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## REGIONAL COMMISSION FOR FISHERIES (RECOFI)

### Seventh Session

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### Administrative and Financial Reports

#### Executive Summary

The aim of this document is to report on administrative, operational and financial actions taken during the 2011-2012 period. It includes issues such as, meetings, publications, the status of payment of the membership contributions to the RECOFI's budget including the status of arrears, extra-budgetary contributions, and review of expenditures made or committed during the inter-sessional period.

#### The Commission is invited to:

- review the list of National Focal Points and update it as necessary.
- review the administrative and financial reports and provide general guidance.
- note and assess the remittance of contributions by members and the related status of arrears, particularly in consideration of the overall functioning of the Commission and implementation of its work plan.

## INTRODUCTION

1. This document, along with its Appendices, provides a summary of the functioning and administration of the Secretariat, including issues such as staffing, meetings and publications (Administrative Report). The document thereafter presents the status of the contributions made by members to the Commission's budget, including the status of arrears and provides the statement on expenditures made or committed during the inter-sessional period (Financial Report).

## ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

### Functioning of the Secretariat

#### *Organization of the Secretariat*

2. At its Fourth session in May 2007, the Commission identified and discussed a number of standing problems constraining the Commission's functions, among which the strengthening of the Secretariat. Consequently, in November 2007 FAO designated the Senior Fishery Officer assigned at the Regional Office for the Near East and North Africa in Cairo (RNE) to act as the Secretary of RECOFI.

3. In 2008 the FAO also nominated the Technical Secretary of the Working Group on Fisheries Management<sup>1</sup> (WGFM, formerly Working Group on Fishery Statistics). The Commission continued to benefit from the support provided by the Technical Secretary (FIRA Aquaculture Officer) of the Working Group on Aquaculture<sup>2</sup> (WGA). The core of the RECOFI Secretariat is completed by the bilingual secretary/administrative assistant. In addition, the Commission received significant assistance from FAO through the support of a Senior Statistician Officer (FIPS), an Information Officer (FIRA) and Liaison and Meetings Officer (FIPI), and secretarial support from FIPI staff serving RECOFI meetings. The RECOFI fisheries statistics database was regularly maintained and updated thanks to the FAO Fisheries and Aquaculture Information and Statistics Service (FIPS). The Marine and Inland Fisheries Service (FIRF) participated in RECOFI activities with a Senior Fishery Officer. The Secretariat further relied on consultancies to address specific issues (i.e. socio-economics, spatial planning and GIS application, by-catch management and low impact fishing).

#### *RECOFI inter-sessional meetings and meetings at which the Secretariat was represented*

4. The Secretariat coordinated and actively contributed to the preparation and the implementation of nine meetings, including the meetings of the Commission's subsidiary bodies and the two meetings to implement the FAO/RECOFI Initiative to Promote Fisheries Management Cooperation in the Northern Area of RECOFI, the "Regional Meeting on Reducing Vulnerability of Fishing and Fish Farming Communities to Natural Disasters and Climate Change Impacts in the Near East and North Africa" (Muscat, Sultanate of Oman, 25 March 2012) and the Near East and North Africa Regional Consultative Meeting "Securing Sustainable Small-Scale Fisheries: Bringing Together Responsible Fishing and Social Development" (Muscat, Sultanate of Oman, 26-28 March 2012). This regional consultation was attended by 14 experts from six RECOFI Member countries. Hence, a significant part of the meetings agreed upon by the Commission was satisfied despite the budgetary constraints. It should be pointed out that FAO contributed significantly and exceptionally through its regular Programme funds.

5. The Secretariat also participated in meetings of partner organizations or entities, including the reporting of RECOFI activities and achievements at the Thirty First Session of the Regional Conference for the Near East (Rome, Italy, 14-18 May 2012), the Regional Intergovernmental Meeting to Initiate the Establishment of a Red Sea and Gulf of Aden Fishery Management

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<sup>1</sup> Senior Fishery Officer, FAO Fisheries and Aquaculture Department, Fisheries and Aquaculture Policy and Economics Division. The position is vacant since December 2012.

