



<b>FIRMS Steering Committee Meeting</b>
<b>Sixth Session</b>
<b>Hobart, Australia, 24 – 26 February 2010</b>
<b>PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA AND TIMETABLE</b>
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**Wednesday, 24 February 2010**

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

1. **Opening of session and Welcome address** (standard item)
2. **Adoption of agenda** (standard item)
3. **FIRMS membership** (standard item)
  - Progress on the development of FIRMS Partnership  
*Modifications in partnership (perhaps Eurostat), interest expressed by other organizations (BCC), efforts made by the Secretariat and the FIRMS partners to involve/contact additional RFBs.*
  - 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** (standard item)  
*Any new Partner will present the content of its Annex 2 in order to raise common awareness on the contributions that it intends to make to FIRMS and on important aspects that could have been addressed with respect to contribution specifications.  
Current Partners willing to start contributions on the new Fisheries module might also wish to take this opportunity to revise / specify the content of their annex 2.  
Observers may indicate their intended contributions (eg IWC).*

5. **Review of FIRMS activities during the intersession** (cf Doc. FIRMS FSC6/2010/2x)  
(standard item)

- Report on intersessional activities

*With reference to the work plan agreed at FSC5, and on the basis of one-page summary activities sent by Partners to the Secretariat prior to the meeting (see template in annex), collated with Secretariat'ones into one FIRMS activity report, the Secretariat will present a consolidated report of the activities carried out during the intersession with highlights on key topics, including the contributions processed and major difficulties encountered, if any.*

- Key topics regarding status of the FIRMS website

*FSC6 will be presented new published features, consider outstanding issues, and will make decisions thereof*

- streamlined information contributions: word to XML convertor tool
- Marine resources module:
  - o progress on populating the site
  - o implementation of the status and trends summary search
  - o implementation of Reference Year / Reporting Year modification
- published Fisheries module: progress and outstanding issues
  - o management information in FIRMS – CCAMLR, IATTC, NAFO, NEAFC, contributions
  - o socio-economic information in FIRMS – FAO/BNP<sup>1</sup> contribution
  - o discards information in FIRMS – IWC pilot studies

6. **Report of virtual technical working group**

*The TWG didn't hold face to face meeting, but FSC5 requested FIRMS members to work during the intersession on the following technical topics, under the leadership of a designated person.*

- categorization of management measures (lead = CCAMLR)
- handling of stocks including multiple sub-components – impact on status and trends reporting (lead = ICES and FAO)
- review of Marine resources bio-eco controlled terms - IMP Annex 1.2<sup>2</sup> (lead = SEAFDEC)

**Thursday, 25 February 2010**

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

7. **NatFIRMS and identification of potential FIRMS users** (cf Doc. FIRMS FSC6/2010/4)

*FSC5 requested that the topic of NatFIRMS be once again addressed at FSC6. During FSC's NatFIRMS discussions, the need to identify the FIRMS target audience has emerged, and any decision on future strategic development is tightly related to this key question. The debate will be articulated from the document "FIRMS target audience and perspective on the development of national membership" which the Secretariat will present. This debate might open the way towards a business plan, including pilot cases, communication strategy, website re-structuring, etc... :*

8. **Other technical topics**

- enhancing communication through of a FIRMS Collaborative Wiki tool

*An enhanced sense of dynamic network and live community of practice could be achieved through set-up of a dedicated FIRMS Wiki tool. FSC6 should decide whether this would be a valuable move.*

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<sup>1</sup> Big Numbers Project: comparison of socio-economic performance between Large scale and Small scale fisheries

<sup>2</sup> [ftp://ftp.fao.org/fi/DOCUMENT/FIGIS\\_FIRMS/2007/inf3e.pdf](ftp://ftp.fao.org/fi/DOCUMENT/FIGIS_FIRMS/2007/inf3e.pdf)

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- **Ecosystem approach to fisheries in FIRMS**  
*This topic was addressed for the first time at TWG2, and briefly discussed at FSC6. FSC6 recognized that this matter deserves further discussion. FSC6 should decide how to tackle it.*
  - **Practical session on technical advice and support**  
*Some time will be allocated for a practical session to address specific technical aspects, on request of Partners.*
9. **FIRMS Information Management Policy (IMP) – FSC5 version** (cf Doc. FIRMS FSC6/2010/Inf3) (standard item)  
*The FIRMS IMP is a living document, updated after FSC5, 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 FSC5/2010/2x will be considered in terms of inclusion in the IMP.*
  10. **Intersessional work plan** (standard item)  
*The various discussions held under the previous agenda item should pinpoint forthcoming activities and result in the development of an agreed workplan.*
  11. **Planning for the seventh session of FSC (FSC7)** (standard item)
  12. **Any other business** (standard item)
  13. **Election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson** (standard item)

**Friday, 26 February 2010**

afternoon: 14:00 hours to 18:00 hours

14. **Adoption of the Report and Close of Session** (standard item)  
*The draft report will be finalised during the CWP meeting, and formally revised and adopted during a specific 2 / 3 hours session at the end of the week.*

**Annex : Reporting template for intersessional activities**

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.