



REGIONAL COMMISSION FOR FISHERIES (RECOFI)

Sixth Session

Rome, Italy, 10 – 12 May 2011

PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA AND TIMETABLE

Tuesday, 10 May 2011

Morning: 08:30 hours

Registration

1. Opening of the Session

The outgoing Chairperson will call the Session to order and invite the guest of honour, representative of the hosting country, to address the meeting. The Chairperson will next ask the Secretary of the Commission to provide an outline of the issues that will be of major concern during the meeting.

2. Adoption of the Agenda and arrangements for the Session

The meeting will review the provisional Agenda (RECOFI/VI/2011/1) and proceed to its adoption. It will then elect a Chairperson and two Vice Chairpersons and a Rapporteur. The Secretary will inform the meeting of the arrangements for the Session and propose a timetable for the presentation and discussion of the adopted Agenda.

Ref. doc: RECOFI/VI/2011/1, RECOFI/VI/2011/Inf.1

3. Report on the intersessional activities, including emerging issues of regional relevance

The Secretariat will introduce document RECOFI/VI/2011/2. The Commission may wish to comment on the progress in the implementation of the intersessional activities. National delegates will be invited to report on priorities and emerging issues of regional importance.

Ref. doc: RECOFI/VI/2011/2; RECOFI/VI/2011/Inf.3

4. Administrative and financial reports

The Secretary will present document RECOFI/VI/2011/3 including Appendixes, that is a summary on the function and administration of the Secretariat in the intersession period (Administrative Report). The document also reviews the status of ratification of the RECOFI Agreement, presents the status of the contributions made by Members to the Commission's budget and provides a statement on expenditures made or committed during the intersessional period (Financial Report). The Commission will be invited to decide on the implementation of the proposed project "Legal and

policy framework for aquaculture in the RECOFI area". The Commission may wish to review the administrative and financial reports and provide general guidance.

Ref. doc: RECOFI/VI/2011/3; RECOFI/VI/2011/Inf.3

5. Report of the Working Group on Aquaculture

5.1 Fifth meeting of the Working Group on Aquaculture

The Chairperson of the RECOFI Working Group on Aquaculture (WGA) will report to the Commission the major outcomes of the 5th meeting of the WGA that was held in Doha, Qatar, on 27 October 2010. The Commission is invited to evaluate the progress in the implementation of the intersessional activities and provide guidance for the planning and implementation of the WGA's future work.

Ref. doc: RECOFI/VI/2011/4; RECOFI/VI/2011/Inf.4

Afternoon: 14:00 hours

5.2 Regional Aquaculture Information System (RAIS): system performance and follow-up

The Secretariat will, on the basis of document *RECOFI/VI/2011/Inf. 5*, give a report on the current state of the establishment of the Regional Aquaculture Information System. The Commission is invited to consider options and scenarios for the RAIS maintenance and consolidation.

Ref. doc: RECOFI/VI/2011/4 ; RECOFI/VI/2011/Inf.4; RECOFI/VI/2011/Inf.5

6. Outcome of the FAO/RECOFI joint WGA and WGFM workshop on Spatial Planning for Marine Capture Fisheries and Aquaculture including the regional spatial planning development programme and adoption of the Strategy

The Secretariat will inform the Commission about the implementation and outcome of the joint WGA and Working Group on Fisheries Management (WGFM) workshop. The Commission may wish to appraise the work done and advise on future developments and on the proposed the regional spatial planning development programme.

Ref. doc: RECOFI/VI/2011/5; RECOFI/VI/2011/Inf.6

7. Report of the Working Group on Fisheries Management

7.1 Stock status reporting and review of capture fisheries statistics in the RECOFI region

The Secretariat will present current issues related to the definition of stock indicators and stock status reporting in the RECOFI region and the relevant activities planned within the framework of the WGFM. The Commission may wish to review the proposed activities and provide guidance for the appraisal of the fishery resources in the RECOFI area. The Secretariat will introduce document *RECOFI/VI/2009/6* and report on the current status of the RECOFI capture production database, that shows basic catch trends and patterns. The Commission may wish to review and comment the current capture fisheries production in the region.