<sup>2</sup> Aquaculture Officer, FAO Fisheries and Aquaculture Department, Fisheries and Aquaculture Resources Use and Conservation Division.

Arrangement (Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, 28-30 November 2011), and the Workshop on FAO Article XIV statutory bodies (Rome, Italy, 30 January 2012) convened by the Legal Department of FAO to follow-up on the request by the FAO Council, The Secretariat led the formulation of the sub-regional project “Support to capacity development for fishery stock assessment in GCC countries and Yemen” and participated in the planning meeting (Muscat, Sultanate of Oman, 18-20 March 2013). RECOFI was represented by its Secretary and at the Fourth Meeting of the Regional Fisheries Body Secretariat Network (Rome, Italy, 13 July 2013). RECOFI experts from Bahrain, IR Iran and Oman participated in the seventh and eighth Steering Committee meetings of FIRMS that were held in Rome, Italy, in December 2011 and February 2013 respectively.

#### *Publications*

6. During the inter-sessional period, the Secretariat produced and disseminated **eight** technical and scientific documents that were also made available on the RECOFI website<sup>3</sup>, **five** were published in the FAO Fisheries and Aquaculture Report series, and **three** will be published during 2013. Moreover, the Secretariat ensured the preparation and release of all the meeting's and session's working documents. Overall, approximately **twenty six** working documents were produced by the Secretariat in the inter-sessional period to support the work of the Commission and of its Working Groups.

7. The complete list of publications issued during the period from 2007 to date is provided in Appendix 1 of this document.

#### *Ad hoc activities/contributions supporting the work of the Commission*

- *Regional Aquaculture Information System (RAIS)*: the Secretariat continued its support provided by FIRA. Efforts were made by the FAO/RECOFI Secretariat to advance the progress in the establishment of RAIS and to enhance the coordination between the regional network of experts and RAIS national coordinators.

#### *Others*

8. Several other tasks that are coordinated directly by the Secretariat are not detailed here. These include liaison and communication with the Focal Points of the member countries, strengthening the cooperation with the FAO technical departments and partner organizations, including observer organizations, and the coordination of editing, translation and distribution of documents.

The following should however be noted:

9. *RECOFI networking communication and information flow*: The Bureau of the Commission and particularly the network of National Focal Points (NFPs) are highly instrumental in assisting and advising the Secretariat for the implementation of the work plan and for dealing with critical issues that may arise during the inter-sessional period. In consideration of the essential role played by the RECOFI NFPs, their Terms of Reference were discussed and adopted at the Fifth session of the Commission in 2009. The list of the current Focal Points is in Appendix 2.

10. *Visibility of RECOFI activities and outputs*: The Secretariat is taking action to enhance the visibility of the work of the Commission. The RECOFI webpage (<http://www.fao.org/fishery/rfb/recofi>), although simple and basic, has been maintained and is being gradually improved. It is currently the primary vehicle through which the Secretariat makes information available to the Commission and the general public; failure to maintain and further develop it with necessary human and financial means would result in higher costs for conveying key information to stakeholders. Currently (March 2013), RECOFI has approximately 43 000 internet sourced citations. Approximately a twenty-fold increase compared to February 2011.

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<sup>3</sup> <http://www.fao.org/fishery/rfb/recofi/en>

## FINANCIAL REPORT

### Status of the contributions to the RECOFI 2011–2012 budget

11. In May 2011, the Commission endorsed activities for implementation during in the 2011-2012 biennium approximately amounting to USD 200,000. This did not include the estimate of the FAO Regular Programme contribution to RECOFI and it was based on the assumptions of timely Member contributions and settlement of arrears.

12. FAO sent, through diplomatic channels, the “Call for fund letter” on the 16<sup>th</sup> May 2012. Subsequently, reminders followed by individual recalls, were sent by the Secretariat to concerned Parties. As of the 31<sup>st</sup> of December, the actual income from contributions for 2011–2012<sup>4</sup> amounted to USD 25 000.

13. The status of contributions can be summarized as follows:

- Four Members (Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, and Saudi Arabia) have paid their contribution in full<sup>5</sup>;
- Four Members (Bahrain, Iran, Iraq, and United Arab Emirates) have not yet fully paid their contribution<sup>6</sup>.

