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## **Update on the Global Record of Fishing Vessels, Refrigerated Transport Vessels and Supply Vessels, COFI/2012/8.**

In the past few months FAO has further advanced the Global Record (GR) through several regional capacity development activities and other activities as anticipated in **COFI/2012/8**.

### **1. Promotional campaign for the Unique Vessel Identifier**

An awareness raising and informational campaign on the UVI, including the application process will start in July 2012. (Partially financed by Republic of Korea).

### **2. GR information definitions and data codes document**

Draft document shared with preliminary collaborators for comments.

### **3. Central America, capacity development**

As a result of successful experiences in Central America with OSPESCA a capacity development framework to be used in other locations has been developed: 1) awareness raising through circulation of FAO-developed questionnaires which target the institutional situation plus assess the national fleet register, 2) initial workshop to produce a regional workplan, 3) gap analysis to ascertain readiness and detect weaknesses, 4) customized implementation of recommended activities, 5) running pilots and, as an initial approach, FAO intends to use existing fleet register tools (guidelines, manuals, forms and software) to provide assistance to countries/regions. Work plan and gap analysis complete. (Partially financed by USA and Republic of Korea).

### **4. Southeast Asia , capacity development**

A capacity development workshop is planned for Southeast Asia before the end of this year, following the procedure described above, consistent with preliminary work of the region to strengthen national and regional registers (financed by Republic of Korea).

### **5. Collaboration with the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (GFCM)**

Collaboration has been endorsed in the Annual Commission meeting (May 2012). It was agreed that “Joint efforts will be undertaken in specific activities such as capacity building and systems development” for “further developing the GFCM Vessel Records and building up the IUU Vessel List with related non-compliance information”. Activities started in 2012.

### **6. GEF – (Global Sustainable Fisheries Management and Biodiversity Conservation in the Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction (ABNJ) Programme**

The GEF-ABNJ project has strengthening MCS as one of its major components. Implementation of phase 1 of the GR through capacity building and pilot project activity is expected for two regional areas over the course of the five-year GEF-ABNJ Project.

### **7. EU-FAO meeting on GR**

The EU supports the UVI numbering system and GR implementation. There are possibilities for co-financing, cooperative IT development and support to third countries. Exchange of information has been agreed. A project proposal for capacity development in Africa was put forward for the Commission’s consideration. IT development will be resumed in 2012.

### **8. Cooperation, coordination of activities and exchange of information**

A number of stakeholders are interested in cooperative activities with the GR programme. These stakeholders range from private sector initiatives, to NGOs and International Organizations:

- IMO – cooperation statement signed with regards to piracy in Somalia and IUU in the Horn of Africa.
- IHS-Fairplay (ex-Lloyds) – continued UVI allocation to fishing vessels.
- ISSF – International Seafood Sustainability Foundation – support to UVI: database of vessels with UVI; conservation measure to refrain from transactions when UVI not supplied
- SSAFE – Integrating Food Safety with Plant and Animal Health – Recent discussions about GR-related activities for private sector
- WWF-Central America – exchange of information
- PEW – interested in UVI application

- Fundación MarViva – requested guidance from FAO-GR for implementation. Shared information