

PROSPECTUS

Regional Training Workshop on Fisheries Monitoring, Control and Surveillance and Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing

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1. Background

The FAO Central Asia Regional Programme for Fisheries and Aquaculture Development (FishDev-Central Asia, 2009-2014) is an umbrella programme in support of regional fisheries and aquaculture development and sustainable management. The participating countries in the FishDev-Central Asia Programme are Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkey, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan.

The development objective of the programme is to increase the Central Asian fisheries and aquaculture sector performance in terms of its capacity to generate food, employment and income, and in terms of its economic viability, environmental compatibility and social acceptability. The programme is structured in such a way that it can achieve the following outcomes within a 5-year period:

- 1) A formally established and strong Central Asia and Caucasus Fisheries and Aquaculture Commission;
- 2) Strengthened fisheries and aquaculture sector policy, legal and institutional frameworks;
- 3) A Capacity building and education programme for fisheries and aquaculture professionals of the region established and functioning; and
- 4) Increased sustainability in the management of fisheries and aquaculture.

Effective and efficient management instruments for monitoring, control and surveillance (MCS) and their implementation are key to management and conservation of responsible exploitation of fisheries resources. However, the current fisheries governance at global, regional and national levels is struggling against the problems caused by illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing, a global problem that undercuts responsible and sustainable fishing activities and produces many associated problems economically, biologically, socially and environmentally.

Despite the available potential, fisheries in the Central Asian countries (i.e. Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan) have not evolved to a level that contributes significantly to food security and rural development. In many Central Asian countries, the fish production decreased tremendously since independence of these countries from the Soviet Union in 1991. Despite the existing possibilities and potentials, the limited institutional, technical, and financial capacities in these countries are hampering growth of the fisheries sector. Gradual development of national and regional systems for, inter alia, collection and dissemination of fisheries data and information, vessels and fishers registry, awareness raising on IUU and the

harms it causes and MCS, updating of national legislation for strengthened compliance and enforcement, technical capacity and capability building and improved institutional cooperation are expected to overcome the general limitations which exist in terms of MCS, inspection and enforcement.

2. Objectives

The primary objective of the regional workshop is to provide the participants with an overview of MCS and compliance requirements of the international fisheries instruments and provide information on the measures and tools for combating IUU fishing on global, regional and national scales.

Specific objectives of the workshop include the following:

1. To provide information on global and regional MCS measures for combating IUU fishing (i.e. The International Plan of Action to Prevent, Deter and Eliminate IUU Fishing, and its Implementation Guidelines, Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries, Flag State Performance measures (although this has not yet been finalized), Port State Measures Agreement, Coastal State measures, and Market State measures, Global Record of Fishing Vessels to aid in strengthening national vessel registries)
2. To discuss the possible fisheries management tools and measures that can be used for improved MCS compliance and for combating IUU fishing in the Central Asian region.
3. To have an overview, through presentations, on MCS, inspection, IUU fishing and enforcement-related regulatory and legislative management frameworks of the Central Asian countries and to define the related major challenges, such as operational, legislative, resource related or otherwise-having them identify what they think are some of the major challenges and listening to the others, who often list similar problems, is often helpful in relationship building.

4. Process

Participants from each country are requested to make a joint country presentation, with a focus on the following issues:

- Institutional and administrative management structuring for MCS (main agencies responsible for MCS and inspections, their structuring and collaboration at central, regional and local levels)
- National fisheries management tools for MCS and inspection in fisheries and aquaculture
- Interacting with the fishing industry and fishers (do fishers contribute their input on developing management measures?)
- Existing legislative frameworks for the MCS and IUU fishing (main legislation and provisions for MCS and combating IUU fishing; types of sanctions imposed by the legislation against fisheries non-compliance, infringements, and describe how successfully the legislation has been used.

- Main challenges/problems in terms of MCS in fisheries and combating with IUU fishing
- National plans, strategies, approaches for MCS and deterring, eliminating and preventing IUU fishing, and related activities of fishers' associations.
- Role of and type of support provided by government, non-governmental organizations and the private sector in promoting and strengthening these organizations, and
- Types of problems encountered by these organizations and how they were solved.

5. Organization and partners

Financial support for the workshop is received from from the Central Asia Regional Programme for Fisheries and Aquaculture Development-FishDev Central Asia, under the FAO Turkey partnership Programme (FTPP).

6. Participants

The regional workshop is designed for government officers involved into fisheries MCS, inspection and enforcement and representatives of fishers' organizations.

From each country (Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan) the following participants are invited:

- 2 representatives from competent authority/authorities responsible for fisheries MCS, inspection and enforcement. These participants should be the officers directly assigned for fisheries MCS and inspection.
- 1 representative from fishers' organizations

The invited participants will be fully supported by the organizers of the workshop. Selection of the participants will take place by the Organizers of the workshop in close consultation with relevant fisheries authorities of above mentioned countries.

Workshop materials, lunches and coffee breaks will be provided by the organizers.

For the invited participants travel (flights/car) and accommodation arrangements will be provided by the organizers.

Other interested persons in this workshop may get in touch with Workshop Contact Point to seek information on their possible participation.

7. Language of Workshop

During the workshop, communication will be done in Russian and English. Background information will also be provided in these two languages. Simultaneous interpretation service will be provided at the workshop.

8. Venue

The workshop will be held at Baku, Azerbaijan.

9. Workshop Contact

Workshop Contact Point:

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PRELIMINARY WORKSHOP AGENDA

2 October 2012		
9.30 -10.00	Opening	
9.30 - 9.45	Welcome speech	Representative of host country and FAO Azerbaijan Office
9.45 -10.00	Opening speech	M. Kuruc
10.00-10.15	Introduction of participants	
10.15–10.30	Workshop objectives	H. Fersoy
10.30 – 11.00	Break /group picture	
11.00 -11.45	Illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is IUU fishing? • Causes and consequences • Main instruments to combat IUU Fishing: International, regional and national legal frameworks 	H. Fersoy
11.45-12.30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International cooperation to combat IUU fishing • The International MCS Network and Coordination • Forensics 	M. Kuruc
12.30-14.00	Lunch	
14.00-15.00	Monitoring, Control and Surveillance (MCS) in fisheries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is MCS? • The basics • Best practices for MCS • Economics of MCS 	M. Kuruc
15.00-15.30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Break 	
15.30-16.30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MCS' role in fisheries management • Tools for MCS 	H. Fersoy
16.30-16.45	Wrap-up	M. Kuruc

3 October 2012		
9.30 -12.00	Country presentations	Country representatives
9.30 – 9.50	Azerbaijan	
9.50 - 10.10	Kazakhstan	
10.10-10.30	Kyrgyzstan	
10.30-11.00	Break	
11.00 – 11.20	Tajikistan	
11.20 – 11.40	Turkmenistan	
11.40 – 12.00	Break	
12.00 – 12.30	Main conclusions and general discussion	
12.20-14.00	Lunch	
14.00	Workshop exercise + skill practices	M. Kuruc H. Fersoy
15.00-15.30	Break	
15.30-17.00	Group Exercise (con't')	M. Kuruc H. Fersoy
4 October 2012		
9-30-12-30	Workshop exercise + skill practices (con't')	M. Kuruc H. Fersoy
12.30-14.00	Lunch	
14.00-15.00	Next steps, plan development, issues that can be submitted to the Central Asian and Caucasus Regional Fisheries and Aquaculture Commission (CACFish)	M. Kuruc H. Fersoy
15.00-15.30	Break	
15.30-17.00	Next steps (con't)	M. Kuruc H. Fersoy