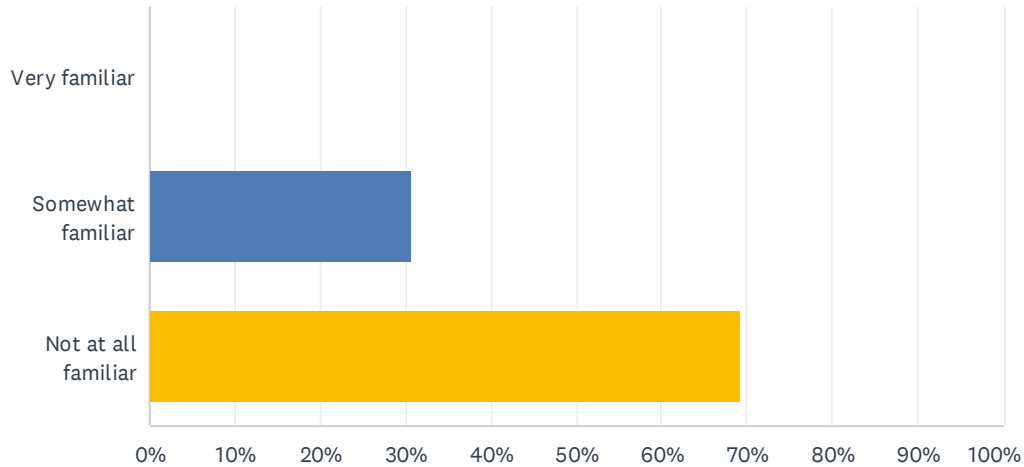
Q28 What barriers or challenges do you currently face that the Agriculture Business Center can help you overcome?

Answered: 10 Skipped: 17

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	NA	11/6/2023 10:41 AM
2	No idea.	11/5/2023 11:51 PM
3	FADs	11/5/2023 11:11 PM
4	Taxes an method to get funding..	11/2/2023 6:31 PM
5	Unsure	11/2/2023 2:28 PM
6	Applying for grants on a large scale, where it's very competitive	10/24/2023 5:30 AM
7	Some VI codes and laws are very outdated and needs to be upgraded	10/23/2023 12:23 PM
8	Not well known	10/23/2023 12:16 PM
9	I have a small farm ,need well no help	10/8/2023 5:31 AM
10	N/a	10/5/2023 8:19 AM

Q29 Are you familiar with the Local Food and Farm Council in the Virgin Islands? (Select one)

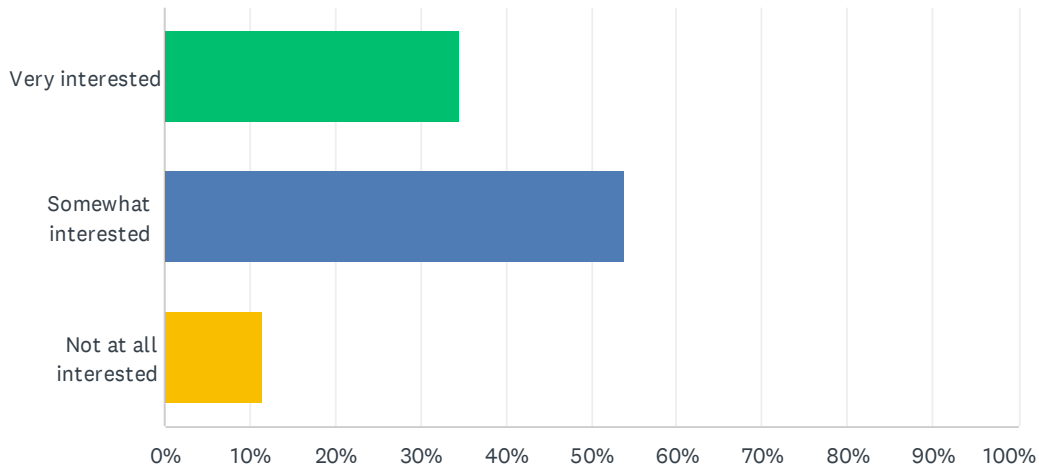
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Very familiar	0.00% 0
Somewhat familiar	30.77% 8
Not at all familiar	69.23% 18
TOTAL	26

