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Kuwait, State of KuwaitSECRETARY'S REPORT ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS OF THE
COMMISSION**INTRODUCTION**

1. The aim of this document is to report on the administrative and financial actions taken since Commission's last session held in Oman in May 2015. Covered issues include, but are not limited to, the following: RECOFI activities undertaken during the inter-sessional period, publications, the status of payment of the membership contributions to the autonomous budget, and the review of inter-sessional period expenditures.

2. The RECOFI Secretariat seeks to achieve its mandated tasks through technical, analytical, information management, communications, operational and administrative activities. To this end, the Secretariat encompasses, among others, the following key duties and responsibilities for (i) effective and efficient operations of the Commission; (ii) preparation and submission of preliminary programme of work of the Commission with estimated costs; (iii) reporting to the Regional Fishery Body Secretariats Network (RSN), a collaborative institutional set-up for which FAO provides secretariat services.

ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES*Chairperson of the Commission and its subsidiary bodies*

3. Chairpersons of the Commission and its subsidiary bodies during the intersessional period were as follows:

- RECOFI: Chair: Dr Ahmed Al Mazrouai (Oman); First Vice-Chairperson: Mr Faisal Al Hassawi (Kuwait); Second Vice-Chairperson: Mr Musadaq D. Ali (Iraq)
- Working Group on Aquaculture: Chair: Dawood Suleiman Al-Yahyai (Oman); First Vice-Chairperson: Adly Abdel Rahman Al-Ansari (Bahrain).
- Working Group on Fisheries Management: Nabil Fita (Saudi Arabia).

Functioning of the RECOFI Secretariat

4. Based in FAO Regional Office for the Near East and North Africa (RNE), Cairo, Egypt, the RECOFI Secretariat continued to provide the administrative and operational functions of the Commission during the reporting period.

5. Mr. Piero Mannini, Senior Fishery Liaison Officer in Rome acted as the RECOFI Secretary ad interim between May 2015 and October 2016. Afterwards, Mr. Haydar Fersoy has hold the RECOFI Secretary post following its assignment at the RNE as the Senior Fishery and Aquaculture Officer. Ms. Hebatallah Fahmy, Technical Programme Assistant of RNE, continued to provide bilingual (Arabic/English) secretariat assistance with no funding from RECOFI budget during the intersessional period. The Secretariat has further relied on consultancies to address specific issues.

6. During the reporting period, the Commission has continued to benefit from the following technical support provided by the FAO:

- Technical backstopping provided to WGFM by Satchiko Tsuji (FIAS) related to the implementation of the Recommendation on minimum data reporting in the RECOFI area” (RECOFI/6/2011/1),
- Technical backstopping for the Working Group on Aquaculture (WGA) by Alessandro Lovatelli (FIAA),
- Technical backstopping for Minimum Data Reporting work by Technical backstopping for RAIS management by Valerio Crespi (FIAA), and
- Technical consultancy by Lori Curtis (FIAP) and Yann Laurent (FIAS).

RECOFI inter-sessional meetings

7. The Secretariat coordinated and actively contributed to the preparation and the implementation of the following RECOFI meetings:

- FAO Introductory Training Course on Risk Analysis for Movements of Live Aquatic Animals for RECOFI Members and Round-table Meeting on RECOFI Regional Aquatic Biosecurity Programme (1-5 November 2015; Muscat, Sultanate of Oman)
- Ninth Meeting of the RECOFI Working Group on Fisheries Management (Kuwait, State of Kuwait, 24-26 November 2015)
- Seventh Meeting of the RECOFI Working Group on Aquaculture (26-28 April 2016; Doha, State of Qatar)
- Tenth Meeting of the Working Group on Fisheries Management (6-8 December 2016; Doha, Qatar).

8. The workshop on the regional joint assessment of kingfish stock, which was scheduled for April 2016, was not realized due to technical and organizational reasons.

Meetings at which the Commission was represented

9. During the intersessional period the Commission was represented at the following meetings:

- Sustainable Ocean Initiative Global Dialogue with Regional Seas Organizations and Regional Fisheries Bodies on Accelerating Progress Towards the Aichi Biodiversity Targets (Seoul, Korea 26-29 September 2016); representation by the ad interim RECOFI Secretary.
- Meeting on Towards the Development of a Regional Ecosystem Based Management Strategy for ROPME Sea Area (Dubai, UAE, 4-7 April 2016); representation by the RECOFI Chairperson and Secretary.

