Progress report of the CWP ad-hoc Task Group on Aquaculture

Report of activities on review of the Aquaculture Section of the CWP Handbook

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(CWP-IS/2022/5)
Report of activities on review of the Aquaculture Section of the CWP Handbook *(CWP-IS/2022/5)*

**Background:**

- CWP-23 (2010) established CWP-AS (Aquaculture Subject Group)

- CWP-24 (2013) drafted the Aquaculture section for the CWP Handbook (HB)

- HB was revised during the CWP IS meeting in 2017

- CWP-26 (2019) established an ad-hoc task group (TG) focus on the Aquaculture section of the HB

- Work being undertaken on the revision of Aquaculture section of the HB up to June 2022
Aquaculture Section 3 of the CWP Handbook

The Handbook contains five sections which cover (1) General concepts, (2) Capture fisheries statistics, (3) Aquaculture statistics, (4) Socio-economic dimension, and (5) Tools and resources.

The **aims and scope** of the Aquaculture Section 3 of the CWP Handbook is to:

- Document concepts that are relevant to aquaculture statistics
- Provide principles valid at international level relevant to aquaculture;
- Cover a range of basic global concepts, definitions, standard classifications, as applied to aquaculture data collection and statistics globally and by international agencies.
  - Define statistical standards for specialized concepts as adopted by CWP; and for concepts that have a wider scope as adopted internationally (e.g. UN statistical standards);
- Review methodological issues that are specific to aquaculture statistics;
- Define minimum requirements for data collection; and define desirable levels of information.
Develop and finalize ToRs and work plan in consultation with TG Convener & establish TG

March-April 2021

June 2021

Critically review the draft aquaculture components of the HB (1st review)

Further review the draft aquaculture components of the HB (2nd review)

September 2021

November 2021

Presentation of the draft HB at the Inters. Meeting & feedback

Intersessional bilateral meetings with CWP Parties & review and finalization of the HB

June 2022

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June 2022
Critical review of the draft Handbook (1st Review)

The 1st review:

• Highlighted the importance to better retain the objective of the Handbook

• need to shorten and/or delete some topic, while further expanding and elaborating other key concepts and definitions (e.g. stages in aquaculture, classification, production systems);

• Highlighted the need to represent a global framework, making essential to gather and include as many experiences as possible in the different geographical areas worldwide.
Critical review of the draft Handbook (1st Review circulated in July 2021)

The results of the 1st review was shared with:

(i) experts from CWP member organizations;

(ii) aquaculture experts and practitioners from several countries and geographical areas;

(iii) FAO staff and consultants.

- The consultation confirmed the proposed changes emerged from the 1st critical review
- Furthermore several recommendations were received for the amelioration of the final product
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<td>Specific variables to be collected for climate change</td>
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<td>Aquaculture classification</td>
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<td>Chapter on Investment</td>
<td>Not necessary in the aquaculture section of the HB</td>
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<td>Key topics to be further and deeply discussed / investigated</td>
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<td>Chapter on Antibacterials</td>
<td>Keep it in the HB but to be revised and updated</td>
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<td>Chapter on Use of spatial information technology</td>
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<td>Technical statistical parts</td>
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Critical review of the draft Handbook (2\textsuperscript{nd} Review)

The 2\textsuperscript{nd} review:
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  \item Addressed the recommendations received
  \item Rearranged the HB structure
  \item Widened and improved the contents (e.g. list of figures and tables, executive summary, nature & scope, institutional benchmarks, hyperlinks, etc.)
\end{itemize}

REVISED CWP HANDBOOK
CWP Intersessional Meeting

• Presented the work done by TG Aquaculture and the progress on aquaculture farming systems classification

• Presented the revised draft HB in detail

• The meeting acknowledged the progress made and the **need for additional work** to finalize the HB to be presented at CWP-27
  • There were additional suggestions to modify the HB

• The TG-Aquaculture workplan until CWP-27 was approved
Bilateral meetings with CWP Parties

- General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (GFCM)
- Network of Aquaculture Centres in Asia-Pacific (NACA)
- Statistical Office of the European Communities (EUROSTAT)
- Southeast Asia Fisheries Development Centre (SEAFDEC)
- Pacific Community (SPC)

