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COFI Member Side Event Concept Note

Transforming Wasted Resources into Sustainable Futures:

Sustainable Management of Bycatch and Discards in Latin America and Caribbean Trawl Fisheries

Date: Tuesday July 12th 2016 12:30-1400

Location: Mexico Room

Attention: Light lunch will be provided

Background

The member side event will explore the experiences and initiatives of countries across Latin American and Caribbean, in their quest to sustainably manage bycatch in bottom trawl fisheries. The discussion will focus on the efforts of the six countries participating in the REBYC-II LAC project, but will include contributions from the wider region through the involvement of CRFM and OSPESCA.

Along the lines of the REBYC-II LAC project, the six participating countries and regional partners are seeking to:

1. Make fisheries more productive and sustainable by addressing unsustainable fishing practices through EAF and at the same time promoting equitable distribution of benefits through enhanced understanding of the socioeconomic context of the shrimp/bottom trawl fisheries and bycatch subsectors;
2. Eliminate hunger by supporting policies and political commitments to this end and by improving the knowledge and information on the role of bycatch in food security;
3. Promote inclusive fishery systems by introducing or strengthening co-management arrangements and supporting the implementation of the SSF Guidelines;
4. Create decent rural employment as part of "increasing access by the rural poor to decent farm and non-farm employment";
5. Promote the reduction of discards and utilization of sustainable bycatch the project will contribute to reducing food loss and waste.

Objectives.

- a) Share experiences on the sustainable management of tropical shrimp trawl fisheries and its bycatch.
- b) Strengthen regional and global partnerships to improve sustainability of bottom trawling.
- c) Promote innovative approaches to sustainable bycatch management.



Agenda

Tuesday July 12 th 2016	
12:30 – 12:45	Reception and light lunch
12:45- 13:00	Opening and Welcome
13:00 – 13:40	<p>Panel Discussion</p> <p>Facilitator- OSPESCA</p> <p>Panelists: Costa Rica, Brazil, Colombia, México, SEAFDEC</p> <p>Question 1) What efforts/actions is your country implementing to improve management of bycatch? Please share lessons learned from previous experiences.</p> <p>Question 2) What options exist in order to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) reduce bycatch and b) ensure that bycatch is utilized to enhance livelihoods and ensure poverty alleviation, food security and nutrition.
13:40-14:00	<p>Open Discussion</p> <p>Participants to provide insights, thoughts. Space may allow insight from other regions.</p> <p>Commentators (SP 3/SP2, NGO and CSO) to draw a few conclusions from their perspective</p>
14:00	Side event ends.