Q30 Would you be interested in participating in joint initiatives between the fishing industry and the Local and Farm Council to enhance both sectors' overall sustainability and economic impact? (Select one)

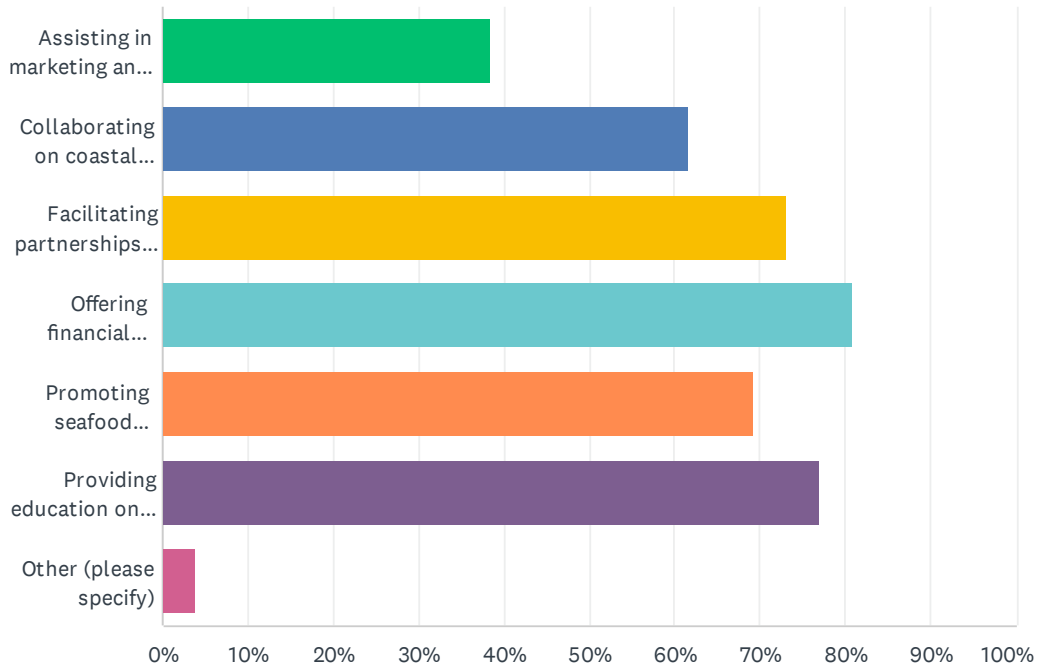
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very interested	34.62%	9
Somewhat interested	53.85%	14
Not at all interested	11.54%	3
TOTAL		26

Q31 How do you think the Council could contribute to the fishing industry in the Virgin Islands? (Select all that apply)

Answered: 26 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Assisting in marketing and branding of produce	38.46% 10
Collaborating on coastal habitat restoration projects	61.54% 16
Facilitating partnerships between fishermen and local restaurants/VIDA/markets	73.08% 19
Offering financial incentives for adopting eco-friendly fishing methods	80.77% 21
Promoting seafood consumption with the local community	69.23% 18
Providing education on sustainable fishing practices	76.92% 20
Other (please specify)	3.85% 1
Total Respondents: 26	

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Including attending Ag Fair.	11/5/2023 11:51 PM

Q32 Are there any specific resources or support you believe the Local Food and Farm Council could provide to benefit the fishing community in the Virgin Islands directly?

