

FIRMS Steering Committee Meeting
Tenth Session
Copenhagen, Denmark 21-24 June 2017
ANNOTATED AGENDA AND TIMETABLE
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MEETING PLACE: ICES HQ

Day 1, Wednesday 21-06-2017

Afternoon: 14:00 hours to 18:00 hours

1. Opening session and Welcome address

2. Adoption of agenda

3. The Partnership - How FIRMS can match Partners objectives

Seeking new suggestions and guidance from partners, on the continued development of the partnership and the future direction, including by providing feedback on topics of the meeting agenda.

a) Example - The WECAFC-FIRMS and CLME+ projects¹

(Doc. FIRMS FSC10/2017/4a)

Supporting regional needs in strengthening data collection for management and Decision Support System.

4. FIRMS Membership

a) Progress on the development of FIRMS Partnership

GFCM, RECOFI, CECAF/[FCWC], WECAFC/[CRFM and OSPESCA], SWIOFC/[WIOFish]

b) Review of new perspective Partners

E.g. How BCC, SPRFMO could join FIRMS.

5. Review of Annex 2

a) Proposed information contributions of new Partner(s)

b) Proposed modifications by existing Partners

No Annex 2 modifications were submitted during the intersessional period.

6. Review of FIRMS activities during the intersession

(Doc. FIRMS FSC10/2017/2a)

a) Report on intersession activities

b) FIRMS overall status:

- Status of the FIRMS database

¹ **WECAFC**: Western Central Atlantic Fishery Commission; **CLME+**: Catalysing implementation of the Strategic Action Programme for the sustainable management of shared Living Marine Resources in the Caribbean and North Brazil Shelf Large Marine Ecosystems (CLME+ region).

- FIRMS usage – Web trends
- FIRMS costs and organizational resources

7. Report of Technical Working Group 5

Summary report of TWG5 and e-TWG 5.1, 5.2, 5.3.

(Doc. FIRMS FSC10/2017/3 and related info documents)

Including TWG recommendations for final endorsement by FSC10.

Day 2, Thursday 22-06-2017

All day²: 11:00 hours to 18:00 hours

8. Review of strategic aspects - enabling more timely information, broadening geographic/thematic coverage, target audience/communication and partnerships

- A role for FIRMS in support to SDG14.4.1 “Proportion of fish stocks within biologically sustainable levels”
(Doc. FIRMS FSC10/2017/4d)
Role of FIRMS and RFB Partners in fostering and enabling SDG14.4.1 reporting.
- Reporting on the status of Mediterranean and Black Sea stocks: the case of the GFCM
- Global Record of Stocks and Fisheries (GRSF) – BlueBRIDGE project
A new iMarine tool developed under the BlueBRIDGE project to provide a more comprehensive stock status data coverage, support traceability, and strengthen SDG indicator reporting.
- Traffic light in support to SDG 14.4.1
State and Trend traffic light icons implemented as per FSC9-TWG5.
- Enabling more timely and comprehensive information
With reference to the intersessional reports review the impact of the minimum data requirements approach and new workflows, i.e. ICES automatic reporting; GFCM, CECAF minimum data requirement approach.
- Review of the FIRMS Partnership Arrangement and proposals for amendments
(Doc. FIRMS FSC10/2017/4b)
Assessing under which conditions would FIRMS Membership increase; which arrangements between FIRMS and GRSF; FIRMS and the long-term governance of the VME Database.
- The new FIRMS data services and Website
 - Results of the FIRMS survey on the Website and the new FIRMS Stocks and Fisheries map viewer
(Doc. FIRMS FSC10/2017/4c)
 - Review of new released features (i.e. FIRMS Stocks and Fisheries map viewer), proposals and roadmap
 - Design proposals for the new FIRMS Website under FAO.org
(FIRMS FSC10/2017/4e)

² 9.00 to 11.00 – CWP-IS meeting report adoption

Day 3, Friday 23-06-2017

Half day: 9:00 hours to 13:00 hours

9. FIRMS protocol and standards

- a) FIRMS Information Management Policy (IMP) – FSC9 version
(Doc. FIRMS FSC10/2017/5)
Including draft guidelines on State and Trend traffic light approach as per FSC9-TWG5.
- b) Proposal for updating FIRMS standards and protocols
(FIRMS FSC10/2017/4f)
 - Elaborate further the State and Trend indicators and traffic light approach, e.g.:
 - SOFIA values
 - Transparency/alignment needs across reference points
 - Revising FIRMS controlled terms and definitions (e.g. define the “Assessment Unit” concept and evaluate its adoption)

10. Intersessional work plan**11. Planning for the next session of FSC (FSC11)****12. Any other business****13. Election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson****Day 4, Saturday 24-06-2017**

Morning: 10:00 hours to 12:00 hours

14. Adoption of the Report and Close of Session