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**5th Meeting of the Working Group on the Proposal of the Establishment of
the Sub-Committee on Fisheries Management (WG 5)**

20 April 2022

Minutes of WG 5

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12:00-15:00 (CEST), Wednesday, 20 April 2022
On Zoom

Registered Participants: Appendix 1

Discussion:

1. Adoption of the Agenda

The draft Provisional Agenda was adopted without any change as attached in **Appendix 2**.

2. Review of the options with further analysis

- (1) The Chairperson introduced WG 5/1 (Revised Matrix for Analysing Different Options)¹. The Secretary of the Sub-Committee on Fish Trade (SCFT) and the Secretary of COFI introduced WG 5/2 (Support to Developing Country Participation by the Host Country of Sub-Committee on Fish Trade).
- (2) With regard to Options, the Chairperson indicated that following further analysis he no longer thought that A-6 was a viable option. The Representative of New Zealand supported this position. The Representatives of Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Chile and United States of America expressed their preference to Option A-5. The Representative of Japan expressed support to Option A-4 and also pointed out that even if a meeting is held in a virtual modality, the cost for organizing a meeting still needs to be funded from an extra-budgetary fund. The Representative of New Zealand supported Japan on the funding point, but did not indicate a preference out of the options.
- (3) With regard to support to developing country participation, the Representative of New Zealand reiterated the point that all options for organizing the Sub-Committee on Fisheries Management (SCFM) would require full extra-budgetary funding, and indicated that the funding mechanism for the Sub-Committee on Livestock might be a good example to follow. The Representative of European Union supported New Zealand and mentioned that the cost for organizing the SCFM should not be a burden of COFI. She also pointed out that a good quality of a meeting is with adequate participation. The Representative of Chile also mentioned that a clear mechanism for supporting participation by developing countries was necessary. The Representative of Argentina supported Chile and underscored the need for a clear and established mechanism for supporting developing countries. The Representative of Brazil also echoed the previous speakers with regard to the need for a supporting mechanism.

¹ All meeting documents are available on the relevant webpage: <http://www.fao.org/about/meetings/cofi/sub-committee-on-fisheries-management-wg/en/>

The Representative of New Zealand asked if the Secretariat had any preference out of the funding mechanism examples. The Secretary of COFI responded that he thought the example of the Sub-Committee on Livestock could be most similar to the case of the SCFM. The Representative of Argentina made inquiries about (i) the potential contribution by entities other than governments to the fund and (ii) the way to limit the use of the fund to a particular purpose. The Representative of Canada also inquired about the possibilities for a private sector to make contribution. With regard to the second point, the Secretary of COFI indicated that the use of the fund could be limited by terms of reference. The Secretariat was requested to further exploring on the first point. The Representative of United States of America indicated that the fund established by the FAO Agreement on Port State Measures (PSMA) could receive contributions from entities other than governments. The Representative of Argentina indicated that the FAO/WHO Codex Trust Fund (CTF) could also be taken as a guidance.

3. Formulation of a proposal to COFI 35

- (1) The Chairperson introduced WG 5/3 (Draft Proposal to COFI 35 on the Establishment of the Sub-Committee on Fisheries Management).
- (2) With regard to Paragraph 2 of the main text on p.2, the Representative of United States of America asked some clarification and questioned (i) if those conditions should also be applied for the existing two Sub-Committees, (ii) who should decide if those conditions are met, and (iii) when it is decided to organize a meeting in a virtual modality. The Representative of European Union also raised the question about the conditions listed in Paragraph 2 (2) and asked confirmation if (i) all those conditions must be met for organizing a meeting of the SCFM and (ii) a meeting could be organized in a virtual modality with any other reasons such as force majeure. She also expressed concern about Paragraph 3 of Appendix 3 and mentioned that the annotations should be distributed earlier than “two weeks before the meeting” particularly for internal consultation and coordination within the same regional group. The Secretary of the SCFT raised a question about a balance between support by host countries and support by the established fund.