Answered: 11 Skipped: 16

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Help reduce the hassle of fishers registration/renewal.	11/6/2023 10:41 AM
2	Ask fishers to sell at Ag Fair and Farmers Market.	11/5/2023 11:51 PM
3	Education & Sponsorship.	11/5/2023 11:27 PM
4	Sustainability	11/5/2023 11:11 PM
5	Streamline reporting	11/2/2023 2:28 PM
6	Not sure	10/26/2023 3:06 PM
7	For over 50+ years the retention ponds that were placed strategically on the island of St. Croix have not been cleaned. This is a must because what happens online affects the shoreline habitat of juvenile recruitment for certain species	10/24/2023 5:30 AM
8	We are in need of a new fish selling and cleaning station on St Thomas somewhere mid island	10/23/2023 12:23 PM
9	Monies for upgrading equipment	10/23/2023 12:16 PM
10	Fisher dock with only maintenance fee	10/8/2023 5:31 AM
11	Yes, providing free or discounted ice	10/5/2023 8:19 AM

Q33 Please share any thoughts or suggestions you have on how the collaboration between the fishing industry and the Local Food and Farm Council could be optimized for mutual benefit.

Answered: 8 Skipped: 19

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Fishers and Farmers need a cleaner and bigger market with infrastructure.	11/6/2023 10:41 AM
2	If there is a council for Farmers, maybe there should be a place for Fishers.	11/5/2023 11:51 PM
3	Communication & Inclusion.	11/5/2023 11:27 PM
4	Funding/Grants	11/5/2023 11:11 PM
5	Streamline reporting/hands on community seminars/FAQ's about local regulations/seasonal targeted species	11/2/2023 2:28 PM
6	The waste product from the fishing industry can be utilized for farmers to enhance the soil quality	10/24/2023 5:30 AM
7	Fresh food sells good together so a selling area that brings farmers and fishermen together on selling days will help make a push for Virgin Islanders to eat healthy	10/23/2023 12:23 PM
8	Sales	10/23/2023 12:16 PM

Q34 In your view, what are the most pressing issues that need to be addressed to ensure the long-term success of the fishing industry in the Virgin Islands?

Answered: 19 Skipped: 8

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Conserve and manage the stocks of fish invertebrates and Marine ecosystems!	11/6/2023 10:41 AM
2	Not sure.	11/5/2023 11:51 PM
3	FADs	11/5/2023 11:27 PM
4	FADs	11/5/2023 11:11 PM
5	FADS	11/5/2023 10:50 PM
6	Seasonal closures and more enforcement	11/2/2023 2:28 PM
7	Point source land based pollution and runoff.	10/26/2023 3:06 PM
8	To restore the wetlands that has been filled with sediment for more than 40 years, and to re-open the inlets to the ocean that it could be restocked by species that have been impacted	10/24/2023 5:30 AM
9	Keeping outside imports such as BVI !! Protecting our fishery with much more authority than we have been doing . Helping our fishermen understand the importance of catch reports and taxes so we could show the federal government that we have a much bigger fishery than they thought and open funds and grants for that size fishery to us instead of collecting little to nothing because we don't have the numbers to prove it	10/23/2023 12:23 PM
10	FADS	10/23/2023 12:16 PM
11	That NGO'S stop making fisherman look like monsters and pirate of the sea . We are esential workers and we suple our local restaurants and communities with fresh localy catch sea food every day .	10/23/2023 12:10 PM
12	Enforcement	10/23/2023 12:05 PM
13	Enforcement of fisheries regulations	10/23/2023 11:53 AM
14	Places to sell fish	10/23/2023 11:50 AM
15	Generate interest in the next generation of fishers to make sure there will be participating fishers for the fishing industry to continue into the future.....no fishers to continue, no industry to continue	10/23/2023 7:58 AM
16	Enforcement	10/23/2023 6:51 AM
17	Dockage ,place to sell fish middle of island limits on lobster and fish traps	10/8/2023 5:31 AM
18	stopping foreign vessels	10/6/2023 12:22 PM
19	FADs, artificial reefs	10/5/2023 8:19 AM

Q35 How do you envision the fishing industry evolving in the next 5-10 years in the Virgin Islands?