10. The Secretariat also participated in meetings of partner organizations or entities. The Secretariat reported on RECOFI activities and achievements at the Thirty Second Session of the Committee on Fisheries (Rome, Italy, 11-15 July 2016); Sixth Meeting of the Regional Fishery Body Secretariat's Network (RSN-6). Additionally, the Secretariat participated in the Regional Consultation Meeting on the Establishment of the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden Aquaculture and Fisheries Organization (RAAFO) (Cairo, Egypt, 29 November - 1 December 2016).

11. At its Seventh Session (2013), the Commission underlined the potential collaboration benefit with regional organizations. In response to this instruction, in January 2017 the Secretariat drafted a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to launch establishment of such collaboration with the Regional Organization for the Protection of the Marine Environment (ROPME). Mr Fersoy, RECOFI Secretary, and Mr Mannini, Ex-RECOFI Secretary joined a meeting held at the headquarters of ROPME on 25 January 2017 to through review the draft MoU. The agreed upon MoU, which is given in Appendix I, was sent to FAO on 2 February 2017 for legal clearance for formalization of a partnership via MoU between FAO, on behalf of RECOFI, and ROPME. At the time of writing this report the clearance process was continuing.

Related activities

12. In the intersessional period the RECOFI Secretariat, supported by FAO technical and administrative officers, consultants and governments and institutions in the RECOFI Member states, contributed to formulation and implementation of FAO Technical Cooperation Programme (TCP) projects and Trust Fund projects. As of 27 March 2017, there was a total of six on-going national, regional or multi-lateral fisheries and aquaculture FAO projects in the RECOFI Member countries. An overview of the projects can be found in the Appendix II.

Publications

13. During the inter-sessional period, the following four RECOFI reports were made available to the public, all of which were published in the FAO Fisheries and Aquaculture Report series:

- Report of the Tenth Meeting of the RECOFI Working Group on Fisheries Management, Doha, State of Qatar, 6-8 December 2016. FAO Fisheries and Aquaculture Report No. 1185. Cairo, Egypt. 2017.
Available at: <http://www.fao.org/3/a-i6948e.pdf>
- Report of the Ninth Meeting of the RECOFI Working Group on Fisheries Management, Kuwait City, State of Kuwait, 24–26 November 2015. FAO Fisheries and Aquaculture Report No. 1146. Rome, Italy. 2016.
Available at: <http://www.fao.org/3/a-i6363e.pdf>
- Report of the Seventh Meeting of the RECOFI Working Group on Aquaculture. Doha, the State of Qatar, 26–28 April 2016. FAO Fisheries and Aquaculture Report No. 1156. Rome, Italy. 2016.
Available at: <http://www.fao.org/3/a-i5708e.pdf>
- Report of the Introductory Training Course on Risk Analysis for Movements of Live Aquatic Animals for RECOFI Members and the Round-table Meeting on RECOFI Regional Aquatic Biosecurity, Muscat, Sultanate of Oman, 1-5 November 2015. FAO Fisheries and Aquaculture Report No. 1149. Rome, Italy. 2017.
Available at: <http://www.fao.org/3/a-i6658e.pdf>

14. Moreover, the Secretariat ensured the preparation and release of all the meeting and session working documents. Overall, approximately 24 working documents were produced by the Secretariat in the inter-sessional period to support the work of the Commission and its Working Groups.

15. The complete list of publications issued during the period from 2005 to 2015 is provided in the working document RECOFI Review (RECOFI/IX/2017/7).

Others

16. Several other tasks that are coordinated directly by the Secretariat are not detailed here. These included liaison and communication with the Focal Points of the member countries, strengthening the cooperation with the FAO technical departments and partner organizations, including observer organizations, and the coordination of editing, translation and distribution of documents. The following should however be noted:

- RECOFI networking communication and information flow: The Bureau of the Commission and particularly the network of National Focal Points (NFPs) are highly instrumental in assisting and advising the Secretariat for the implementation of the work plan and for dealing with critical issues that may arise during the inter-sessional period. The list of current Focal Points is in Appendix III.
- Visibility of RECOFI activities and focal points: The RECOFI webpage www.fao.org/rfb/recofi, although simple and basic, has been maintained and updated. It is currently the primary vehicle through which the Secretariat makes information available to the Commission and the general public.