The Chairperson responded: (i) the idea is that since the meeting of the SCFM would be an extra one in addition to the existing two meetings, there should be special treatment for the SCFM, but whether the same conditions should be applied to the other two Sub-committees should be further discussed; (ii) the Bureau could judge whether these conditions have been met and the meeting should be a virtual one at a certain point such as 6 months after the COFI meeting; (iii) all the conditions must be met in 2 (2); (iv) a meeting could be a virtual one for other reasons such as COVID-19, but introducing additional ideas would make the document more complicated; and (v) the timing of the distribution will depend on the ability of the Secretariat.

- (3) With regard to Paragraph 2 of Appendix 3 on the representation of regional organizations, the Representatives of Canada, United States of America, Argentina and Brazil expressed

their concern. The Chairperson clarified that “regional organizations” mentioned in para 2 are organizations such as the Forum Fisheries Agency in the Pacific area and COMHAFAT in the west Africa, not regional groups. The Chairperson further stated that he believed that one of the groups who have expressed concerns about the proposal to establish a SCFM is the Southwest Pacific regional group, and this proposed arrangement could help them alleviate their difficulties regarding participation in SCFM meetings. He then asked the Representative of New Zealand for their view. The representative of New Zealand, while appreciating the efforts of the Chairperson to address the concern of the group, indicated that usually for international meetings, a representative of a regional organization (such as the FFA) could participate as member of a member delegation, for which he/she represents. The Chairperson appreciated this information and decided to delete this paragraph, given the concern of several participants.

- (4) With regard to Appendix 4, the question was raised about the criteria to choose the recipients of the support and who should decide them. The Representative of Argentina underscored the importance for the recipients to decide who should receive the support rather than to be decided by negotiation between the donor and recipients. The Representative of the United States of America proposed to delete the reference to “the Host Members, any donor countries”. The Chair stressed that there is a risk that donors may not be willing to provide support if they cannot intervene the decision and the more important point is that the minimum percentage of support should be applied to each group, however, he would consider and reflect the comments in the next version of the proposal. The representative of New Zealand noted that that it should be possible for member countries to make both earmarked and un-earmarked contributions to support the SCFM, as long as the total funding achieves the minimum agreed amount to cover the minimum required in person participation % of all regional groups – otherwise the SCFM meeting would revert to a virtual format as outlined in para 2(3) of the proposal.

4. Identification of any further work

The following further work was identified:

- The Chairperson will revise WG 5/3, including Appendix 4, in particular who should decide recipients of the support.
- The Secretariat will further explore the mechanism for supporting participation by developing countries, in particular with regard to the possibility for entities other than governments to make contribution to the mechanism.

5. Any other matters

No other matter was proposed to be discussed.

6. Next meeting

It was agreed that the 6th Meeting of WG (WG 6) would be held on 10 June 2022 on zoom. The Chairperson stressed that this meeting would be the last one where the WG must produce a good proposal to COFI 35.

(APPENDIX 1)

List of Registered Participants in the 5th Meeting of the Working Group on the Proposal of the Establishment of the Sub-Committee on Fisheries Management (WG 5)