14. As shown in Appendix 3 of this document, the balance of accumulated pending contributions against the 2012 RECOFI fiscal year, as of the 31 of December 2012, amounted to USD 70 135.61. This represents a 40 percent increase compared to the previous biennium.

#### *Financial statement*

15. RECOFI Member countries each contribute USD 5 000/year. The core budget of RECOFI takes the form of a multi-lateral trust-fund FAO project. The project began in April 2003 and since then has been renewed on a yearly basis. Its budget is revised regularly in order to monitor annual contributions by Member countries and the cash flow of expenditures. The book-keeping activity continued to be ensured through the FAO central accounting system.

16. Table 1 below provides an overview of the financial statement of the Commission’s budget since 2003 and as of February 28, 2013<sup>7</sup>, and the liquidation of total expenses as of February 28, 2013. Total expenses (USD 409 222) include expenses settled to the end of February 2013 (USD 379 522), existing commitments (USD 10 000) made until the end of April 2013 and a provision of USD 22 000 earmarked as a forecast for the cost of the Seventh RECOFI session (interpretation, in-session translation of draft report, travel, printing and miscellaneous).

**Table 1: Financial Status in US Dollars (2003 - May 2013)**

<b>Income (contributions)</b>	<b>429 847</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>411 222</b>
Expenses ( <i>up to end February 2013</i> )	379 522
Commitments ( <i>2013</i> )	10 000
Forecast ( <i>2013 7<sup>th</sup> session</i> )	22 000
<b>Balance</b>	<b>18 625</b>

<sup>4</sup> RECOFI fiscal year is from the 1<sup>st</sup> of May to the 30<sup>th</sup> of April.

<sup>5</sup> Oman has an outstanding contribution of USD 20.00

<sup>6</sup> Iraq has an outstanding contribution for the year 2011 and has deposited in advance the 2013 contribution

<sup>7</sup> Funds deposited for the implementation of the Aquaculture Legal and Policy Project and RAIS are included.

17. The financial delivery by main activity during the period from 2011 to May 2013 is provided in Table 2. Expenditures can be divided in four broad categories: i) expenses related to the functioning of the Secretariat (70 percent of total expenses including those related to the Commission's plenary sessions in 2011 and 2013); ii) joint WGA/WGFM activities (three percent); iii) activities in support of the WGA (seven percent); and iv) activities in support of the WGFM (20 percent). The main expenditure chapters, based on the FAO/Oracle trust funds standard budget line allocations, are summarized in Appendix 4.

**Table 2. Financial delivery by activity during the intersessional period (US Dollars)**

Activity	2011-2012	2013 (provisional)	Total
Aquaculture Working Group (WGA)	4 717	3 500	8 217
Fisheries Management Working Group (WGFM)	18 516	3 500	22 016
Joint WGA/WGFM		3 000	3 000
Secretariat	59 012	22 000	79 012
<b>Total</b>	<b>82 245</b>	<b>32 000</b>	<b>114 245</b>

#### **Status of RECOFI extra-budgetary resources**

18. The overall budget approved by the Commission at its Fifth session included the funds made available as extra budgetary resources (i.e. from voluntary contributions by some members). Utilization of these funds is summarized below.

19. *Kuwait support the development of the Regional Aquaculture Information System*  
Following the kind offer made by Kuwait at the Third session of the Commission (Doha, Qatar, May 2005) in support of the initiative, the amount of USD 30 000 was received in a single instalment in 2007. No additional extra-budgetary funds were made available during the biennium to support RAIS. The current statue of RAIS is reported in RECOFI/VII/2013/5)