Ref. doc: RECOFI/VI/2011/6; RECOFI/VI/2011/Inf.8; RECOFI/VI/2011/Inf.9, RECOFI/VI/2011/Inf.10

Wednesday, 11 May 2011

Morning: 09:00 hours

7.2 Third and Fourth meeting of the Working Group on Fisheries Management and Special Meeting

The Chairperson of the WGFM will inform the Commission about the main results of the Third and Fourth meeting of the WGFM (Doha, Qatar, 20-22 October 2009 and Muscat, Oman, 3-5 October 2010 respectively). The Commission is invited to consider and discuss document *RECOFI/VI/2011/6* and provide guidance for the planning and implementation of the Working Group future work. The Commission is invited to consider recommendation RECOFI/6/2011/1 entitled “Draft Recommendation on Minimum Data Reporting in the RECOFI Area”.

Ref. doc: RECOFI/VI/2011/6; RECOFI/VI/2011/Inf.7; RECOFI/VI/2011/Inf.8, RECOFI/VI/2011/6 Add.1.

7.3 Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated fishing in the RECOFI region: establishment of a database of violations

The Chairperson of the WGFM will inform the Commission on progress to combat IUU fishing in the RECOFI region, in particular on the establishment of a database of violations. The Commission may wish to review the progress and provide guidance for further activities to combat IUU fishing in the region.

Ref. doc: RECOFI/VI/2011/6; RECOFI/VI/2011/7, RECOFI/VI/2011/Inf.8

8. RECOFI consolidation and development

8.1 Technical review of RECOFI and country response to the preliminary findings on the operations of the Commission

The Secretariat based on document *RECOFI/VI/2011/Inf.11* will summarize the main findings of the technical review of RECOFI including the results of the specific survey questionnaire. The Commission is invited to review this information and provide advice and guidance if deemed appropriate.

Ref. doc: RECOFI/VI/2011/Inf.11; RECOFI/VI/2011/Inf.12

Afternoon: 14:00 hours

8.2 Special meeting on RECOFI consolidation and development: outcome and options

The Secretariat will present document *RECOFI/VI/2011/8* that deals with means and options to strengthen the RECOFI to fulfil its mandate as RFMO. The Commission is invited to review and deliberate on the main findings and issues arising from the RECOFI special meeting.

Ref. doc: RECOFI/VI/2011/8; RECOFI/VI/2011/Inf.12

9. Progress in the implementation of the initiative on fisheries management cooperation in the Northern Area of RECOFI

The Secretariat of the FAO/RECOFI initiative on fisheries management cooperation in the Northern Area of RECOFI will brief the Commission on progress made to implement the initiative. The Commission may wish to consider the extend further its support to the establishment of a cooperative framework and sub-regional dialogue for fisheries and aquaculture management and development as

formulated and proposed at the Tripartite Meetings on Fisheries Management Cooperation in the Northern Area of RECOFI.

Ref. doc: RECOFI/VI/2011/9; RECOFI/VI/2011/Inf.3

10. Programme of work and budget for the biennium 2011-2012

A proposal for the Programme of work and budget for the next intersessional period (2011-2012) will be presented by the Secretariat. The proposal will reflect the views and priorities identified by the Commission's technical bodies (WGA and WGFN) and meetings. A tentative estimate of the cost of the programme will also be included. The Commission is invited to review the proposed programme of work and budget for the next intersessional period and take the appropriate decisions accordingly.

Ref. doc: RECOFI/VI/2011/10

11. Any other matters

12. Date and place of the seventh session

Thursday, 12 May 2011

Morning: Free

Afternoon: 14:00 hours

13. Adoption of the report