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<b>REGIONAL COMMISSION FOR FISHERIES (RECOFI)</b>
<b>Working Group on Aquaculture (WGA)</b>
<b>Regional technical workshop on sustainable marine cage aquaculture development</b>
<b>Muscat, Sultanate of Oman, 25–26 January 2009</b>
<b>PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA</b>

<b>Saturday, 24 January 2009</b>
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Arrival of workshop participants. Informal hotel lobby meeting at 20:30

<b>Sunday, 25 January 2009</b>
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<b>08:30-10:00</b>	<b>Opening of the workshop</b>
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1. Registration
2. Introduction of workshop participants and consultants
3. Introduction to the scope of the workshop and expected outputs
4. Regional review: Marine cage culture in the RECOFI region

<b>10:00-17:15</b>	<b>Marine Cage Aquaculture – Environmental Impact</b>
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The discussions at the technical workshop will be facilitated and coordinated by Dr Håkon Kryvi on the local situation, needs and priorities in the region with regards to cage culture development and particularly on environmental impact assessment/monitoring and farm licensing. Dr Kryvi is currently a senior adviser to the Norwegian state pollution control authority on environmental impact of aquaculture and coastal zone management. He has long management experience dealing with all the environmental concerns from cage aquaculture in Norway. He was also responsible for the marine component of a comprehensive project launched to develop a tool for aquaculture planning and suitability assessments in Norway with regards to site selection, environmental impacts, monitoring and a wide range of relevant issues and concerns for aquaculture production.

### **1. Presentation on fish cage culture in Norway - A case study**

A presentation on the regulation of the Norwegian marine finfish aquaculture industry will be delivered by the FAO consultant, Ms Pia Kupka Hansen, working as scientist at the Institute of Marine Research, Bergen, Norway. The developmental events of the Norwegian finfish cage aquaculture industry will be presented in a chronological order from its early stages to its current status. The presentation will highlight how various technical and legal issues have been dealt with and adjusted over the years. The main elements that should be taken into account by technocrats in supporting the sustainable development of a

marine fish cage farming industry will be presented and discussed.

**Agenda objective:** The presentation above aims at opening the discussion among the participants attending the workshop. The aim is to identify the needs and priorities in the RECOFI countries and in the region as a whole with regards to cage culture environmental impact assessment (EIA), environmental monitoring, site selection, etc. The group will be requested to identify the need for specific and focused activities required to develop and harmonize regional standards and protocols.

**Tuesday, 26 January 2009**

**10:00-17:15 Marine Cage Aquaculture – Licensing**

### ***1. Presentation of a review on cage aquaculture licensing procedures***

A review on cage aquaculture licensing procedures indicating the general principles and guidelines involved in establishing a cage culture farm will be presented. The review will draw from the current regulations in place in selected countries where cage aquaculture is an important economic activity (e.g. Spain, Norway, Greece, Chile and the United States of America). The review aims at showing examples of best practices aim at helping the government with policy options for better governing of marine aquaculture and recommendations for a legal framework in terms of aquaculture permitting.

**Agenda objective:** The aim is to identify the needs and priorities in the RECOFI countries and in the region as a whole with regards to cage culture licensing. The group will be requested to identify the need for specific and focused activities required to develop and harmonize regional protocol.

### ***2. Workshop summary and findings***

A workshop summary will present the main issues and points discussed by the participants. Based on these the workshop consultants will identify specific and focused activities required as follow-up actions needed to reach the objectives of developing the targeted cage aquaculture protocols for the region. A number of brief project concept notes (1–2 pages) describing the issue and inputs required, will be prepared following the workshop. The project briefs produced will be presented and prioritized during the last day of the fourth WGA meeting for inclusion in the next work programme proposal of the RECOFI-Working Group on Aquaculture.

**Agenda objective:** To identify and prioritize follow-up activities.

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### **Coffee and lunch breaks**

Throughout the workshop and the fourth WGA Meeting there will be the following breaks. The tentative timings are given below:

Morning break - 15 minutes - Starting at 10:30  
Lunch Break - 1:15 hours - Starting at 12:30  
Afternoon break - 15 minutes - Starting at 15:30