Recommendations on Management Measures adopted under Article V of the RECOFI Agreement

17. Being a body established by a treaty under the Article XIV of FAO Constitution, RECOFI is empowered to impose legally-binding decision in the form of “Recommendations” in pursuant to the respective provisions of Article III (Functions) and Article V (Recommendations on Management Measures) of the RECOFI Agreement. RECOFI currently has two recommendations of this kind: (i) RECOFI Recommendation on minimum data reporting in the RECOFI area (RECOFI/6/2011/1); and (ii) RECOFI Recommendation on Minimum Reporting on Aquaculture Data and Information (RECOFI/8/2015/1). The implementation status of these recommendations are detailed in the document “Implementation Status of RECOFI Decisions and Recommendations” (RECOFI/IX/2017/6).

FINANCIAL ISSUES***Monitoring of RECOFI budget***

18. RECOFI member countries each contribute USD 5 000/year. The core budget of RECOFI takes the form of a multi-lateral trust-fund FAO project, which was launched in April 2003 and has been subject to several regular revisions since then. The RECOFI has not seen any annual budget increase between 2003 and 2015 as the Commission left the annual member contribution for each Member unchanged at a fixed amount of USD 5,000.

19. The Secretariat, in collaboration with the respective divisions of FAO Headquarters, monitors RECOFI budget through an Oracle-based electronic budget system operated by FAO. RECOFI budget is revised regularly in order to monitor annual contributions by member countries and the cash flow of expenditures.

20. At its Eighth Session (2015), the Commission endorsed activities for implementation in the 2015-16 biennium approximately amounting to USD 65 000 for three activities. This did not include the estimate of the FAO Regular Programme contribution to RECOFI and it was based on the assumptions of timely member contributions and settlement of arrears.

Status of Contributions: Payments and arrears

21. As of 27 March 2017, the actual contributions, including arrears, for 2015-16 amounted to USD 80,000 (2015: 45,000 USD; 2016: 25,000 USD; 2017: USD 5,000) the payment made by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia its due arrears for 2016).

22. The total arrears amounted to USD 75,036.04 as at 27 March 2017. Status of Member's Contributions as at 31 December 2016 is provided in the Appendix IV.

23. As at 27 March 2017, the status of financial contribution of RECOFI Members was as follows:

- i) Members that paid in full: Kuwait and Oman;
- ii) Members with partial arrears: Qatar; and
- iii) Members with long-term arrears: Bahrain and Iran.

24. Under Article IX (Finances) (7) of the RECOFI Agreement, a Member State in arrears in the payment of its dues in an amount that equals or exceeds the contributions due for two preceding years can lose its vote right in RECOFI Sessions. As of 27 March 2017, Bahrain, Iran (IR), and United Arab Emirates fell under the provisions of this Article. It should be noted, however, here that the Agreement may allow the Commission to permit such a Party to vote if the Member State could show that conditions beyond its control contributed to this inability to pay. But the Commission in no case may extend the right to vote beyond a further two calendar years.

25. Timely payment of member's contributions is of high importance for the proper implementation of the scheduled activities of the Commission as the arrears bring technical and operational difficulties for the Commission. The RECOFI Secretariat sent payment reminder letters, through diplomatic channels, in February 2014, to the Member States in arrears in the payment of their financial contributions.

Extra-budgetary contributions

26. In accordance with the Article IX (Finances) (5) and Article X (Expenses) (5) of the RECOFI Agreement, the Commission can receive extra-budgetary donations and voluntary contributions. Not any such donation or contribution was received in the intersessional period. However, it should be noted that the Member States who hosted the events of the Commission, to varying degrees, covered expenses by their own budgets.

27. No additional extra budgetary contributions were made available during the biennium to support RAIS.

Expenditures

28. In 2015, the Commission had expenditures in the order of 61,691 USD. Main expenditures included 29,858 USD (48.4 %) travel costs of Secretariat staff, the other FAO staff, consultants, and invited experts; and 19,675 USD (31.9 %) consultancy service cost.

