

COMMITTEE ON FISHERIES

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Written Correspondence

Malaysia

5. Decisions and recommendations of the Tenth Session of the COFI Sub-Committee on Aquaculture, Trondheim, Norway, 23-27 August 2019

Malaysia appreciates the report of the Tenth Session of the Sub-Committee on Aquaculture.

About 90 % of aquaculture farmers in Malaysia are operated at small-scale and contributed about 60% to the total aquaculture production thus making significant contribution to food security, poverty alleviation and also socio-economic development. Currently majority of the small-scale farmers are struggling with productivity issue. In this aspect, we seek for FAO's expertise and assistance in order to achieve the objectives to increase productivity of the small-scale farmers and improve their market access.

Malaysia took note and would like extend our gratitude to the FAO on the accomplishments of the implementation of the FAO Action Plan on Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) 2016-2020 in aquaculture.

Malaysia welcomed the proposal of the new five-year Action Plan and appreciated the improvements made to foster sustainable actions, and called for predictable funding. Malaysia also underlined the importance of FAO's shared responsibility in promoting prudent and responsible use of antimicrobials in aquatic resources; and appreciated FAO's cooperation with the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) and the World Health Organization (WHO) within the Tripartite collaboration; and encouraged a more enhanced collaboration with OIE, WHO, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), Codex Alimentarius and other organizations on AMR as part of the One Health approach.

Malaysia encouraged FAO to continue to strengthen its policy and technical support to all its Members through capacity building at country level and through the development and implementation of tools to assist countries to combat AMR in food and agriculture, including surveillance and monitoring. Malaysia would like to highlight the need to recognize for a greater exchange of experience and knowledge of best practices in the implementation of the Action Plan.

Finally, Malaysia support the endorsement of the report of the Sub-Committee on Aquaculture and welcome the publication of the report on the State of the World's Aquatic Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture

and also took note of the ongoing development of a draft Global Plan of Action for Aquatic Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture.

6. Decisions and recommendations of the Seventeenth Session of the COFI Sub-Committee on Fish Trade, Vigo, Spain, 25-29 November 2019

Malaysia would like to congratulate the Government of Spain for successfully hosting the Seventeenth Session of the COFI Sub-Committee on Fish Trade in November 2019.

Malaysia echoed the requests by the Sub-Committee for FAO to continue actively contributing to provide technical support to Members on fisheries topics in support of the fisheries subsidies negotiations, and also in the Members' development and implementation of NPOA- IUU.

As also highlighted in the report, Malaysia humbly support the recommendation by the Sub-Committee for FAO to continue working on the trade in fisheries- related services topic from a value chain perspective, specifically in providing more clarity, including the generation of foreign exchange and employment opportunities for developing countries.

Finally, Malaysia support the endorsement of the report of the Sub-Committee on Fish Trade.

13.1 Terms of Reference of the International Platform for Digital Food and Agriculture

Malaysia took note of the document COFI/2020/Inf.3.3 on the Terms of Reference of the International Platform for Digital Food and Agriculture, and request for FAO to develop a sustainable funding plan and shall be based on voluntary contributions from Members and partners. On top of that, Malaysia also underline the importance for FAO to ensure that the initiative will create synergies between international organizations and stakeholders, and strengthen coordination between them without duplicating their activities under their respective mandates.

14. Multi- year Programme of Work (MYPOW) of the Committee

Malaysia take note on the proposed MYPOW 2020-2023 and wish to support the approval of the said document.

17.1 Developments in *fora* of importance for the mandate of COFI: for information

Malaysia take note on the developments.