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1. Background/Context

The role of the CWP Handbook is to provide guidance in the establishment of data collection and statistical systems for fisheries and aquaculture. The CWP Handbook has undergone a major revision and the process of revision was initially introduced and discussed at the twenty-third CWP session (Hobart, Australia, 22-26 February 2010). During this session the initial work which was presented included: - 1) the work done for the Aquaculture component, led by NACA, and 2) the text revision of other components made by Mr. David Cross, FAO consultant. In the course of the discussion the session agreed that a complete revision of the handbook would be requested. This revision would not only include minor updates of some sections, but involve further revisions to sections that had some text available but required substantial expansion and/or rewriting. Finally, it was determined that the revisions would also include the development of new sections on socio-economic data and ecosystem monitoring. To ensure the accomplishment of this task, coordinators were identified for the revision



of the sections (Appendix 7 of the Report of Session) and it was agreed to plan for the revision to be finalized for session 24th.

The 24th Session of the CWP (Rome, 5-8 February 2013) acknowledged the progress of the work done in the intersessional period and set a work plan for the finalization of the revision. Amongst others, this plan included further enhancements of the sections along with planned completion of the contents of the socio-economic section and the GIS sections as those revisions were not considered to be satisfactory. In detail, regarding the socio-economic section the CWP Session identified the following needs:

It was considered that section on socio-economic statistics would require quite substantive review and enhancement. Specifically, Section K: Fishers was decided to re-draft to generalize to include aquaculture and processing component under the title of "employment". The designated group on the socio-economic section agreed to focus this round revision to define broadly accepted basic concepts in three areas, integrated environmental and economic accounting for fisheries, economic indicators and employments. However, further works definitely needed and it was agreed the group would continue to elaborate the section of socio-economic statistics in the next intersessional period. Main target would to provide more pragmatic guidance on how to apply the basic concepts in the context of fishery and aquaculture.

Between CWP Sessions 24 and 25 no progress was made with the contents of the socio-economic section. Henceforth the 25th session, (Rome, 23 - 26 February 2016) agreed that amongst the different tasks to be performed during the intersessional period, first priority should be placed to those related with the CWP handbook, as follows:

Placing the first priority to develop and publish the CWP handbook webpages with emphasis on dissemination of existing materials in new format, and further refinement of socio-economic and GIS sections based on the discussion at the CWP-FS.

Additionally, during the 25th session EUROSTAT has indicated some constraints in following up on the task of refinement of the socio-economic section of the CWP in the role of leading agency. Thus a new agreement was reached for FAO to take the lead role. OECD indicated its intention to actively participate and Eurostat recommitted its involvement, in particular for connecting with the JRC.

As part of the handbook development, the group agreed to first focus its effort of disseminating the standard practices adopted by individual organizations as well as guidelines developed. The Group also encouraged the involvement of other organizations already collecting socio-economic data, such as SPC, SEAFDEC and GFCM, to reflect the standard practices in respective regions.



2. General description of tasks and objective to be achieved

2.1 Objective: To revise and complete the socio-economic section of the CWP Handbook to cover consistently Fisheries, Aquaculture and the Processing Industry, and by identifying, at a first stage, the practices of the CWP Members for collecting these data.

2.2 Tasks

Task 1. Assess the contents and the organisation of the draft sections in the revised CWP Handbook with the view to collate one unique section of socio-economic data and employment that consistently include fisheries, aquaculture and fish processing; and to identify amongst the new structure the items that deserve further enhancement. (A first draft of the structure and the reshuffled contents will be prepared by FAO as an initial phase of this work).

Task 2. Prepare draft contents for the items agreed to be further developed. These contents should be presented and discussed in the CWP Subject Groups during the intersessional meeting seeking for:

- Approval of the developed contents by the other agencies;
- Identification of other data collection practices to be included in the handbook (e.g SEAFDEC).

Task 3. Complete and consolidate the contents of the section following the outcome of the intersessional meeting.

Task 4. Reach agreement on the web contents and section of the web visualisation for inclusion in the Handbook with the required features linking to the relevant CWP members' pages and documents to illustrate current practices of data collection.

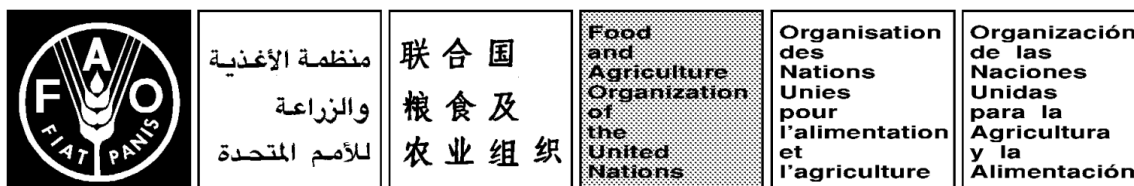
2.3 Timeframe

The activities shall start early 2017 and will terminate at the next plenary session (early 2019), with the submission of a CWP socio-economic Handbook section proposal for acceptance by the 26th Session.

The progress will be reported at CWP Inter-sessional meeting mid-2017 (either July or September, tbd), and activities will be set on a schedule as dictated by the on-line release of the CWP handbook.

3. Role of participating agencies

Each involved agency, as listed below, will participate actively to the working group by:



- Attending the working group calls and meetings,
- Sharing knowledge and practical examples to illustrate socio-economic section
- Reviewing working documents co-prepared by the working group

4. General

List of CWP agencies involved in the task is:

- EUROSTAT
- FAO
- OECD
- ?GFCM
- ?SPC
- ?SEAFDEC

4.1. Chair/Convenor

The work will be led by FAO, with Cristina Castro Ribeiro chairing these activities. (Web) meetings will be convened by the Chair and supported by the CWP secretariat.

4.2. Report and meeting papers

A summary of each (Web)meeting will be prepared by the Chairperson together with CWP Secretariat, or any other member on a voluntary basis, and shared with all working group members no later than five working days following each meeting.

4.3. Frequency of meetings

When and if needed to be agreed by the focal points.