

FIRMS e-Technical Working Group (e-TWG)
Seventh Session
The Global Record of Stocks and Fisheries (GRSF)
Online, 30 September – 1 October 2021
ANNOTATED AGENDA AND TIMETABLE
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Meeting place: Online, Zoom platform

Day 1 30-09-2021

GRSF – REPORT ON ACTIVITIES AND STATUS OF DEVELOPMENT

2:00 pm to 5:00 pm CEST

(To be fine-tuned according to partners' intended participation)

The FIRMS Secretariat and the GRSF core team report on the directions agreed upon by FIRMS SC11, including activities, status of development and results achieved so far.

Main objectives of the GRSF are to provide unique identifiers for a more comprehensive stock status data coverage which can help to achieve FIRMS goal: “facilitate the monitoring of the status and trends of all fishery resources”, FSC11 endorsed placing the GRSF under its Governance umbrella. (See FSC11 report <http://www.fao.org/3/ca5247en/ca5247en.pdf> and FSC10 report at <http://www.fao.org/3/a-bs239e.pdf>).

- 1. Opening session, welcome address, and adoption of agenda**
- 2. Introduction to GRSF**
- 3. Report on the technical work (FIRMS Secretariat, FORTH, SFP, UW)**

This includes the consolidation of the information system, the development of Services, and a short demo.

- 4. Pilot validation of UUIDs and release of GRSF VRE - experimented validation & publication method**
 - a. for Stocks (UW)
 - b. for Fisheries (SFP)
 - c. feedback by FIRMS partners

With the GRSF pilot release in November 2019, an initial set of UUIDs were generated and reported to the FIRMS Partners. The validation methodology will be presented.

Since then, several new records were added in the GRSF. The Secretariat is expecting to add the UUIDs to all FIRMS records published in the FIRMS website. In that occasion, all stock records will be enriched with the new descriptors Biological Stock, Assessment Unit, and Management Unit. The Secretariat will ask Partners to validate the end result.

5. Report on testing of UUIDs (FIRMS Secretariat, ICES, SFP, UW)

Diverse typology of testing might be reported - the GRSF console; the APIs, the integration of UUIDs in partners DBs; examples of web use of UUID.

6. Report on the GRSF database

- Database coverage – the contribution of various sources a (Ref. FSC11)
- Inventory of fish stocks – geographic coverage
- Content / Time dependent data – temporal coverage
- Prospects from the integration of new data source from national SDG14.4.1 questionnaires
- Validated content vs. Draft content – what remains to be done (FIRMS Secretariat, SFP, UW)
- Required improvements on standards
 - Geographic resolution of records
 - New concept/definitions - Traceability units (SFP)

Day 2 01-10-2021

GRSF – WHAT’S NEXT

2:00 pm to 5:00 pm CEST

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6. Report on the GRSF database (continued)

7. Data use and Partners’ perspectives on the GRSF

The Secretariat will introduce the topics. Participants are invited to provide their views on data use and perspectives on the GRSF either through presentations or as part of an open discussion. The proposed topics for discussion are:

- what can GRSF contribute to SDG 14.4.1 reporting / dissemination
- what can GRSF contribute to Traceability
- what can GRSF contribute to Partners’ work
- what user access policy for UUIDs / for Content
- what role for Partners, according to their mandate
- any role for actors outside FIRMS partners

8. Conclusions and Recommendations for FIRMS FSC12

9. Closure of the meeting