

FIRMS Steering Committee Meeting
Eleventh Session
Rome, Italy 13-14 and 18 May 2019
ANNOTATED AGENDA AND TIMETABLE
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Meeting place: FAO headquarters, India room (A 327)

Day 1, Monday 13-05-2019

All day: 9:00 hours to 17:30 hours

1. Opening session and Welcome address

FI Senior management will welcome and introduce the FIRMS expansion theme for FSC11.

2. Adoption of agenda

3. FIRMS Membership – expanding the Partnership

a) Perspective new FIRMS partners

- In the FIRMS endorsement/signature pipeline: FCWC, SPRFMO
- Invited: CPPS, CTMFM, NAMMCO, NPFC, SIOFA, WCPFC

b) Collaborative Arrangement for FIRMS “Collaborative institutions”

(Doc. FIRMS FSC11/2019/4)

As FSC10 follow-up, a new way to join FIRMS with a lighter arrangement for a category of partners with no full rights and responsibilities. The Rules of Procedures may also need to be reviewed by FSC11 in light of such possible expansion.

c) Perspective new FIRMS Collaborative Institutions

- In the FIRMS endorsement pipeline: FORTH, IRD, SFP, UW

4. Annex 2- Review of proposed modifications of existing partners

Annex 2 outlines Partner contributions to FIRMS under their Partnership Arrangement; Partners are invited to submit any proposed modification to their Annex 2 for consideration by FSC11.

5. Review of FIRMS activities during the intersession

a) Report on intersession activities

(Doc. FIRMS FSC11/2019/2)

6. Report of Technical Working Group 6

a) Reports of TWG6 and e-TWG 6.1, 6.2.

(Doc. FIRMS FSC11/2019/3)

TWG recommendations for final endorsement by FSC11.

7. FIRMS Governance leadership on the Global Record of Stocks and Fisheries (GRSF)

(Doc. FIRMS FSC11/2019/5)

FSC10 decided that the Partnership should work towards taking the ownership of GRSF a new iMarine tool developed under the BlueBRIDGE project to provide unique identifiers for a more comprehensive stock status data coverage, support traceability, and strengthen SDG indicator reporting, which can help to achieve FIRMS goal: “facilitate the monitoring of the status and trends of all fishery resources”. See FSC10 report at <http://www.fao.org/3/a-bs239e.pdf>

- a) Why GRSF
- b) Status of development and pilot release
- c) Governance and business model recommended by FSC10/TWG6 and follow-up
 - Governance structure
 - Mechanisms for collaborative institutions and technical suppliers

These include reference to collaborative arrangements and introduction of MoUs, SLAs
- d) Future perspectives and proposed workplan
- e) General discussion and statement on possible FIRMS Governance Leadership on GRSF

Day 2, Tuesday 14-05-2019

All day: 9:00 hours to 17:30 hours

7. FIRMS Governance leadership on the Global Record of Stocks and Fisheries (GRSF) (cont.)

8. FIRMS Governance leadership on the Tuna Atlas

(Doc. FIRMS FSC11/2019/6)

This new iMarine tool developed under the BlueBRIDGE project was reviewed during the Tuna sub-group of CWP-WG on Reference Harmonization (Rome, March 2018), which recommended that this Global Tuna Atlas initiative be operating and governed under the FIRMS umbrella. See report at <http://www.fao.org/3/CA3132EN/ca3132en.pdf>

- a) Why a FIRMS Tuna Atlas
- b) Status of development
- c) Review Recommendations of Tuna sub-group of CWP-WG on Reference Harmonization
- d) Governance and business model recommended
- e) Future perspectives and proposed workplan
- f) General discussion and statement on possible FIRMS Governance Leadership on Tuna Atlas

9. FIRMS protocol and standards

- a) FIRMS Information Management Policy (IMP) – FSC10 version (Doc. FIRMS FSC11/2019/14)
Final adoption of FIRMS controlled terms and updated definitions (i.e. “Biological stock”, “Assessment unit”, “Jurisdictional distribution”, “Spatial scale”, “Management Unit”)
- b) Addition of new FAO stock status categories and mapping.
Overfished, Maximally sustainably fished, and Underfished are the three FAO categories to classify the status of fishery resources (SOFIA, 2018).

10. Revised FIRMS Governance structure

As result of the discussions, the FSC11 is requested to summarize and deliberate on a suitable governance structure to enable the FIRMS expansion.

- a) Adoption of the collaborative arrangement instrument*
- b) Validation of amended Rules of Procedure*
- c) Concluding statements on governance leadership for the GRSF and the Tuna Atlas*

11. Intersessional work plan

Partners are invited to express their expected benefits for their contribution and participation to FIRMS, which will be considered for planning the activities

12. Planning for the next session of FSC (FSC12)**13. Any other business****14. Election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson****Day 3, Saturday 18-05-2019**

Morning: 9:00 hours to 10:00 hours

15. Adoption of the Report and Close of Session