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REGIONAL COMMISSION FOR FISHERIES (RECOFI)

Working Group on Aquaculture (WGA)

Fourth Meeting

Muscat, Sultanate of Oman, 27–28 January 2009

PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA

Tuesday, 27 January 2009

09:00-17:15

Regional Aquaculture Information System "RAIS"

1. General overview and development status of RAIS

Presentation of national data uploaded by RECOFI member countries.

Agenda objective: Brief participants on the status of the data stored in the system since the last meeting held in Kuwait in November 2007. RAIS National Coordinators will be requested to report technical problems they have encountered during data entry. The agenda item will also raise the issue on data/news updating and entry frequency. The WGA Focal Points and/or the RAIS National Coordinators are requested to report on the status of data collection and entry. The Secretariat will report on the preparation of the National Aquaculture Sector Overviews (NASO) for the region.

2. Role of the RAIS Regional Centre

The role of the RAIS Regional Centre include: i) Regular maintenance of the information system; ii) Interaction between Regional Centre and National Centres; iii) Establishment of partnership with other regional aquaculture information system; and iv) Collection and submission of news items of interest to the regional aquaculture community.

Agenda objective: To clearly inform the RAIS Regional Centre staff and the RAIS National Coordinators of the supporting role and tasks to be performed by the different parties in managing the regional information system.

3. Presentation and adoption of the RAIS User Manual

Presentation of the RAIS User Manual to the National Coordinators and Focal Points.

Agenda objective: To present the new RAIS User Manual prepared by the Secretariat and to receive feedback prior to its finalization and translation into Arabic.

4. Establishment of a common communication strategy to promote RAIS

These include: i) Regional/national communication strategies; ii) Preparation of a flyer for the promotion of the system; and iii) RAIS National Coordinators' role and interaction with the Regional Centre.

Agenda objective: to discuss with the National Coordinators the main issues related to widening and improving the effectiveness of the RAIS network and promoting RAIS at national, regional and international levels.

5. Any other matter

These include: i) New developments (e.g. mailing lists and newsletter); and ii) How to stimulate advertisement on the RAIS Web site by external users/clients.

Agenda objective: to discuss with the country participants potential and future areas of development within the information system.

6. Activities for the next biennium

The workshop participants will be invited to identify and prioritize activities to further develop and strengthen RAIS which will be included in the next biennium work plan of the WGA.

Agenda objective: to identify and prioritize activities for inclusion in the programme of work for the next (2009-2011) to be submitted to the Commission in May 2009 and determine budget requirements.

Wednesday, 28 January 2009

09:00–17:15

Fourth RECOFI-WGA Meeting

1. Recommendations of the Fourth session of the Commission and WGA activities implemented

The Secretariat will present the work carried out by the WGA during the last intersessional period in relation to the approved work plan (NB: RAIS activities will be covered the previous day).

Agenda objective: issues related to the implementation of the WGA work plan and difficulties encountered will be raise and discussed under this agenda item.

2. Presentation and prioritization of cage culture development follow-up activities

The key activities discussed and follow-up actions identified by the participants attending the cage culture development workshop will be presented as project concept notes for discussion and prioritization.

Agenda objective: One or more key follow-up activities will be identified for inclusion in the next RECOFI-WGA biennium work plan.

3. Aquaculture legal and policy framework project proposal

The RECOFI-WGA Focal Points will be invited to report whether their country has contributed the budget share for the implementation of the aquaculture legal and policy framework project proposal.

Agenda objective: to report to the Commission at its fifth session (May 2009) and provide actions on how to progress with this long standing activity.

4. WGA work plan preparation for next biennium (2009-2011)

The RECOFI-WGA Focal Points will require identifying and prioritizing activities for inclusion in the next biennium work plan. The work plan may include activities as follow-up to the two workshops on Aquatic Animal Health and on Sustainable Marine Cage Aquaculture Development as well as other issues of emerging importance for the region to be presented and discussed by the WGA Focal Points.

Agenda objective: to finalize the next WGA work plan for the 2009-2011 intersessional period.

5. WGA Chairperson

The WGA Focal Points will be invited to present candidates for the next WGA Chairperson and proceed with the election. Confirmation of Focal Points & Alternate Focal Points.

Agenda objective: Nomination of WGA Chairperson for the next intersessional period.

6. Any other matter

7. Date and place of the fifth meeting
