



FIRMS Steering Committee Meeting
Fourth Session
Rome, Italy, 26 February – 2 March 2007
PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA AND TIMETABLE
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Monday, 26 February 2007

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

New Partners (if any) will be acknowledged. FIRMS will also welcome as Observers SEAFO and CPPS. Responses from other institutions invited by FSC3 will be reviewed.

- Review of new perspective Partners

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 (if any) 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. Observers may indicate their intended contributions.

5. Review of FIRMS activities during the past year (cf Doc. FIRMS FSC4/2007/2)

With reference to the work plan agreed at FSC3, FIRMS partners and the FIRMS Secretariat are invited to present one page papers of the activities carried out during the intersession, according to the following template (available at FSC4/2007/Inf.5): 1. developments on inventories of Marine resources, and of fisheries; 2. reporting

on status/trends of Marine resources, and of fisheries; 3. development/review of standards 4. development of Applications (eg new module at Secretariat level, or enhancements in streamlining workflow at Partner level); 4. development of case studies/prototypes; 5. training or skills development; 6. Promotional activities 7. Planned activities during the coming intersessional period. The FIRMS Secretariat will also provide a summary of the contributions processed and major difficulties encountered, if any.

- Review of the status of FIRMS web-site and workflow management system

FIRMS Secretariat will present status of the FIRMS web-site with focus on perceived issues, new features and future plans.

6. FIRMS descriptors for Stock status (cf Doc. FIRMS FSC4/2007/3)

As agreed at FSC3, each Partner is expected to internally consider the options proposed for FIRMS stock status descriptor, with follow-up by the chair. The chair will report to FSC4 on the outcome of these discussions. FSC4 will discuss next steps.

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Morning: 09:00 hours to 13:00 hours

7. Feasibility of expanding to national institutes (cf Doc. FIRMS FSC4/2007/5)

Institutional, technical and funding aspects will be considered and discussed based on a document prepared by the Secretariat. FSC is expected to work on a roadmap towards this expansion.

8. FIRMS Information Management Policy (IMP) (cf Doc. FIRMS FSC4/2007/Inf.3, and FIRMS FSC4/2007/4)

The FIRMS IMP is a living document, updated after FSC3, providing the framework for the continuing development of FIRMS standards, through the addition of chapters. The feedback from Partners on above discussed issues and on document FSC4/2007/5 will be considered in terms of inclusion in the IMP.

9. 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.

10. Planning for the fifth session of FSC (FSC5)

11. Any other business

12. Election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson

Friday , 2 March 2006

Morning: 9:00 hours to 13:00 hours

13. Adoption of the Report