

FAO RESPONSE

The FAO Secretariat thanks the Government of Malaysia for the comments provided on agenda item 5, and gratefully acknowledges Malaysia's appreciation and endorsement of the report of the tenth Session of the COFI Sub-Committee on Aquaculture held in Trondheim, Norway, from 23 to 27 August 2019.

The FAO Secretariat appreciates Malaysia's comments regarding the important role of small-scale producers in the national context, and duly notes Malaysia's request for FAO expertise and assistance to deal with the productivity and market access challenges that small-scale producers face, considering their significant contribution to food security, poverty alleviation and socioeconomic development.

FAO appreciates Malaysia's recognition of the accomplishments of the implementation of the FAO Action Plan on the Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) 2016-2020 in aquaculture and the welcoming of the proposal of the new five-year Action Plan 2021-2025, calling for predictable funding, underlining the importance of FAO's shared responsibility and need for more enhanced collaboration in AMR work with partners, as part of the One Health approach. The FAO Secretariat takes due note of Malaysia's encouragement for FAO to continue to strengthen its policy and technical support to all its Members through capacity building at country level, exchange of experience and knowledge of best practices in the implementation of the Action Plan and through the development and implementation of tools to combat AMR in food and agriculture.

The FAO Secretariat gratefully acknowledges Malaysia's welcoming of the report on *The State of the World's Aquatic Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture* noting the ongoing development of a draft Global Plan of Action for Aquatic Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture.