



FIRMS Steering Committee Meeting
Eighth Session
Rome, Italy, 4 - 5, and 8 February 2013
PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA AND TIMETABLE
Author: FIRMS Secretariat

MEETING PLACE: QUEEN JULIANA ROOM B323

Monday, 4 February 2013

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

1. **Opening of session and Welcome address**
2. **Adoption of agenda**
3. **FIRMS membership**
 - a) Progress on the development of FIRMS Partnership
 - b) Review of new perspective Partners
4. **Review of Annex 2**
 - a) Proposed information contributions of new Partner(s)
 - b) Proposed modifications by existing Partners (in Partners activity reports FIRMS FSC8/2013/2x)
5. **Review of FIRMS activities during the intersession** (cf Doc. FIRMS FSC8/2013/2x)
 - a) Report on intersession activities
 - b) Key topics regarding status of the FIRMS website
 - Marine Resource and Fishery modules - progress on populating the data base
 - Fact sheets' layout/template improvement
 - c) Home page and thematic pages
 - home page – communicating better
 - thematic pages on Tuna and on deep sea (high seas) demersal resources
 - d) Partners' follow-up regarding previous recommendations
 - communicating on FIRMS progress and NatFIRMS at Partners' meetings
 - contribution to FIRMS outreach at regional level
6. **Report of virtual Technical Working Group 3**
 - a) Summary report of e-TWG 3
 - b) TWG recommendations for final endorsement by FSC8
 - User interface for presenting “Monitoring cycles of Marine resources” and “Fisheries life cycles”
 - c) On-going issues for FSC8 considerations

- i. The “Reporting Year” issue
- ii. The FIRMS Resources and Fisheries map viewer
- iii. Quality assurance on Resources/stocks assessments – methods (analytical, empirical), uncertainty

Side event - 14.00-14.30
Introduction to the Global VME database

Tuesday, 5 February 2013

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

7. **Review of strategic aspects - enabling more timely information, broadening geographic/thematic coverage, target audience/communication and partnerships**
 - a) Broadening geographic and thematic coverage
 - Proposed standard protocols addressing the involvement of Nations through RFBs
 - b) Enabling more timely information
 - Partners plans for reporting on Resources and Fisheries
 - New horizons for a FIRMS distributed data base
 - c) Interest expressed in FIRMS by INGOs / NGOs involved in consumers and seafood industry education on sustainable fisheries
 - Outcome of FIRMS participation to Ocean Trusts Science Sustainability Forum
 - Presentation of FisheriesWiki.org by Sustainable Fisheries Partnership, towards collaboration
 - d) Which FIRMS services on fisheries management information ?
 - Open discussion based on Partners suggestions
 - e) FIRMS role on fisheries socio-economic reporting
 - Review of DG-MARE’s example fact sheets
 - Towards a TWG meeting in support to the development of Reporting standards?
 - f) Target audience and communication strategy
 - Elements of communication strategy
 - Status/progress of previously agreed communication products – new proposals
8. **FIRMS Information Management Policy (IMP) – FSC7 version**
 - Updated Marine resources and Fisheries inventory guidelines
 - Updated sections of the IMP

9. Intersessional work plan

10. Planning for the next session of FSC (FSC9)

11. Any other business

12. Election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson

Side event - 14.00-14.30
The Integrated Capture Information System (ICIS – iMarine)

Friday, 8 February 2013

morning: 10:00 hours to 12:00 hours

13. Adoption of the Report and Close of Session

Annex : Reporting template for intersessional activities

1. Developments on inventories of Marine resources, and of fisheries; revision of annex 2
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 intersession period.

Annex: Revised annex 2 (if applicable)