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Item 3 of the Provisional Agenda

AD HOC INTERGOVERNMENTAL TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP ON AQUATIC GENETIC RESOURCES FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

First Session

Rome, 20–22 June 2016

PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA AND TIMETABLE

1. Opening

The first session of the *Ad hoc* Intergovernmental Technical Working Group on Aquatic Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (Working Group) will be opened at 10:00 hours on 20 June 2016.

2. Election of the Chair, the Vice-Chair(s) and the *Rapporteur*

In accordance with its Statutes, “the Working Group shall elect its Chairperson and one or more Vice-Chairpersons from among the representatives of Members of the Working Group at the beginning of each session. These officers shall remain in office until the next session of the Working Group and shall be eligible for re-election”. The Working Group may also wish to appoint a *Rapporteur*.

3. Adoption of the agenda and timetable

The provisional agenda is contained in document **CGRFA/WG-AqGR-1/16/1**. A provisional timetable is provided in *Annex 1* to the present document which provides annotations to the provisional agenda.

4. Preparation of The State of the World's Aquatic Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture

At its Eleventh Regular Session, the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (Commission) agreed that improving the collection and sharing of information on aquatic genetic

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resources is of high priority and included the preparation of *The State of the World's Aquatic Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture* (SoW AqGR) into its *Multi-Year Programme of Work* (MYPOW)¹. At its Thirteenth and Fourteenth Regular Sessions, the Commission considered, in particular, the scope of the SoW AqGR and decided “that the scope of the report would be farmed aquatic species and their wild relatives within national jurisdiction. Countries were also invited to provide a species list of nationally important aquatic genetic resources of capture fisheries within national jurisdiction.”² The *Draft Report on the State of the World's Aquatic Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture* is contained in document **CGRFA/WG-AqGR-1/16/Inf.1**. The Working Group is invited to review the draft report and to provide recommendations for consideration by the Commission at its Sixteenth Regular Session.

5. Report of the First Session of the Committee on Fisheries Advisory Working Group on Aquatic Genetic Resources and Technologies

The Committee on Fisheries (COFI) Advisory Working Group on Aquatic Genetic Resources and Technologies held its first meeting from 1 to 2 October 2015 in Brasilia, Brazil. A summary of the meeting report is contained in the document **CGRFA/WG-AqGR-1/16/3**. The full meeting report is available as **CGRFA/WG-AqGR-1/16/Inf.2**. The Working Group may wish to review the report as it relates to aquatic genetic resources and provide inputs in its field of expertise.

6. Access and benefit-sharing for aquatic genetic resources

At its last session, the Commission welcomed the *Elements to Facilitate Domestic Implementation of Access and Benefit-sharing for Different Subsectors of Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture* (ABS Elements)³. The FAO Conference, at its Thirty-ninth Session, subsequently welcomed the ABS Elements and invited Members to consider and, as appropriate, make use of them⁴. The Conference also noted the complementarity between the work of the Commission and the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization to the Convention on Biological Diversity in regard to access and benefit-sharing for genetic resources⁵. The Commission requested its intergovernmental technical working groups to continue elaborating, with the assistance of the Secretary, subsector-specific ABS Elements including consideration of the role of traditional knowledge associated with genetic resources for food and agriculture and their customary use, and bearing in mind the on-going activities or processes under the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, for consideration by the ABS Expert Team established by the Commission at its Fourteenth Regular Session⁶. The document *Elaboration of subsector-specific elements for access and benefit-sharing for genetic resources for food and agriculture* (**CGRFA/WG-AqGR-1/16/4**), provides a brief introduction to the topic, in particular the ABS Elements, and consults the Working Group on issues of particular relevance to access and benefit-sharing for aquatic genetic resources.

7. Review of the Commission's Multi-Year Programme of Work

The Commission, at its Eleventh Regular Session in 2007, adopted its MYPOW, a rolling 10-year work plan covering the totality of biodiversity for food and agriculture. The MYPOW, as amended by the Commission at its Fourteenth Regular Session in 2013, lays out the major outputs and milestones the Commission aims to achieve between 2014 and 2023⁷. The Commission decided to keep the MYPOW under continuous review. The next review is foreseen for the Commission's Sixteenth

¹ CGRFA-11/07/Report, paragraph 5.

² CGRFA-13/11/Report, paragraph 102.

³ CGRFA-15/15/Report, paragraph 22.

⁴ C 2015/REP, paragraph 52.

⁵ C 2015/REP, paragraph 52.

⁶ CGRFA-14/13/Report, paragraph 40.

⁷ CGRFA-14/13/Report, paragraph 109.

Regular Session. The document *Review of implementation of the Multi-Year Programme of Work and Draft Strategic Plan for the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (2018–2027)* (CGRFA/WG-AqGR-1/16/5) outlines the progress made in the implementation of the MYPOW and a possible update for the period 2018–2027. The Working Group may wish to review the progress made and the draft Strategic Plan for 2018–2027, as it relates to aquatic genetic resources, and provide inputs in its field of expertise.

8. Any other business

9. Adoption of the Report

Annex 1. PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

Date and time	Agenda item	Title	Working document
Monday, 20 June 2016, morning			
10:00–13:00	1	Opening	
	2	Election of the Chair, the Vice-Chair(s) and the Rapporteur	
	3	Adoption of the agenda and timetable	CGRFA/WG-AqGR-1/16/1 CGRFA/WG-AqGR-1/16/1 Add.1
	4	Preparation of The State of the World's Aquatic Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture	CGRFA/WG-AqGR-1/16/2
Monday, 20 June 2016, afternoon			
15:00–18:00	4	Preparation of The State of the World's Aquatic Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture	CGRFA/WG-AqGR-1/16/2
Tuesday, 21 June 2016, morning			
10:00–13:00	5	Report of the First Session of the Committee on Fisheries Advisory Working Group on Aquatic Genetic Resources and Technologies	CGRFA/WG-AqGR-1/16/3
	6	Access and benefit-sharing for aquatic genetic resources	CGRFA/WG-AqGR-1/16/4
Tuesday, 21 June 2016, afternoon			
15:00–18:00	7	Review of the Commission's Multi-Year Programme of Work	CGRFA/WG-AqGR-1/16/5
	8	Any other business	
Wednesday, 22 June 2016, afternoon			
15:00–18:00	9	Adoption of the Report	