29. The Commission's expenses in 2016 were USD 24,949. Of which, a total of 18,908 USD (75.7 %) was used for consultancy service. The other main expenditure item was travel expenses which added up to 5,536 USD (22.1 %).

30. As of 27 March 2017, the total balance available in the RECOFI Trust Fund (MTF/REM/001/MUL) was 53,808 USD. Financial highlights (i.e. incomes, breakdown of the expenditures and balances) for the period 2014-2017 are presented in Appendix V.

31. During the intersessional period, a considerable amount of financial assistance was provided by FAO to RECOFI through FAO Regular Programme. The details of this financial assistance, which was amounted to USD 101,690, are given in Table II below. Most of the FAO Regular Programme budget was spent on travel (65.4 %) and consultancy services (31.3 %).

Table II: Financial support provided by FAO Regular Programme during the intersessional period (US Dollars)

Activity	2015	2016	2017	Grand Total
Consultants	7,032	22,923	1,950	31,905
Locally Contracted Labour	0	698	305	1,003
Travel	30,903	31,153	4,466	66,522
Expendable Procurement	-	1,803	-	1,803
General Operating Expenses	-	387	-	387
General Operating Expenses - external common services	-	64	5	69
Grand Total	37,934	57,029	6,727	101,690

SUGGESTED ACTION FOR THE COMMISSION

32. In view of all of the above, the Commission is invited to: (i) note this report and provide further general guidance; (ii) consider the status of the budget when discussing the Work Programme activities for the upcoming years, and (iii) urge the Member States in arrears in the payment of their financial contributions to clear their arrears.

Appendix I

Draft Memorandum of Understanding between FAO, on behalf of RECOFI, and ROPME



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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

THE REGIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE MARINE
ENVIRONMENT (ROPME)

And

THE FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS (FAO)
ON BEHALF OF THE REGIONAL COMMISSION FOR FISHERIES (RECOFI)

The Regional Organization for the Protection of the Marine Environment (ROPME),
and,

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), on behalf of the Regional
Commission for Fisheries (RECOFI),

Hereafter referred to as the Parties,

WHEREAS ROPME is a Regional Organization established in 1979 under the Kuwait Regional
Convention with a mandate to protect the marine environment and the coastal areas from pollution
and degradation and to apply the integrated management approach to the use of marine resources and
services to sustain the health, vitality and sustainability of the environment,

WHEREAS the RECOFI is a Regional Fisheries Management Organization established in 2001 by an
agreement concluded under Article XIV of the FAO Constitution with the aim of, *inter alia*,
promoting the development, conservation, rational management and best utilization of living marine
resources as well as sustainable development of aquaculture within its competence area,

WHEREAS the Parties recognize the benefit to be derived from enhanced collaboration and
cooperation in the pursuit of their respective mandates and objectives,

WHEREAS the Parties intend to conclude this Memorandum of Understanding with the aim to
establish a broader cooperation aimed at harmonizing their activities and avoiding duplication through
this Memorandum of Understanding (hereafter referred to as “MoU”),

Have agreed as follows:

Clause 1
Purpose

The purpose of this MoU is to provide a framework for identifying, facilitating and strengthening cooperation and collaboration between the Parties with a view to benefiting from each other's initiatives and work in relation to the management, conservation and sustainable exploitation of marine environment and its ecosystems and the sustainable use of marine living resources in their competence areas. The Parties, within the purview of their respective mandates, commit to working cooperatively to promote efficient management and development of marine resources and conservation of the marine environment, its ecosystems and its biodiversity.

Clause 2
Scope

Cooperation under this MoU may take place, to the extent possible, within the purview of their respective mandates, in the following fields:

- a) Marine resources, environment, ecosystems and biodiversity
 - Promotion of ecosystem-based approaches to the conservation of marine environment, its ecosystems and the sustainable use of marine living resources;
 - Conservation, protection, management and sustainable use of marine living resources;
 - Sustainable management of native species and ecosystems, and protection against invasive alien species;
 - Management of coastal and marine resources and ecosystems;
 - Mapping, protection and management of locations of environmental characteristics, such as biologically sensitive areas and flora and fauna; areas of importance for fisheries and/or for the conservation of endangered species and coastal wetlands;
 - Marine biodiversity conservation and management;
 - Monitoring and assessment of Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs) and of marine litter and microplastics in the marine environment;
 - Conservation and responsible management of threatened and endangered species;
 - Conservation and management of marine protected areas/nature reserves with marine or estuarine component;
 - Ecosystem services identification and valuation;
 - Promotion of awareness and conservation of the marine environment; and
 - Integrated marine and coastal management and policy and biodiversity conservation.
- b) Fisheries and aquaculture
 - Promotion of ecosystem-based fisheries and aquaculture management including the Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries and Aquaculture;
 - Mitigation of the impact of fisheries and aquaculture activities on the marine habitats and species;
 - Monitoring of impact of environmental changes and factors on fishery and aquaculture activities;

- Legal, institutional and policy related cooperation law enforcement for environmental protection and natural resources management, including international illegal trafficking of wild flora and fauna;
- c) Joint organization of seminars, workshops and technical training in the fields of mutual interest.
- d) Joint technical publications.
- e) Joint technical projects.
- f) Exchange of scientific and technical information and data in the field of management, conservation and exploitation of marine resources, marine environment and its ecosystems, biodiversity and sustainable use and conservation of marine living resources.

Clause 3

Organizational arrangements pertaining to the cooperation

- 1) The Parties shall hold bilateral consultations on matters of common interest, in accordance with an agenda agreed in advance by them, aimed also at the development/review of their joint activities. Relevant regional and international organizations and relevant initiatives/projects may be invited by both Parties to join such consultations that will take place at least once per year, through face-to-face meetings or remote conferences. The following two items should be examined at least once per year on the occasion of consultations:
 - a) Technical and operational issues related to furthering the objectives of the MoU;
 - b) Review the progress of the work by the Parties in implementing the MoU.
- 2) Further bilateral meetings at desk-to-desk and at expert level will be encouraged and convened on an ad hoc basis, as deemed necessary by the Parties to address priority matters regarding the implementation of activities in specific areas, countries and regions.
- 3) Where the Parties convene a meeting at which policy matters related to this MoU will be discussed, the Parties will, as appropriate, invite each other as observers. The Parties will consider the possibility of joint missions and the hosting of joint training activities and informal sessions.
- 4) ROPME and the RECOFI will inform their relevant governing bodies on the progress made in implementing this MoU in each Ordinary Meeting/Session of their respective governing bodies (Council Meeting for ROPME and Commission Session for the RECOFI).
- 5) The Parties will encourage, and where possible promote, contacts, exchange of information and joint activities at national level between their focal points, particularly in those countries where the focal points for the Parties are not the same. The Parties may subsequently develop these contacts, exchange of information and joint activities taking care of safeguarding the confidentiality of the information and documents that have this character.
- 6) Within the areas of cooperation specified in Clause 2, collaboration between ROPME and the RECOFI will be carried out, as appropriate, through joint elaboration, fundraising for and implementation of projects on specific issues of common interest.
- 7) Neither Party shall engage in fundraising with the third Parties for activities to be carried out within the framework of this MoU in the name of or on behalf of the other.
- 8) Nothing under this MoU imposes financial obligations upon either Party. If the Parties mutually agree to allocate specific funds to facilitate an activity undertaken pursuant to this MoU, such an agreement will be reflected in writing and signed by both Parties. In particular, for the implementation of joint activities within the framework of this MoU that might involve payment of funds, a specific separate legal instrument will be entered into, as appropriate, taking into

account those relevant administrative and financial rules and procedures applicable to the Parties.

- 9) The Parties will undertake, within their global knowledge network and to the extent possible, to facilitate mutual access to relevant information and body of work as well as dissemination between them. The Parties will consider the possibility of joint missions and the hosting of joint training activities and information sessions.
- 10) Each Party shall identify a focal point within its internal organizational structure to coordinate cooperation, implementation and monitoring of the activities under this MoU.

Clause 4

Status of personnel

- 1) For the purpose of implementation of this MoU, no agents, sub-contractors or employees of one of the Parties shall be considered in any way as agents or staff members of the other Party. Each of the Parties shall not be liable for the acts or omissions of the other Party or its personnel/persons performing services on behalf of it.
- 2) The Parties are not being responsible for any salaries, wages, insurance or other benefits due or payable to the other Party's personnel. Moreover the other Party shall be solely responsible for all such salaries, wages, insurance and benefits, including without limitation, any severance or termination payments to such personnel. The Parties shall entertain no claims and have no liability whatsoever in respect thereof.