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On Zoom

Names of countries	Registered Participants
Angola	Mr Carlos Amaral
Argentina	Ms Gabriela Navarro, Mr Guillermo Rodolico
Australia	Mr Liam Tucker, Mr Adam Camilleri
Brazil	Ms Catarina Cardoso de Melo, Mr Yoshiaki Nogueira Miyazaki, Mr Fabio Meira de Oliveira Dias, Mr Diogenes Lemainski
Canada	Ms Renée Sauvé, Mr Benny Guttman, Ms Julie Edmond, Ms Rose Labreche, Ms Zoe Tupling
Chile	Ms Patricia Jacqueline Araya, Ms Katherine Bernal, Mr Salvador Vega, Ms Monica Rojas, Mr Hector Bacigalupo Falcon, Ms Venessa Pohl Revillard, Ms Jacqueline Salas, Mr Julio Jorquera
Colombia	Ms Sara Zafra Murcia, Ms Ximena Guzman Romero, Mr Juan Carlos Gutierrez Mejia, Mr Leonel Arturo Bohorquez Rueda, Mr Santiago Avila Venegas
Congo	Mr Bienvenu Ntsouanva
Cook Islands	Ms Kerrie Robertson, Ms Alexis Wolfgramm
Czechia	Mr Jakub Moricky
Dominican Republic	Ms Berioska Morrison, Ms Larissa Veloz
Ecuador	Mr Patrico Troya, Ms Celilia Arboleda, Mr Juan Fernando Tinoco
Egypt	Ms Doaa Hammam, Mr Atif Megaed, Mr Abdel Razek Mohamed, Mr Fatimah Elzahraa Mohamed
European Union	Ms Aurore Maillet, Mr Marc Richir, Mr Jorg Roos
Germany	Ms Anne Loos
Ghana	Ms Phyllis Mends, Mr Michel Arthur-Dadzie
Hungary	Mr Peter Lengyel
Indonesia	Ms Sitti Hamdiyah, Ms Anindita Laksmiwati, Mr/Ms Djoko Arye Prasetyo, Mr/Ms Sofyan Rahman, Mr Muhammad Febrianoer, Mr/Ms Andreas Mahardika, Ms Novi Dwi Ratnasari, Ms Fathia Maryam Perdata, Mr Caka A. Awal, Ms Nona Gae Luna, Ms Ida Ayu Ratih, Mr/Ms Purna Cita Nugraha
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Mr Morteza Azadi
Italy	Mr Mauro Bertelletti, Mr Massimo Ruggiero, Ms Ilaria Ferraro
Japan	Mr Shingo Ota, Mr Kengo Tanaka, Mr Yuki Morita, Mr Kyutaro Yasumoto, Ms Sayako Takeda
Kenya	Ms Lucy Obungu, Mr Rodrick Kundu, Mr Jared Agano, Ms Christine Adhiambo, Mr Mwaka Barabara, Mr Christoper Nyaga

Kuwait	Mr Sultan Alotaibi, Mr Salah Al Bazzaz
Latvia	Ms Santa Jansone
Madagascar	Mr Ed. Ranaivo
Malaysia	Ms Yeo Moi Eim, Ms Nur Fadhlina Chan binti Mahadie Chan, Ms Lim Ai Gaik
Malta	Mr Angelico Baldacchino
Mexico	Mr Edgar Edmundo Lanz Sánchez, Ms Isabel Cristina Reyes Robles, Mr José de Jesús Dosal Cruz, Mr José Luis Delgado Crespo, Mr Noemí Itzel Zamora García
Morocco	Mr Mohamed Yassine El Aroussi, Ms Ilham Teto
New Zealand	Mr Don Syme
Norway	Mr Krisoffer Bjoiklund, Mr Alf Hakon Hoel, Ms Ann Kristin Westberg
Peru	Mr Alejandro José Velásquez Barrionuevo, Mr Omar Ricardo Rios Bravo de Rueda, Mr Ever Arboleda Ludeña, Mr Víctor Manuel Narro Alberca, Mr Edson Apaza Mamani, Ms Sharon Dale Gonzales, Ms Patricia Iliushka Villasante Meza, Mr Oscar Eduardo Diaz Mendoza, Ms Rosa Ramírez Ontaneda, Mr Walter Hiram Barrera Lozada, Mr Johnny Gonzales Carmen, Mr Juan Camilo Ríos Horna, Ms María Antonieta Paliza Huerta
Philippines	Ms Drusila Bayate, Ms Joeren Yleana, Ms Janice Cubo
Portugal	Ms Fernanda Guia
Russian Federation	Mr Vyacheslav V. Nikulin, Mr Bekyashev Damir, Ms Laeva Anna, Ms Podolyan Anastasia
Senegal	Mr Diene Ndiaye
South Africa	Ms Michelle Pretorius, Ms Fatima Daya, Mr Belemare Semoli
Spain	Ms Carmen Paz Martí, Mr Juan Prieto, Mr Gonzalo Eiriz
Thailand	Mr Thanawat Tiensin, Ms Supajit Sriariyawat, Mr Choltisak Chawpaknum, Mr Ratthanin Sangsayan
Uganda	Mr Tom Mukasa
United Kingdom	Ms Heidi Richardson, Mr Hayley Cox
United States of America	Ms Rebecca Wintering, Ms Cheri McCarty, Ms Deirdre Warner-Kramer, Ms Silvia Givanazzi
Viet Nam	Ms Bang Tam
Zambia	Mr Evans Mutanuka

(APPENDIX 2)

**Provisional Agenda for 5th Meeting of the Working Group on the Proposal of the
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