



FIRMS Technical Working Group Meeting
Fifth Session
Rome, Italy, 29 February and 1 March 2016
ANNOTATED AGENDA AND TIMETABLE
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MEETING PLACE: FAO HQ, INDIA ROOM A327

Day 1, Monday 29-02-2016

From 13:45 hours to 17:30 hours

Coffee break: 15:30-15:50

1. Opening session and Welcome address

2. Adoption of agenda

3. Future perspectives for the FIRMS partnership

Ten years passed, what after? FSC9 (Feb. 2015) recognized that FIRMS had built strong foundations for global reporting on fisheries status and trends and that it had met expectations of most partners. FSC9 has also urged the Secretariat to cope with the following challenges: a timelier reporting of partners' contributions; expand reporting coverage; respond to target audience needs.

With a bottom-up approach, TWG members are invited to discuss these topics and propose specific actions, also considering the ongoing activities listed hereafter.

4. Inventories minimum data requirement

In order to increase timeliness and coverage ratio, a general consensus is required on identifying the minimum information requirement for global level reporting so that partners can choose to contribute in a simplified manner with relevant, valuable and focused information, i.e. on stock state or fishery status. Links to source reports should be part of such minimum information contribution so that users access the broader knowledge.

TWG members are invited to evaluate the proposed identified inventory fields as minimum data requirement.

Wiki documentation (Login required):

http://figisapps.fao.org/FIGISwiki/index.php/FIRMS_Minimum_Data_Requirement

Day 2, Tuesday 1-03-2016

All day: 09:00 hours to 17:30 hours
Coffee breaks: 10:40-11; 15:30-15:45
Lunch break: 12:30-13:45 hours

Tuesday morning (09:00 – 12:30)

5. Traffic light approach for the FIRMS State & Trend standard descriptors

Following the display of the FIRMS State and Trend standard descriptors together with the partners' indicators (approved as FSC9/D7.1 and implemented on April 2015), during FSC9 it was also agreed to move towards the “traffic light approach” where possible (approved as FSC9/D7.2). TWG 5.1 and 5.2 discussed the proposal and provided guidelines on its implementation. The secretariat implemented the underlying logic for the colour scheme and examples are provided.

TWG members are invited to evaluate the scenario proposal and the examples for final discussion; and to provide guidance for aggregated regional summaries based on traffic light.

Wiki documentation (Login required):

Proposal:

http://figisapps.fao.org/FIGISwiki/index.php/FIRMS_Fishery_Resources_Standard_descriptors_for_State_and_trend#Traffic_light_approach

Discussion:

http://figisapps.fao.org/FIGISwiki/index.php/Talk:FIRMS_Fishery_Resources_Standard_descriptors_for_State_and_trend#Traffic_light_approach

6. FIRMS Stocks & Fisheries map viewer

The development of the FIRMS Stocks & Fisheries map viewer is related to FSC9 decision D9.4, in the context of renewing the FIRMS website. The initial discussions took place at TWG4 and FSC9, a mock-up and a first prototype were discussed at TWG 5.1 and 5.2. TWG members are invited to evaluate the prototype and to advice for further development. They are also invited to propose other FIRMS website improvements.

Wiki documentation (Login required):

http://figisapps.fao.org/FIGISwiki/index.php/Renewing_the_FIRMS_website#Stocks_.26_Fisheries_map_viewer

Tuesday afternoon (13:45 – 17:30)

7. Global Record of Stocks and Fisheries (GRSF)

The GRSF is a task (5.2) of the work package Blue Assessment within the BlueBRIDGE project. The overall vision is: “an innovative environment supporting the production of a comprehensive and shared global reference set of stocks and fisheries records that will boost regional and global environmental status monitoring as well as responsible consumer practices”.

TWG members are invited to evaluate the scenario proposal in the interest of FIRMS partnership.

This session is overlapped with the BlueBRIDGE TWG meeting (Tuesday afternoon 1 March – Thursday morning 3 March). The following topics will be discussed:

- *Overall vision of the Global Record of Stocks and Fisheries (GRSF)*
- *Objectives GRSF (Task 5.2)*

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- *Identifying the nature of GRSF*
 - *List of key concepts/data fields of the 3 sources of information FIRMS, RAM, FishSource and relationships*
 - *Comparison of list of stocks (pilot cases)*
 - *Unique identifiers*
 - *Code lists and ontological representation*

8. Any other business

BlueBRIDGE TWG

Day 3, Wednesday 2-03-2016

All day: 09:00 hours to 17:30 hours
Coffee breaks: 10:40-11; 15:30-15:45
Lunch break: 12:30-13:45 hours

Wednesday morning (09:00 – 12:30)

9. Global Record of Stocks and Fisheries (GRSF) (cont.)

The GRSF discussion continues in the BlueBRIDGE TWG meeting (Tuesday afternoon 1 March – Thursday morning 3 March). The following topics will be discussed on Wednesday morning.

- *CMS (scope definitions), other supporting tools, workflow*
- *Extended knowledge base*
- *Governance and sustainability*