Clause 5

Official emblems and logos

- 1) Neither Party shall use the name, emblem or logos of the other Party, its subsidiaries, affiliates, and/or authorized agents, or any abbreviation thereof, in publications and documents produced by the Parties, without the express prior written approval of the other Party in each case.
- 2) In no event will authorization of the ROPME or the RECOFI name or emblem, or any abbreviation thereof, be granted for commercial purposes.

Clause 6

Intellectual property rights

The Parties shall consult with each other regarding the intellectual Property Rights as appropriate relating to any project or benefits derived thereof in respect of activities carried out under a separate legal instrument pursuant to this MoU.

Clause 7

Notification and amendments

- 1) Each Party shall notify the other in writing, within 3 months of any proposed or actual changes that it deems necessary for this MoU.
- 2) Upon receipt of such notification, the Parties shall consult each other with a view of reaching an agreement on any actual or proposed change(s) suggested in accordance with Clause 7 (1).
- 3) This MoU may be amended only by mutual agreement of the Parties reflected in writing.

Clause 8

Dispute settlement

Any dispute arising from the implementation or interpretation of this MOU shall be settled amicably through consultation or negotiation between the Parties. Any such dispute, controversy or claim which

is not settled sixty (60) days from the date either Party has notified the other Party of the nature of the dispute, controversy or claim of the measures which should be taken to rectify it, shall be resolved through consultation between the executive Heads of the Parties.

**Clause 9
Termination**

- 1) This MoU may be terminated by either Party by giving prior written notice to the other Party. It shall cease to exist in three (3) months following notification of the termination of this MoU. In that event, the Parties will agree on measures required for the orderly conclusion of any ongoing activities.
- 2) Unless agreed otherwise, upon termination of this MoU, the rights and obligations of the Parties defined under any other legal instrument pursuant to this MoU, will cease to be effective, unless provided otherwise.

**Clause 10
Duration**

- 1) This MoU shall enter into force once it is signed by the duly authorized representatives of both Parties. As of that moment, the MoU shall remain in effect until terminated in accordance with Clause 9 above. Its content shall be reviewed every two (2) years, as appropriate.
- 2) This MoU is signed in two (2) original copies in English equally authentic.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the duly authorized representatives of the Parties affix their signatures below.

Signed for and on behalf of:

RECOFI:

ROPME:

Name:

Name:

Position:

Position:

Signature:

Signature:

Date:

Date:

Appendix II

Overview of ongoing and pipeline FAO project contributing to fisheries and aquaculture in the RECOFI area

Project name	Project code	Country or region	Main activities	Period	Status	Budget
Formulation of fisheries project for Bahrain	TCP/BAH/3501 BABY 01	Bahrain	Legal and policy framework, technical capacities, pilot operation and needs assessment	2014-16	Pipeline	36,270
Technical support on water supply and treatment for the National Mariculture Centre, Bahrain	TCP/BAH/3501 BABY 03	Bahrain	Water supply and treatment system, recommendations and tender documents	2014-16	Pipeline	25,267
Formulation of the fisheries and aquaculture sub-sectoral strategic programme in Iran.	TCP/IRA/3501 BABY01	Iran IR	Sustainable development of fisheries and aquaculture sector	2014-17	Ongoing	38,794
Genetic Improvement of Rainbow Trout in the Islamic Republic of Iran	TCP/IRA/3602	Iran IR	Food security and livelihoods, increase availability of farmed rainbow trout	2016-18	Ongoing	330,000
Initiative on Fisheries Management Cooperation in the Northern Area of the Regional Commission for Fisheries (RECOFI)	GCP/RNE/001/ IsDB	Iran IR Iraq Kuwait	Fisheries management	2017-19	Pipeline	1,036,000
Sustainable Fisheries and Aquaculture Management for Improved Food Security in the Shatt Al-Arab		Iraq	Fisheries and aquaculture management, research and capacity building	2015-20	Pending	6,800,000
3 fisheries projects proposals under FAO-Kuwait Partnership Programme		Kuwait	Fisheries, institutional capacity building; fish genetics	2017-20	Pipeline	
Improvement of Vessel Monitoring System in Oman	UTF/OMA/019/ OMA	Oman	MSC IUU	2015-17	Ongoing	49,667
Improvements to Oman's Fish Meal and Oil Sector Legal and Regulatory Framework	UTF/OMA/020/ OMA	Oman	Legal and regulatory framework	2015-17	Ongoing	36,720
Fisheries Cost of Production Socio-Economic Survey	UTF/OMA/021/ OMA	Oman	Economic performance of artisanal and	2015-17	Pending	95,070

