

BlueBRIDGE External Advisory Board (EAB)
Technical Working Group Meeting on Global Record of Stocks and Fisheries
Second Session
Rome, Italy, 28 February, 1 and 2 March 2017
ANNOTATED AGENDA AND TIMETABLE

MEETING PLACE: FAO HQ, INDIA ROOM (A327)

Day 1

All day: 09:00 to 17:30
 Coffee breaks: 10:30-11; 15:30-15:45
 Lunch break: 12:30-13:45

Tuesday morning (09:00 – 12:30)

1. Welcome address and adoption of agenda

*A brief summary of the activities of the GRSF community will be also provided. Minutes of the conference calls and the GRSF documentation are accessible in the [GRSF wiki](#)**.

2. The GRSF prototype, an introduction

During the last months, progress were made for the development of the GRSF interface and a prototype has been released in a specific iMarine VRE.

In this VRE we can now access and manage stocks and fishery records from the three data contributors (FIRMS partners, RAM, and FishSource).

The VRE was presented at the BlueBRIDGE review meeting in Brussels with positive feedback from the Horizon 2020 reviewers.

3. GRSF Standards and guidelines: finalizing and implementation road map

Introduce the standards for the GRSF fields of the database and mapping guidelines. The [GRSF database overview](#) documents the standards for each field. The [guidelines](#)* for the area field and the unique semantic identifier have also been drafted.*

*The GRSF prototype now contains all heterogeneous codes found in the sources. To standardize the content of the GRSF **we need to adopt shared standards**. In particular see also the proposal for handling [GRSF spatial references](#)**.

Participants are asked to comment the proposed guidelines and standards for each of the GRSF fields and the implications these may have on their data sources.

* Links are pointing to the GRSF Wiki with restricted access. Please use your credentials of the iMarine gateway, if you are not yet member of the GRSF VRE please contact us to be invited.

Tuesday afternoon (13:45 – 17:30)

GRSF Standards and guidelines: finalizing and implementation road map (Continuing from the morning)

4. Master Data Management (MDM)

The FAO initiative on Master Data Management can support the GRSF need of standards with mapping of local and regional classifications to global standards within FAO and iMarine platforms.

The available mapping and data services as well as possible developments will be presented for GRSF specific needs. The group will review the list of required code lists, and required mappings, including for the geographic dimension.

Participants are asked to review and amend the GRSF code lists (including geographic identifiers), and identify the mappings. Considering the proposed FAO and BlueBRIDGE facilities and data services, the group will formulate the needs which the MDM initiative could support. The group will also develop the plan for proceeding with actual mapping work.

Day 2

All day: 09:00 to 17:30

Coffee breaks: 10:40-11; 15:30-15:45

Lunch break: 12:30-13:45

Wednesday morning (09:00 – 12:30)

5. Data validation workflow – GRSF records publication

The GRSF data administrator needs to validate and to approve every GRSF record (stock or fishery) before it can be disseminated. The validation workflow has to guarantee due diligence to ensure that the data owners policies are respected.

Moreover, time dependant indicators related to the published GRSF stocks records (e.g. catch, stock status) might be available in one or more sources attached to the same record. How do we handle this information?

A scenario will be presented, the working group participants will review this scenario and finalize a workflow and make recommendations for its implementation.

6. Unique identifiers for fisheries - interface requirements to access relevant information

The GRSF prototype includes the automatic creation of unique identifiers, there is a need to indicate the type of consultation/navigation services which should be accessible from the GRSF interface for users consulting the record.

To meet the GRSF objectives, and to ensure the sustainability of the system, an important factor is to meet the end users' needs.

The group will discuss a first version of these services.

Wednesday afternoon (13:45 – 17:30)

7. Unique identifiers for stocks – towards support for the computation of stock status summaries

What do we need to compute summaries of stock status (i.e. by species and area) by weighting the stock status indicators?

A first version of the rules and workflow that should drive the handling of such indicators will be discussed.

8. Governance and Sustainability

The future ownership and operation of the GRSF after its deliverable are open for suggestions. This includes the identification of the business model that is suitable for the stock/fishery unique ID service for seafood industry. The group will review and further elaborate the sustainability components and discuss options, including governance. These directions/options will constitute the basis for assigning a consultant during the following 12 months with the mission to depict scenarios, perform a feasibility study and cost/benefit analysis, and coordinate inputs among GRSF stakeholders.

Participants are asked to review the sustainability components prior to the meeting and come with suggestions. The group will agree on the road map including the consultant's TORs.

Day 3

Half day: 09:00 to 12:30

Coffee breaks: 10:40-11

Thursday morning (09:00 – 12:30)**9. Consolidating working group conclusions**

This half day will be dedicated to consolidate all recommendations made by the participants addressing the various topics of the meeting. The output of the meeting will guide the further development of the GRSF and will contribute to the formulation of the exploitation plan.

10. Any other business