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## St. LUCIA, FISHFRY in Anse La Raye

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Anse La Raye is one of the main landing sites for the tasty, popular small pelagic species in St. Lucia. It is known as FISHFRY (Fish Friday) birthplace, widely and well known to the international and domestic tourists and visitors. There is a close inter-dependence relationship with Fish Friday and the landing site for fresh fish. Vendors of FISHFRY have been buying plenty of fresh fish from the artisanal fishermen of Anse la Raye. 'FISHFRY' would not be appropriate without fresh fish or the fishing village scenery as shown in the name. The atmosphere is rather like a large barbecue party with very accommodating hosts. FISHFRY has over 1,000 visitors sometimes around the Vendor's Arcade and the economic effect is huge for the Anse la Raye community.



The street is closed to traffic and chairs and tables are set out

Anse la Raye is important as the landing site of the small pelagic fish such as Jacks, Balahou and Flying-fish and has the potential as the marine products supply base to the metropolitan area. However assets of the area's fisheries infrastructure have fallen into disrepair. The jetty in particular, 50 years after construction has deteriorated and have caused difficulties for loading of fishing gear and unloading of the fishery catch and working conditions is not safe. In addition, the existing land facilities do not measure up to modern standards of fisheries activity either to meet and maintain hygienic conditions.

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In order to solve the aforementioned problems, construction of new jetty and fisheries complex buildings was made by Japanese Fisheries Grant Aid in March 2010.

This project may lead to collaborative tourism and fisheries industries which will be one of the nation's dreams come true story.



Bird view of Anse La Raye and New facilities including jetty

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Changing the handicaps of a remote island into a business opportunity  
[Satsumasendai, Kagoshima Prefecture]

Koshikijima Fisheries Cooperative introduced a special quick-freezing system to improve the quality of kibinago (banded blue sprat) to prevent them from quickly losing their freshness, thereby making possible their stable shipment. Cooking lessons using kibinago are also held.



Women group working hard

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