- Informed on the current status and progress of the draft Aquaculture section of the HB post CWP IM
- Proposed further suggestions on the HB
- Discussed possible next steps for cooperation post CWP-27
Intersessional meetings with CWP Parties

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<td>• There is consistency between the HB and the GFCM Information System for the Promotion of Aquaculture in the Mediterranean (SIPAM)</td>
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<td>• Present the HB to SIPAM National Focal Points to gather their comments and feedback</td>
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<td>To have a shared document repository accessible by CWP parties containing the latest working version of the draft Aquaculture Section of the CWP HB</td>
<td>A document repository was created to share the draft HB</td>
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<td><strong>Consider two targeted case studies:</strong></td>
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<td>EUROSTAT expressed the interest to <strong>strengthen cooperation</strong> with the FAO Statistics Team on the aspects related to sharing and harmonisation of statistical data.</td>
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<td><strong>Clarify</strong> better in the <strong>Nature and Scope</strong> section that the HandBook is to be considered guidelines for countries.</td>
<td><strong>Modify the HB</strong> as appropriate</td>
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<td>Whether the <strong>FAO questionnaire</strong> that each country is asked to compile, would be <strong>modified</strong> after the formal adoption of the HB.</td>
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**Work needed to operationalize the HB provisions:**

- how to manage and interpret the collected data?
- different methods on how analyse trend of aquaculture?
- which statistics indicators could be adopted to monitor aquaculture development, sustainability and production?

**Proposal to be discussed** at the CWP 27th Session and possibly considered in the next phase post CWP 27th
Coordination with the ad-hoc Task Group on reference harmonization (TG-RH2)

- A meeting held to ensure coordination & consistency with the HB to the work of the other TGs

- All aspects on harmonization were shared and discussed, including the proposal that was made for data structure on global aquaculture production, summarizing the main standards to be considered

- Aquaculture statistics and HB lack of a defined code lists for some of the basic concepts (e.g. environment, types of farming/production). Such gap might be filled in the next session as the work on farming system classification is finalized.

- Discussions over specific issues considered in the HB:
  - The need for “flag status” as the one in use for the fishery section (in future for aquaculture carried out in fish farm vessels
  - Standard reference for the measuring units
  - “Flags” for defining matters of confidentiality and quality of the data
Finalization of the CWP Handbook

Final draft of the Aquaculture Section of the CWP Handbook

- Since March 2021 until June 2022, the draft Handbook underwent a thorough revision, which has taken into consideration
  - the work done by TG Aquaculture and expert team
  - inputs received by CWP Parties and other experts

REVISED CWP HANDBOOK

- The final draft Handbook maintains the initial structure but presents the findings in a more direct form, avoiding redundancies, offers updated definitions, categories and codes following the latest work within the framework of the CWP and guides the reader through detailed tables and examples.

The details will be outlined in the next presentation CWP-IS/2022/Pr9
Possible Next Steps
Further topics to be addressed by TG-A, emerged from the IS and bilateral meetings

- Development of **coding for the classification of farming systems** including the sub-categories;

- **Improve the collection of data in terms of production and market value of commodities from aquaculture** such as fry and fingerlings, sturgeon caviar and other traded fish eggs (e.g. trout, salmon, etc.), fishery products from aquaponic, etc.

- **Develop tools (manuals, guidelines, etc.)** to operationalize the aquaculture section of the Handbook such as: (i) how to manage and interpret the collected data; (ii) data analysis; (iii) what is the trend of aquaculture?

- **Develop suitable indicators** that could be used/applied to monitor aquaculture development, sustainability and production over time;
Possible Next Steps
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- Contribute to the revision of **CWP webpages** to improve content and coverage including the Aquaculture Section of the CWP Handbook;

- Continue the work in revising International Standard Statistical Classification for Aquatic Animals and Plants (ISSCAAP)

- **Identify targeted case studies**: (i) periodic surveys of production losses and practices/causes in different sectors (e.g. in HB section 3.5); (ii) socio-economic and nutritional impact of small-scale/artisanal production on rural communities (e.g. in HB section 4.2).
Thank you • Merci
Благодарю • ¡Muchas gracias!
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