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OUTLINE OF SOME EXISTING ARRANGEMENTS AND FINANCING MECHANISMS OF REGIONAL MANagements BODIES

The purpose of this paper is to provide, *inter alia*, comparative information to RECOFI Members on the statutes and structures of the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (GFCM), the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC) and the Regional Commission for Fisheries (RECOFI). GFCM, IOTC and RECOFI are the three regional fishery bodies with management powers formed under Article XIV of the FAO Constitution.¹

The comparative analysis is in the attached table.

Delegates are invited to review and comment on the information provided in this paper with special consideration to the case of RECOFI.

¹ The Asia-Pacific Fishery Commission (APFIC), which is also an Article XIV under the FAO Constitution, does not have management powers. For this reason it is not analyzed in this paper.

COMPARISON OF RECOFI STATUTES AND STRUCTURE WITH OTHER ARTICLE XIV FISHERY BODIES

	General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (GFCM)	Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC)	Regional Commission for Fisheries (RECOFI)
Date agreement approved	1949 (Amendments were approved in 1963, 1976 and 1997)	1993	1999
Amendments to the agreement	Must be approved by FAO Council/Conference	Must be approved by FAO Council/Conference	Must be approved by FAO Council/Conference
Objective of the Commission	to promote the development, conservation, rational management and best utilization of living marine resources, as well as the sustainable development of aquaculture in the Mediterranean, Black Sea and connecting waters.	to promote cooperation among its Members with a view to ensuring, through appropriate management, the conservation and optimum utilisation of stocks covered by this Agreement and encouraging sustainable development of fisheries based on such stocks.	to promote the development, conservation, rational management and best utilization of living marine resources, as well as the sustainable development of aquaculture in the Area.
Members Countries Number	23 Member countries along with the European Union	28 Member countries along with the European Union	8 Member countries
Date Trust Fund Opened	Aug-04	Apr- 1997	Apr-03
Accounting managed by	FAO	FAO	FAO
Annual Budget 2009 (USD)²	1 478 986 (incl. 63 688 FAO servicing cost) + 157 500 FAO contribution	1 815 937 (incl. 78 564 FAO servicing cost)	40000 (0.00 FAO servicing cost) + 205 197 FAO contribution
Annual Expenditure 2009 (USD)	1 346 500,39 ³ (incl. 58 280,23)	1 609 655 (incl. 69 315 FAO servicing)	92 925 (0.00 FAO servicing cost)
Secretariat	Supported fully by the autonomous budget	Supported fully by the autonomous budget	Supported fully by FAO

² The reported budgets do not include cooperative projects in support of specific activities of the Commission.

³ Some expenses were allocated to the 2010 budget in order to adjust the total expenditure to the income.

Secretariat Location	Rome, Italy	Mahé, Seychelles	FAO RNE, Cairo, Egypt
Number of (fixed term) Staff⁴	5 professional staff + 3 general staff	7 professional staff + 6 general staff	Part time Secretary
Appointment of staff	Secretary appointed by FAO, with the approval of the Commission	Secretary appointed by FAO, with the approval of the Commission	Secretary appointed by the Director-General
Organizational framework	In conformity with FAO Constitution and Financial Regulations	In conformity with FAO Constitution and Financial Regulations	In conformity with FAO Constitution and Financial Regulations
Rules of Procedure	Established by the Commission	Established by the Commission	Established by the Commission
Financial Regulations	Established by the Commission; FAO Finance Committee has a limited power of veto	Established by the Commission; FAO Finance Committee has a limited power of veto	None. The FAO financial regulations apply
Committees	Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC), the Committee on Aquaculture (CAQ), the Compliance Committee (CoC), the Committee of Administration and Finance (CAF) and their respective subsidiaries.	The Scientific Committee, the Compliance Committee, the Standing Committee, Working Parties as required	Working group on Aquaculture Working group on Fisheries Management
Planning and financial cycle (practice)	annual	annual	biennial

⁴ Staff is greater if one counts staff on cooperative projects (extra-budgetary funds).