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Participation in meetings

- OECD participated in a meeting with EUROSTAT and FAO in February 2002. The aim of this meeting was to discuss the discrepancies in the trade data produced by FAO, OECD and EUROSTAT. It was agreed to continue efforts to resolve the discrepancies.

- OECD attended the Nordic Council of Ministers' Conference on Fisheries Economics and Costs/Earnings Statistics, held in June 2002. The principal objectives of the Conference were to (i) present the type and magnitude of the current collection of costs and earnings information in fisheries, (ii) identify differences and resemblance between the countries, (iii) invite users of economic information to outline their need and experiences, (iv) improve the dialogue between producers and the users of economic statistics, and (v) develop ideas of how the information could be used to improve fisheries management. At the margins of the meeting some discussion took place on a potential follow up including the possibility of an OECD/FAO/ Nordic Council/ EU Commission joint sponsored conference/workshop on the importance of fisheries economics data, their collection and in particular their use.

- The annual meeting of the agencies involved in work on subsidies took place in Rome on the 4 and 5 July 2002. Representatives from the FAO, OECD, CARICOM, SADC, ASEAN, APEC, WTO and UNEP took part in the discussions.

- OECD attended a joint workshop on "Tools for measuring (integrated) Fisheries Policy aiming at sustainable ecosystem", co-organised in October 2002 by the European Environment Agency (EEA) and the European Community (DG Fisheries-DG Environment). One outcome of the workshop was the clear need for further work in defining uniform economic indicators that can be used by the different organisations involved. The European Environment Agency (EEA) proposed to coordinate this work, including through the establishment of a Group involving "core" organisations.

Changes in data management

- 1999/2000/2001 statistical returns were placed on the Fisheries Division's dedicated web-site, with access limited to delegates, for check prior to publication.

- 1995-1998 statistical data were placed on the Fisheries Division's dedicated web-site, with open access to the public.

- As decided by the Committee for Fisheries, Government Financial Transfers were included in the Statistical volume of the OECD Review of Fisheries as from the 2002 publication (as well as in the Statistics database).