			costal fishing production			
Use of non-conventional water in agriculture in support to sustainable agri-aquaculture development in desert and arid lands in the Near East and North Africa region, with particular focus on Algeria, Egypt and Oman	WSI RI	Oman Algeria Egypt	National potential on effective sustainable non-conventional water use practices for integrated agriculture-aquaculture production systems	2016-17	Ongoing	40,000
Fisheries Surveys in Qatari Waters		Qatar	Planning, Implementation, Data Analysis and Capacity Development	2015-17	Pipeline	1,474,504
Strengthening and supporting further development of aquaculture in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia	UTF/SAU/048/SAU	KSA	Sustainable and responsible development of marine	2012-16	Finished	3,600,001
Building an Effective and Sustainable Statistics System for Fisheries and Aquaculture in the United Arab Emirates	UTF/UAE/011/UAE	UAE	Fisheries data collection system for fisheries catch, effort and aquaculture	2016-18	Pending	679,852
Indian Ocean Tuna Commission	MTF/INT/661/MUL	Iran IR Oman	Regional Fisheries Body for Tuna fisheries management	1997-	Ongoing	

Appendix III

List of National Focal Points

Country	National Focal Points	RECOFI WGFM	RECOFI WGA
1. BAHRAIN (KINGDOM OF)	Adalla ABDEUL LATIF Assistant Undersecretary of Marine Affairs Directorate of Fisheries Ministry of Municipalities Affairs and Urban Planning PO Box 20071, Manama Tel.: +973-1785881 Mob: +973- Fax: +973- E-mail: aalatif@mun.gov.bh	Abdul Karim H. AL-RADHI Head of Fisheries Assessment Section Directorate of Fisheries Ministry of Municipalities Affairs and Urban Planning PO Box 20071, Manama Tel.: +973 17815870 Fax: +973 17728459 Mob: +973 39621226 E-mail: radhi58@hotmail.com aradhi@pmew.gov.bh	Adly ALANSARI Acting Director of Marine Resources, Fish Seed Production Section Directorate of Fisheries Ministry of Municipalities Affairs and Urban Planning PO Box 20071, Manama Tel.: +973-17843020 Mob: +973-39448458 Fax: +973-17840294 E-mail: adly10@hotmail.com
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Appendix IV

**Status of Member's Contributions as at 31 December 2016
(Expressed in USD)**

Member Governments	Outstanding 12/31/2015	Contribution due for 2016	Received up to 12/31/2016	Outstanding 12/31/2016
BAHRAIN	10,000.00	5,000.00	-	15,000.00
IRAN, Islamic Republic of	40,000.00	5,000.00	-	45,000.00
KUWAIT	0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
OMAN, Sultanate of	5,000.00	5,000.00	10,000.00	0.00
QATAR	0.00	5,000.00	-	5,000.00
SAUDI ARABIA, Kingdom of	0.00	5,000.00	-	0.00*
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	10,036.04	5,000.00	5,000.00	10,036.04
<i>Other Sources</i>				
IRAQ	0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
TOTALS	65,036.04	40,000.00	25,000.00	75,036.04
Fiscal year begins in May				
* Outstanding due for 2016 was paid in 2017				

Appendix V

Financial highlights for the period 2015-2016 (as of 27 March 2017)

	2014	2015	2016	2017
Annual budget		40,000	40,000	
Member contribution-received		35,000	25,000	
Arrear payment-received		10,000		5,000*
External contribution	-	-	-	-
Expenditures				
Consultancy		19,675	18,908	
Travel		29,858	5,530	
Expandable procurement		1,061		
General operation cost		11,097	511	
<i>Total expenditure</i>		61,691	24,949	
BALANCE	0	0	25,154	53,808
*Payment made by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for its outstanding due for 2016.				