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COMMITTEE ON FISHERIES

Twenty-fifth Session

Rome, Italy, 24-28 February 2003

PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND TIMETABLE

Monday, 24 February 2003

Morning: 09.30 hours

1. Opening of the Session¹
2. Adoption of the Agenda and arrangements for the Session COFI /2003/1, Inf.1, Inf.4
3. Election of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons and designation of Drafting Committee: *for decision* COFI/2003/1, Inf.4
4. Achievements of Major Programme 2.3 Fisheries 2000-2002: *for discussion* COFI/2003/2, Inf.4,5,6

Afternoon: 14.30 hours

5. Progress Report on the Implementation COFI/2003/3, 4, Inf.4,6,7,8,9 of the Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries and Related International Plans of Action (Capacity, IUU Fishing, Seabirds and Sharks)²: *for discussion and decision*

Tuesday, 25 February 2003

Morning: 09.00 hours

5. Continued

Afternoon: 14.30 hours

6. Decisions and Recommendations of the Eighth Session of the COFI Sub-Committee on Fish Trade, Bremen, Germany, 12-16 February 2002: *for decision* COFI/2003/5, Inf.4, Inf.10

7. Decisions and Recommendations of the First Session of the COFI Sub-Committee on Aquaculture, Beijing, China, 18-22 April 2002: *for decision* COFI/2003/6, Inf.4, Inf.11

Wednesday, 26 February 2003

Morning: 09.00 hours

8. Outcome of the Technical Consultation on Improving Information on the Status and Trends of Capture Fisheries: *for discussion and decision* COFI/2003/7, Inf.4

9. *Conclusions and Recommendations of the FAO Expert Consultation on Identifying, Assessing and Reporting on Subsidies in the Fishing Industry, Rome, Italy, 3-6 December 2002: for discussion and decision* COFI/2003/8, Inf.4, Inf.12

Afternoon: 14.30 hours

10. Strategies for Increasing the Sustainable Contribution of Small-Scale Fisheries to Food Security and Poverty Alleviation: *for discussion and decision* COFI/2003/9, Inf.4

11. Implementation of Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management to Achieve Responsible Fisheries and to Restore Fisheries Resources and Marine Environments: *for discussion and decision* COFI/2003/10, Inf.4, Inf.13, Inf.14

Thursday, 27 February 2003

Morning: 09.00 hours

12. Review of Major Programme 2.3 Fisheries

· Planned Activities over the Period 2004-2009, as regards Major Programme 2.3 Fisheries: *for discussion and decision* COFI/2003/11, Inf.4, Inf.14
COFI/2003/12, Inf.4, Inf.14

· Preliminary Information on Programme of Work and Budget Proposals for 2004-2005, as regards Major Programme 2.3 Fisheries: *for discussion and decision*

Afternoon: 14.30 hours

12. Continued

13. Any Other Matters

14. Date and Place of the next Session

Friday, 28 February 2003

Morning

Free

Afternoon: 14.00 hours

15. Adoption of the Report

¹ FAO will make a presentation of the State of World Fisheries and Aquaculture (SOFIA) 2000 before the official opening of the Session.

² Includes discussion on making Monitoring, Control and Surveillance (MCS) of fishing vessels more effective.