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Suzette Soomai is a fisheries manager with the Resource and Aboriginal Fisheries Management Division, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Maritimes Region. She is also an Adjunct faculty member in the School of Information Management and Faculty of Graduate Studies at Dalhousie University. She was a postdoctoral fellow with the Environmental Information: Use and Influence (EIUI) research project at Dalhousie University (www.eiui.ca). She holds an Interdisciplinary PhD and a Master in Marine Management (MMM) from Dalhousie University. Suzette also holds a Master of Philosophy in Zoology and a BSc (Hons) from the University of the West Indies.

Suzette has wide research and public sector experience with marine resource assessment and management in the Caribbean and Canada. This includes experience with management of the tropical marine shrimp and groundfish fisheries on the Brazil-Guianas continental shelf and fisheries management in the north Atlantic. Her research uses interdisciplinary approaches to understanding communication at the science-policy interface. In particular, she has been examining the role of scientific information—produced by fisheries management organizations—in policy- and decision-making for marine fisheries management.