## APPENDIX 1

**List of publications  
(2007 onwards)*****I. Published documents***

- Report of the Fourth Session of the Regional Commission for Fisheries (RECOFI), Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, 7–9 May 2007. FAO Regional Office for the Near East. *FAO Fisheries Report*. No. 847. Rome, FAO. 2007. 48p.
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- FAO/Regional Commission for Fisheries. Report of the Regional Technical Workshop on Sustainable Marine Cage Aquaculture Development. Muscat, Sultanate of Oman, 25-26 January 2009. *FAO Fisheries and Aquaculture Report*. No. 892. Rome, FAO. 2009. 135p.
- FAO/Regional Commission for Fisheries. Report of the FAO/RECOFI Workshop on Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing. Muscat (Sultanate of Oman), 30 March – 2 April 2009. FAO Regional Office for the Near East. *FAO Fisheries and Aquaculture Report*. No. 903. Rome, FAO. 2009. 30p.
- Report of the Fifth Session of the Regional Commission for Fisheries. Dubai, United Arab Emirates, 12-14 May 2009. *FAO Fisheries and Aquaculture Report*. No. 915. Rome, FAO. 2009. 70p.
- FAO. Report of the Third Meeting of the RECOFI Working Group on Fisheries Management. Doha, Qatar 20–22 October 2009. *FAO Fisheries and Aquaculture Report*. No. 922. Cairo, FAO. 2009. 63p.
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- Crespi, V. and Lovatelli, A. RAIS-Regional Aquaculture Information System. User Manual. Version 1.0. Rome, FAO. 2009. 52p. (Bilingual English/Arabic)
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- FAO/Regional Commission for Fisheries. Report of the Fifth Meeting of the Working Group on Aquaculture. Doha, the State of Qatar, 27 October 2010. *FAO Fisheries and Aquaculture Report*. No. 954. Rome, FAO. 2010. 70p.
- FAO. Report of the Special Meeting on Consolidation and Development. Rome, 11-12 May 2010. *FAO Fisheries and Aquaculture Report*. No. 960. Rome, FAO. 2011. 32p.
- FAO/Regional Commission for Fisheries. Report of the FAO Technical Workshop on Spatial Planning for Marine Capture Fisheries and Aquaculture. Doha, the State of Qatar, 24-28 October 2010. *FAO Fisheries and Aquaculture Report*. No. 961. Rome, FAO. 2011. 118p.
- FAO/Regional Commission for Fisheries. Report of the FAO/RECOFI Workshop on the Fishery Stock Indicators and Stock Status. Tehran, the Islamic Republic of Iran, 26-29 July 2009. *FAO Fisheries and Aquaculture Report*. No. 970. Rome, FAO. 2011. 46p.
- FAO. Report of the fifth meeting of the RECOFI Working Group on Fisheries Management. Tehran, Iran (Islamic Republic of), 9-12 October 2011. *FAO Fisheries and Aquaculture Report* No. 986. Rome, FAO. 2011. 60p.
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## APPENDIX 3

**Status of contributions on 31 December 2012**  
**(Expressed in USD)**

<b>Members</b>	<b>Outstanding 31/12/11</b>	<b>Due for 2012-2013<sup>8</sup></b>	<b>Received 31/12/12</b>	<b>Outstanding 31/12/2012</b>
<b>BAHRAIN</b>	10,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	10,000
<b>IRAQ</b>	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
<b>IRAN, Islamic Republic of</b>	30,076.57	5,000.00	5,000.00	30,076.57
<b>KUWAIT</b>	0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
<b>OMAN, Sultanate of</b>	-4,980.00	5,000.00		20.00
<b>QATAR</b>	-10,017.00	5,000.00		-5,017.00
<b>SAUDI ARABIA, Kingdom of</b>	0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
<b>UNITED ARAB EMIRATES</b>	25,056.04	5,000.00		30,056.04
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>50,135.61</b>	<b>40,000.00</b>	<b>25,000.00</b>	<b>70,135.61</b>

<sup>8</sup> RECOFI fiscal year is from the 1<sup>st</sup> of May to the 30<sup>th</sup> of April.

## APPENDIX 4

**Expenditures met during the intersessional biennium (US Dollars) including 2013 commitments and forecast up to May (inclusive)**

<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>20011-2013</b>
<b>Consultancies</b>	10 511
<b>Travel</b>	39 798
<b>Contracts</b>	16 020
<b>General Operating Expenses</b>	12 693
<b>Charge backs (<i>interpretation &amp; reporting</i>)</b>	33 573
<b>Other Miscellaneous</b>	1 650
<b>Total</b>	<b>114 245</b>