BlueBRIDGE External Advisory Board (EAB) - FIRMS
Joint meeting of BlueBRIDGE Technical Working Group (TWG3) and FIRMS TWG6 on the Global Record of Stocks and Fisheries (GRSF)
Rome, Italy, 7 to 9 February 2018
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

Wednesday morning (09:00 – 12:30)

1) **Welcome address, objectives of the meeting and adoption of agenda**
   The objectives of the meeting will be described. These stem from both the BlueBRIDGE project objectives to operate sustainably the GRSF VRE and the FIRMS FSC10 (Copenhagen, June 2017), which decided that FIRMS should work towards taking ownership of GRSF in order to make use of this enhanced tooling and expertise-assets capacity to offer services to the dissemination and monitoring of national stocks monitored by countries under SDG14.4.1 'Proportion of fish stocks within biologically sustainable levels'.

2) **Value Proposition for a FIRMS-GRSF-SDG14.4.1 partnership initiative**

   a) **Introduction to the Value Proposition**
      o **Improving global dissemination and monitoring of stock status**
      o **Supporting needs for traceability**

   b) **Partners views in respect of the value proposition**
      o **FAO** *(with reference to SOFIA stock status indicator, FAO custodianship role for SDG 14.4.1 and related guidelines, and FAO corporate SDG monitoring and reporting framework, FAO framework on traceability)*
      o **GRSF Partners - University of Washington** *(with reference to scientific research on stock status and fisheries management)*, **Sustainable Fisheries Partnership** *(traceability needs)*, **IT partners: CNR**, **FORTH**
      o **FIRMS partners**
      o **Other interested parties**

Wednesday afternoon (13:45 – 17:30)

3) **The GRSF development status**
      With reference to:
      o *Workflow: Collation, harmonization, collaborative publishing of unique identifiers for stock / fishery*

- o *Content: presentation of relevant statistics on data coverage*
- o *Standards:*
  - *Key concepts (definition of stock, fisheries, assessment units, etc.)*
  - *Universally Unique Identifiers (UUIDs) and Semantic identifiers logic*
- o *Pending issues on standardization and workflow*

A summary of the activities of the GRSF community, minutes of the conference calls and the GRSF documentation are accessible in the [GRSF wiki](#)* (login required).*

4) GRSF Objectives, and live demonstration of the GRSF application

The demonstration will provide a good sense of what the GRSF application is designed to do, as developed in the Value Proposition. Its advantages, articulated on the concept of unique identifiers for stocks and fisheries, will be introduced.

5) Realizing the value proposition – review of possible Information Products/Services

This item provides a perspective of what this initiative could be delivering in fulfilling the Value Proposition. Products/Services (P/S) include those suggested in the BlueBRIDGE project by GRSF Partners, and those additionally proposed by participants in the survey ahead of the workshop. This item will ensure good understanding of such Products/services before embarking into Business model and Action plan/prioritization discussions.
The following preliminary list cover the services suggested during BlueBRIDGE project.
  P/S unique to GRSF:
- o *Assignment and publication of validated UUIDs for stocks and fisheries*
  P/S facilitated or strengthened by GRSF
- o *Publication of information and data for individual stocks and fisheries*
- o *Services to summarize stock status at different geographic levels*
- o *Services to download available data applying customizable filters*
- o *Services to download SDG 14.4.1 indicator by country and related information (possibly a tool to validate whether the indicator was calculated according to guidelines)*
- o *Inclusion of data that is currently not publicly available*

Other P/S gathered through the survey will be presented by participants

<u>**Day 2**</u>

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Lunch break: 12:30-13:45

<u>**Thursday morning (09:00 – 12:30)**</u>

6) Business model for a FIRMS-GRSF-SDG14.4.1 Partnership initiative

Introduction of the two business model options (public and public-private) which are envisaged for the FIRMS-GRSF Partnership, with reference to the following background information on governance:
- o *FIRMS partnership*
- o *FIRMS Information Management Policy*
- o *GRSF - Options laid out by BB EAB-TWG2, and FIRMS FSC10 selected option*
- o *VRE Service Level Agreement*
- o *Data access and sharing policies*
- o *FAO Partnership views*

7) Governance option

Basing on the governance option selected by FIRMS FSC10, the following items are suggested to be further elaborated

  a) Introduction
  b) Content governance along the GRSF objectives
  c) Governance – Partners views
     o Expected roles, benefits, constraints, assets
     o Envisaged in-kind contributions
     o Work areas that would require additional resources
     o Status in the considered Partnership, role in the governance process
  d) Discussion: Governance, firming out the viable option

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  Governance (Cont. from morning)

Day 3

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Friday morning (09:00 – 12:30)

8) Business plans

This section addresses the practical aspects required to implement the value proposition under the envisaged governance. The business plans provide the action plans in the short- and mid-terms. It also identifies the end users, the services and how they are rolled-out, the firming out of institutional and legal aspects, and the best ways to promote the business plans. Key points for discussion are:

  o *Costs and resources*
  o *Prioritizing and Phasing*
  o *Envisaged partners and roles*
  o *Outreach / communication*

Friday afternoon (13:45 – 17:30)

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