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FOR INFORMATION AND PARTICIPATION

11. Additional information about current activities, sessions and publications is displayed on the EIFAC Web site: <http://www.fao.org/fi/eifac.htm>

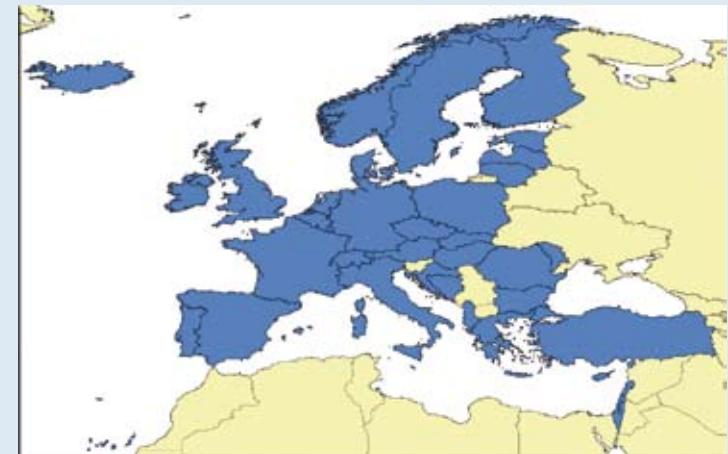
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EIFAC

EUROPEAN INLAND FISHERIES ADVISORY COMMISSION



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A NETWORK OF KNOWLEDGE ON INLAND FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE

1. EIFAC, the European Inland Fisheries Advisory Commission, a statutory body of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations established in 1957 is an inter-governmental forum for collaboration and information exchange on inland fisheries and aquaculture among all European countries. EIFAC can call upon the expertise of specialized scientists, managers and practitioners from 34 member countries and other specialized groups.
2. Organizations, institutions and agencies that are involved in managing inland fisheries and aquaculture — national and provincial governments, river basin management authorities, aquaculture enterprises, associations of sport and professional fishers — periodically need to seek guidance, particularly during formulation of regional and national policies, strategic plans or technical guidelines. They also need to exchange views with their colleagues. EIFAC provides a mechanism for this exchange.
3. EIFAC serves as a network, linking policy-makers, managers, scientists and others working on inland fisheries and aquaculture issues. The scientific work is undertaken mainly in Working Parties by specialists from EIFAC member countries and official observers.
4. The FAO Fisheries and Aquaculture Department provides the Secretariat at FAO headquarters in Rome. The secretariat, staffed by fishery and aquaculture experts, organizes biennial sessions and symposia, provides technical advice on request, and works to link those who seek technical expertise to those who can provide it.
5. On matters of common interest EIFAC has established collaboration with partner organizations such as the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea, European Anglers Alliance, Federation of European Aquaculture Producers, European Aquaculture Society, Network of Aquaculture Centres in Eastern Europe, The World Conservation Union, and others.
6. EIFAC's formal sessions, held since 1960 on a biennial basis, afford an excellent opportunity for collaboration between fisheries professionals and policy-makers. Member countries host the sessions with the approval of the Director-General of FAO.

EIFAC SYMPOSIA

7. In conjunction with the sessions, EIFAC organizes a Symposium on a specialized topic, which provides opportunities for scientists and managers to meet and discuss with policy-makers in more details. See (<http://www.fao.org/fi/eifac.htm>) for more information.

THE WORK OF EIFAC

- ◊ EIFAC has made significant contribution on issues such as the effects of toxic chemicals on fish, water quality, electric fishing, rehabilitation of rivers, commercial and recreational fisheries, stocking and introduction of fish, crustacean nutrition, pond aquaculture, fish farm effluents.
- ◊ EIFAC has advised the European Commission, upon its request, on several issues such as eels and marketing of freshwater aquaculture products, as part of an informed decision-making process.
- ◊ EIFAC has provided periodic overviews of the state of inland fisheries and aquaculture in its member countries.
- ◊ EIFAC developed codes of practice and manual of procedures on introductions of aquatic species (in

association with the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea) that have been adopted by all FAO regional fishery bodies.

PUBLICATIONS

8. EIFAC symposium proceedings, session reports and scientific findings have been published by FAO as FAO Fisheries reports, EIFAC Technical Papers and EIFAC Occasional Papers. Other publications have also been carried out in collaboration with major scientific publishers.

MEMBERSHIP AND CONSTITUTION

9. Membership is open to European member countries of FAO in accordance with the provisions of Article VI, paragraph 1 of the FAO Constitution. To join, eligible countries simply need to notify the FAO Director-General of their desire for membership. Current EIFAC member countries are:

Albania	France	Netherlands
Austria	Germany	Norway
Belgium	Greece	Poland
Bulgaria	Hungary	Portugal
Bosnia & Herzegovina	Iceland	Romania
Croatia	Ireland	Slovakia
Cyprus	Israel	Spain
Czech Republic	Italy	Sweden
Denmark	Latvia	Switzerland
Estonia	Lithuania	Turkey
Finland	Luxembourg	United Kingdom

The European Community is also a member and the Russian Federation is observer.



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Studying native fishes in Austria



Stocking coastal lagoons in Italy

◊ SUB-COMMISSION III: Protection of the Aquatic Resource

- › Ad Hoc Working Party on the Methodologies for Rehabilitation of Lakes and Reservoirs
- › Ad Hoc Working Party on the Handling of Fishes in Fisheries and Aquaculture
- › Ad Hoc Working Party on the Prevention and Control of Bird Predation
- › Ad Hoc Working Party on European Union Water Framework Directive

◊ SUB-COMMISSION IV: Social and Economic Issues

- › Ad Hoc Working Party on Recreational Fisheries
- › Ad Hoc Working Party on Socio-Economic Aspects of Inland Fisheries
- › Liaison Group on Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing



Algae culture in Turkey

STRUCTURE AND CURRENT TOPICS

10. EIFAC's diverse expertise is reflected in its four permanent sub-commissions and numerous specialist working parties and liaison groups. All working parties deal with issues that require international cooperation and are not addressed adequately by other fisheries organizations. To participate in or find out more about the working parties, please contact the EIFAC Secretary or the chairperson of the working party (see Web site for addresses). Current working parties and liaison groups are:

◊ SUB-COMMISSION I: Biology and Management

- Joint EIFAC/ICES Working Party on Eels
- Ad Hoc Working Party on Fish Monitoring in Fresh Waters
- Ad Hoc Working Party on Introductions and Stocking
- Ad Hoc Working Party on Mapping of Fish Distribution and Aquatic Habitat Quality
- Joint EIFAC/GFCM Working Party Management of Sturgeon
- Ad Hoc Working Party on Fish Passage Best Practises

◊ SUB-COMMISSION II: Aquaculture

- › Working Party on the Relationship between Fish Transfer and Fish Health
- › Working Party on Aquatic Resources Management in Aquaculture
- › Working Party on Market Perspectives of European Freshwater Aquaculture