Answered: 16 Skipped: 11

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Better assistance with grants. Education for young fishing kids.	11/6/2023 10:41 AM
2	Generally, the same. Fishers now, even young, learned from their fathers.	11/5/2023 11:51 PM
3	Decline	11/5/2023 11:27 PM
4	Need FADs or fish will continue to decline.	11/5/2023 11:11 PM
5	More enhancement	11/5/2023 10:50 PM
6	Sustainable fishery with more seasonal closures and more local sourced seafood. Buy local	11/2/2023 2:28 PM
7	I don't think there will be fish for my son to catch in the future	11/2/2023 2:14 PM
8	Hopefully becoming more sustainable	10/26/2023 3:06 PM
9	With fisherman and stakeholders input, I see it being beneficial once there input is being considered	10/24/2023 5:30 AM
10	I'm hoping the push towards fresh produce and products will open up a bigger market and our people will be more healthy	10/23/2023 12:23 PM
11	Seems to be declining New methods to get fishers off the shelf is needed. Setting up commercial fishing licenses for lion fishing would help as well	10/23/2023 12:16 PM
12	If we work together we can have a industry that can export sea food to other islands here in the VI.	10/23/2023 12:10 PM
13	A lot more fishing	10/23/2023 8:49 AM
14	Very concern for non-existence because current fishers are aging out and not much new fishers coming behind to continue the fishery	10/23/2023 7:58 AM
15	With current practices throughout the Caribbean going mostly unchecked I anticipate more declines	10/23/2023 6:51 AM
16	Depends on tourism, numbers of fishermen will be cut in half	10/8/2023 5:31 AM

Q36 What support do you need from the Government of the Virgin Islands?

Answered: 15 Skipped: 12

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Better facilities for fishers.	11/6/2023 10:41 AM
2	Money	11/5/2023 11:51 PM
3	Money & No Tax.	11/5/2023 11:27 PM
4	Money	11/5/2023 11:11 PM
5	All we can get	11/2/2023 6:31 PM
6	Education to public/incentivize buying local/more enforcement/seasonal closures to protect stocks	11/2/2023 2:28 PM
7	Low interest loans and grants.	10/26/2023 3:06 PM
8	To take into consideration the opinion and input of the fisherman and farmers that are hands on on a daily basis	10/24/2023 5:30 AM
9	A new market mid island A partnership with them to help make people more interested in eating healthy Money set aside in case of disasters that can help get us back to work fast instead of waiting on help from the federal side	10/23/2023 12:23 PM
10	Monies for equipment upgrades. More reliable equipment means more reliable catch.	10/23/2023 12:16 PM
11	Defend us from over regulation on fishing. We already have to much regulation and every 2 years more regulation come into effect.	10/23/2023 12:10 PM
12	Land	10/23/2023 8:49 AM
13	More officers and employees needed in the departments that oversee the fishery	10/23/2023 7:58 AM
14	More enforcement to deter illegal fisherman and poaching	10/23/2023 6:51 AM
15	Place to sell seafood in middle of island ,dockage	10/8/2023 5:31 AM

Q37 What support do you need from the Department of Planning and Natural Resources?

Answered: 16 Skipped: 11

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Enforcement Enforcement Enforcement. Work with NOAA.	11/6/2023 10:41 AM
2	See things happen corporately by asking federal partners to take action,	11/5/2023 11:51 PM
3	Same as above.	11/5/2023 11:11 PM
4	Need more boat ramps.	11/5/2023 10:50 PM
5	All we can get	11/2/2023 6:31 PM
6	Easier reporting/swifter licensing/less paperwork	11/2/2023 2:28 PM
7	To listen to the stakeholders that are hands-on on a daily basis	10/24/2023 5:30 AM
8	More out reach programs to explain the laws and importance of the fisheries Raise fines for illegal activities to deter people from breaking the laws put in place to protect the fisheries More Enforcement not only for commercial side but also recreational side Reach out to commercial fishers and listen to their concerns	10/23/2023 12:23 PM
9	Guidance in securing grants and loans.	10/23/2023 12:16 PM
10	Involvement of fisherman i all the studies that they conduct so in that way we don't feel that it was done wrong.	10/23/2023 12:10 PM
11	More enforcement	10/23/2023 12:05 PM
12	Enforcement and outreach and education	10/23/2023 11:53 AM
13	More officers/employees to ensure compliance ce	10/23/2023 7:58 AM
14	Same as above	10/23/2023 6:51 AM
15	Stop un license commercial fishing	10/8/2023 5:31 AM
16	Enforcement.	10/5/2023 8:19 AM

Q38 What support do you need from the Department of Agriculture?

