

Recommendation RECOFI/8/2015/1 Minimum Reporting on Aquaculture Data and Information

The Regional Fisheries Commission (RECOFI),

RECALLING the FAO Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries which calls for sustainable development and responsible aquaculture practices;

RECALLING the RECOFI's role in promoting the sustainable development of aquaculture in the marine areas defined in Article IV of the RECOFI Agreement;

RECALLING the Article III (g) of the RECOFI Agreement in which Contracting Parties agree to promote programmes for aquaculture enhancement and to regularly collect and disseminate information on aquaculture production and other data relevant to the function of the Working Group on Aquaculture (WGA) and as defined in the endorsed Terms of Reference of the WGA;

CONSIDERING the development of the Regional Aquaculture Information System (RAIS) to promote aquaculture in the RECOFI area as endorsed by the Commission at its third Session;

RECOGNIZING the need of the Working Group on Aquaculture (WGA) to have access to reliable data to undertake its work effectively;

RECALLING that standards in aquaculture data collection and statistics should be established in line with guidelines set by the FAO Coordinating Working Party on Aquaculture Statistics;

NOTING that the Regional Aquaculture Information System has been established as the aquaculture data collection scheme through which RECOFI member countries can regularly submit national data on aquaculture;

NOTING that RECOFI endorsed that the responsibilities of the RAIS national coordinators be formally endowed with a national institution;

ADOPTS, in conformity with the provision of paragraph 1(b) and (h) of Article III and Article V of the RECOFI Agreement, the following:

1. Contracting Parties shall submit the data within the coverage area of the Commission for the parameters listed below on an annual basis to the RECOFI Secretariat through the RAIS website:

PRODUCTION STATISTICS- MANDATORY

- CWP¹ Statistical Areas
- Culture environment (brackish, marine and freshwater)
- Cultured species (scientific and common name; including capture-based species)
- System of culture (extensive, semi-intensive, intensive)

¹ See: <http://www.fao.org/fishery/area/Area51/en>

- Type of culture (cages, ponds, raceways, hatchery)
- Type of product (eggs, fingerlings, market size)
- Capture-based aquaculture input (eggs, wild fingerlings, wild fish)
- Production quantity (tonnes/units)
- Production value (currency)

PRODUCTION CENTERS - MANDATORY

- Unit (segment) of production (hatcheries, ongrowing farms)
- Number of production centres per unit (segment)
- Cultured species per unit (segment)
- Total volume (m³) of facilities of production centres per segment
- Destination of product per segment (consumption, ongrowing, restocking, ornamental)

MARKET - OPTIONAL

- Feed, fishmeal and fish oil:
 - Domestic production (tonnes)
 - Imports (tonnes)
 - Feed prices for major farmed species (value per tone)
 - Trade and consumption:
 - Total import and export of farmed aquatic products (weight and value)
 - Import and export of major farmed species (weight and value)
 - Main export destination for farmed species
 - National per capita consumption of farmed aquatic products
2. The deadline for submissions is June 1st, with the reference year for the data submitted being the preceding year.
 3. Members shall nominate a national focal point responsible for the submission of aquaculture data.