



FIRMS Steering Committee Meeting
Third Session
Madrid, Spain, 13-15 February 2006
PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA AND TIMETABLE
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Monday, 13 February 2006

all day: 09:00 hours to 18:00 hours

1. Opening of session and Welcome address
2. Adoption of agenda
3. FIRMS membership

- Progress on the development of FIRMS Partnership

The FIRMS partnership welcomes as a new Partners EUROSTAT(which signed the agreement during the intersession, and CCAMLR and IWC on the brink of signing the agreement.

- Review of new perspective Partners

NEAFC made a request to become member. This item will also consider status for other foreseen partners, and ways to approach them.

4. Review of Annex 2 of new Partners

Each new Partner will present the content of its Annex 2 in order to raise common awareness on the contributions that each intends to make to FIRMS and on important aspects that could have been addressed with respect to contribution specifications.

5. Report of the technical working group (TWG1, December 2005) (cf Doc. FIRMS FSC3/2006/2)

The report of TWG1 will be reviewed with focus on aspects requiring decision making by FSC3. In particular, FSC's attention was called on:

- "Uncertain" as possible value of attribute "considered a single stock" (par.10e)
- sets of descriptors to describe stock status (par.11)
- presentation of inventories developed outside of FIRMS (ie Strategy-STF ones) (par.13)

Immediate follow-up actions to TWG1 will be reviewed. In particular, FSC's attention is called on:

- stock status and trend summaries: validation of mock-up evolving from TWG1 comments (par.17)
- comments made by FIRMS editors upon their tests of the workflow interface (par.19)
- revised mock-ups for the Fisheries module (par.46)
- required case studies for the fisheries module, for the management system approach (par.41), and the production system approach (par.42)
- setting priority levels for the translation of terms and definitions (par.51)

6. FIRMS Information Management Policy (IMP)

The FIRMS IMP is a living document providing the framework for the continuing development of FIRMS standards, through the addition of chapters. Candidate chapters are the documents submitted to and supported by TWG1. These documents are:

- Georeferencing standards (par.10C)
- Citations guidelines (par.10d)
- Marine resource topic structure and related definitions (par.10, and 11)
- Fisheries naming convention (par.22)

Tuesday, 14 February 2006

Morning: 09:00 hours to 13:00 hours

7. Review of the Progress Status of the FIRMS Database and Module Development

- Status of the inventory of Marine resources and Stocks and their loading in FIRMS data base
- Status of the inventory of Fisheries

FIRMS partners and the FIRMS Secretariat are invited to present short papers of the activities carried out during the intersession on the inventories, the development of the FIRMS data base, and the intended activities during the coming intersessional period.

- Presentation and discussion of the FIRMS web-site

FIRMS Secretariat will present status of the pre-release version of the FIRMS web-site highlighting progress made according to the recommendations of TWG1. FSC3 should decide whether FIRMS website can be published on the Internet.

8. Intersessional work plan

The various discussions held under the previous agenda item should pinpoint forthcoming activities and result in the development of an agreed workplan.

9. Planning for the third session of FSC (FSC3)

10. Any other business

11. Election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson

Wednesday, 15 February 2006

Afternoon: 14:00 hours to 16:00 hours

12. Adoption of the Report