

DRAFT

Annex 2 to the Partnership Arrangement between the Statistical Office of the European Communities and the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations.

Information to be contributed to FIRMS-FIGIS by the Statistical Office of the European Communities.

1. *Data and statistical information.*

Types of information to be contributed.

The information to be contributed to FIRMS by the Statistical Office of the European Communities (Eurostat) will be socio-economic indicators of EU and associated fisheries.

Details of information to be contributed.

At the time of signature of the Partnership Arrangement it is not possible for Eurostat to provide detailed information of the data to be contributed. However the socio-economic indicators will be selected with the consultation of and with the approval of the FIRMS Steering Committee and will be in conformity with the FIRMS Information Management Policy.

Documentation and standards.

Full information will be provided on the sources of the information. In so far as it is possible, the standards used in compiling the indicators will be those developed by the Coordinating Working Party on Fishery Statistics or other international bodies. Where such standards are not available or cannot be applied, details of the standards used will be provided.

2. *Metadata and information management.*

Methods of collection and processing.

Eurostat will provide full information on the the methods of collecting and compiling the socio-economic indicators as well as on the concepts and definitions used in their compilation.

Ownership and responsibilities

Information contributed to FIRMS by Eurostat resides under the full ownership and responsibility of Eurostat. This ownership will be clearly indicated as "Eurostat" with any information or set of information contributed to FIRMS. Where information has been contributed in collaboration with another EU Commission service this ownership will be indicated as, for example with data contributed in collaboration with the Directorate-General for Fisheries, "Eurostat/DG FISH".

3. *Data and information security.*

All contributions from Eurostat will be in the public domain. Eurostat will be responsible for ensuring that any restrictions placed of the dissemination of information provided by national and other organisations contributing to Eurostat's databases are respected. In no circumstances will Eurostat contribute confidential information to FIRMS-FIGIS.

4. *Collaborative institutions.*

Information contributed to FIRMS-FIGIS by Eurostat may be derived from other services within the European Commission, notably the Directorate-General for Fisheries. Eurostat will collaborate with those services to ensure that these contributions submitted by Eurostat but derived from other sources conform to the Information Management Policy established by the FIRMS Steering Committee.

Representatives of those other Commission services may be invited by Eurostat to assist in an advisory capacity at sessions of the FIRMS Steering Committee and at other meetings organised in the context of FIRMS-FIGIS.

5. Additional entitlements.

Eurostat staff, and staff of Commission services with whom Eurostat collaborates in contributing information to FIRMS, will be entitled to participate in workshops or special courses organised by the FIRMS Secretariat (FAO) on the use of electronic publishing tools used in FIRMS-FIGIS.