Answered: 11 Skipped: 16

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Better facility for fishers. Provide ice.	11/6/2023 10:41 AM
2	Community education.	11/5/2023 11:27 PM
3	Same as above.	11/5/2023 11:11 PM
4	All we can get	11/2/2023 6:31 PM
5	Streamline reporting/less paperwork	11/2/2023 2:28 PM
6	To listen to the stake holders that are a hands-on on a daily basis, also to have operators and operable machinery	10/24/2023 5:30 AM
7	Availability to grants and funding Reach out programs to help fishermen understand grant programs and taxes and how they go have in hand Reach out programs to help spread the support of eating more healthy	10/23/2023 12:23 PM
8	Guidance in securing grants and loans.	10/23/2023 12:16 PM
9	The ability to use there ground to sell our catch do to poor administration of the fish market and drug us in the fish market facility.	10/23/2023 12:10 PM
10	None	10/23/2023 6:51 AM
11	Water for farmers	10/8/2023 5:31 AM

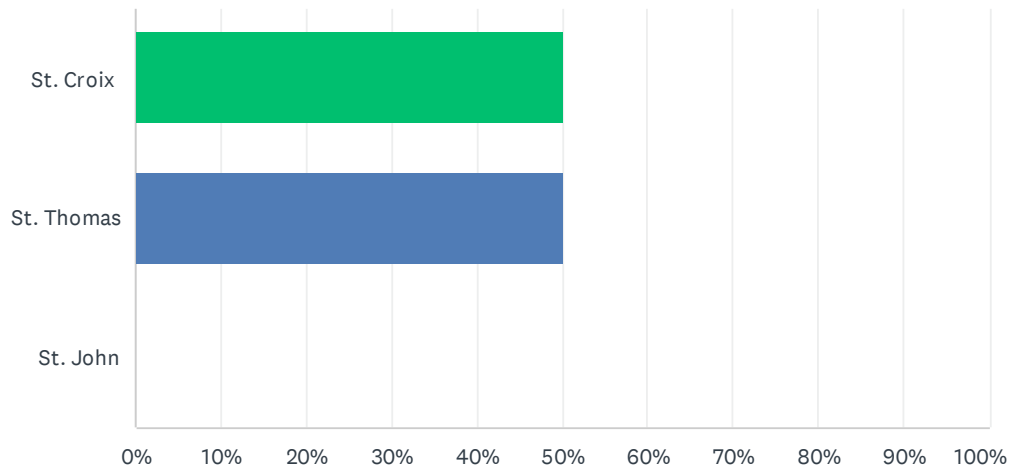
Q39 Is there anything else you would like to share about the fishing industry in the Virgin Islands or any suggestions you may have for its improvement?

Answered: 10 Skipped: 17

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Ban treble hooks for the charter fishing fleet. They are killing the sea birds.	11/6/2023 10:41 AM
2	No	11/5/2023 11:51 PM
3	FADs - spend money on fishing.	11/5/2023 11:27 PM
4	Nope.	11/5/2023 11:11 PM
5	I am honored to live here and do what I love for a living	11/2/2023 2:28 PM
6	Restore the wetlands	10/24/2023 5:30 AM
7	We need to do a complete inventory of the fishery and it's users and realize it's importance to our island and it's economy	10/23/2023 12:23 PM
8	Don't reinvent the wheel. Use the templates of other fisheries to guid you.	10/23/2023 12:16 PM
9	Help use keep putting fresh Seafood on the tables of the vergin island by keeping promoting safe fish methods and that all the fiaherman respect the regulations . And more enforcement out there to stop those who don't.	10/23/2023 12:10 PM
10	The government has failed the fishermen and farmers	10/8/2023 5:31 AM

Q42 On which island do you reside?

Answered: 24 Skipped: 3



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
St. Croix	50.00% 12
St. Thomas	50.00% 12
St. John	0.00% 0
TOTAL	24