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REGIONAL COMMISSION FOR FISHERIES (RECOFI)

Seventh Session

Chalous, Islamic Republic of Iran, 14 - 16 May 2013

Provisional Annotated Agenda and Timetable

Tuesday, 14 May 2013

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, the representative of the hosting country, to address the meeting. The Chairperson will ask the Secretary of the Commission to provide an outline of the issues that will be of major concern during the Session.

2. Adoption of the Agenda and arrangements for the Session

The meeting will review the provisional Agenda (RECOFI/VII/2013/1) and proceed to its adoption. It will then elect a Chairperson, 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. **For decision**

Ref. doc: RECOFI/VII/2013/1, RECOFI/VII/2013/Inf.1

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

The Secretariat will introduce document RECOFI/VII/2013/2. The Commission may wish to comment on the progress in the implementation of the Commission's work plan. National delegates will be invited to report on priorities and emerging issues of regional importance. **Reporting and discussion**

Ref. doc: RECOFI/VII/2013/2; RECOFI/VII/2013/Inf.3

4. Administrative and financial reports

The Secretary will present document RECOFI/VII/2013/3: a summary on the function and administration of the Secretariat in the intersessional period (Administrative Report) and the status of the contributions made by Members to the Commission's budget including a statement on expenditures made or committed during the intersessional period (Financial Report). The Commission may wish to review the administrative and financial reports and provide general guidance. In particular, the Commission will be invited to consider and advise on the current financial status.

Reporting and discussion

Ref. doc: RECOFI/VII/2013/3; RECOFI/VII/2013/Inf.3

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5. Report of the Working Group on Aquaculture

The Chairperson and the Technical Secretary of the RECOFI Working Group on Aquaculture (WGA) will report to the Commission on the activities and progress in support of the development of aquaculture in the region. The Commission is invited to consider the progress on the development of aquaculture in the region. Moreover, the Commission is requested to evaluate the performance of the WGA and provide guidance for the planning and implementation of the WGA's future work. **For discussion and decision.**

Ref. doc: RECOFI/VII/2013/4; RECOFI/VII/2013/Inf.3; RECOFI/VII/2013/Inf.4

Afternoon: 14:00 hours

6. Regional Aquaculture Information System (RAIS): performance assessment and way-forward

The Secretariat will, on the basis of document RECOFI/VII/2013/5, give a report on the performance of the Regional Aquaculture Information System. The Commission is invited to consider options for the further development of the RAIS including funding for its maintenance and consolidation. **For discussion and decision**

Ref. doc: RECOFI/VII/2013/5; RECOFI/VII/2013/Inf.3; RECOFI/VII/2013/Inf.4

7. Outcome of the FAO/RECOFI joint WGA and WGFM workshop on Spatial Planning Development Programme for Marine Capture Fisheries and Aquaculture

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 including the proposed the regional spatial planning development programme. **Reporting and discussion**

Ref. doc: RECOFI/VII/2013/6; RECOFI/VII/2013/Inf.5

8. Report of the Working Group on Fisheries Management

8.1 Fourth and Fifth meeting of the Working Group on Fisheries Management

The Chairperson of the WGFM will inform the Commission on the main outcomes of the Fourth and Fifth meeting of the WGFM (October 2011 and November 2012 respectively). The Commission is invited to consider and discuss document RECOFI/VII/2013/7, including the fisheries management advice formulated by the WGFM, and to provide guidance for the WGFM future work. **For discussion and decision**

Ref. doc: RECOFI/VII/2013/7; RECOFI/VII/2013/Inf.6; RECOFI/VII/2013/Inf.7

8.2 Social and economic aspects of fisheries in the RECOFI region

The Secretariat will report on the findings and outcome of the workshop on social and economic aspects of fisheries in the RECOFI region (April 2012). The Commission may wish to appraise the workshop outcome, and provide guidance on future work and implementation of recommendations from this workshop. **Reporting and discussion**

Ref. doc: RECOFI/VII/2013/8; RECOFI/VII/2013/Inf.8

8.3 Implementation of RECOFI Recommendation RECOFI/6/2011/1 on minimum data reporting in the RECOFI area

The Secretariat will report on the Implementation of RECOFI Recommendation RECOFI/6/2011/1 on the basis of document RECOFI/VII/2013/9. The Commission will be invited to provide guidance for the future and sustained implementation of the Recommendation, which is highly instrumental to the appraisal of the regional fisheries. The Secretariat will also introduce document RECOFI/VI/2013/Inf.9 and report on the current status of the RECOFI capture production database, including basic trends and patterns. The Commission may wish to comment on the current capture fisheries production in the region. **For discussion and decision**

Ref. doc: RECOFI/VII/2013/9; RECOFI/VII/2013/Inf.7; RECOFI/VII/2013/Inf.9

Wednesday, 15 May 2013
Morning: 09:00 hours

8.4 RECOFI participation in the Fishery Resources Monitoring System (FIRMS)

The FIRMS Secretariat will present document RECOFI/VII/2013/10 concerning the RECOFI participation in FIRMS. The Commission is invited to deliberate on its participation and possible membership in FIRMS also considering the related advantages and obligations. **For discussion and decision**

Ref. doc: RECOFI/VII/2013/10; RECOFI/VII/2013/Inf.7; RECOFI/VII/2013/Inf.10

8.5 Bycatch Management and Low Impact Fishing in the RECOFI region

The Commission will be informed on the organization and outcome of the regional Workshop on Bycatch Management and Low Impact Fishing (December 2012). The Commission may wish to provide guidance on future work including the inclusion of by catch management and low impact fishing in the WGFM work plan. **Reporting and discussion**

Ref. doc: RECOFI/VII/2013/11; RECOFI/VII/2013/Inf.11

9. Outcome of the Near-East and North Africa Regional Consultative Meeting on Securing Sustainable Small-Scale Fisheries

The Secretariat, based on document RECOFI/VII/2013/12, will summarize the main results of the Near-East and North Africa regional consultation on securing sustainable small-scale fisheries (Muscat, Oman, 26-28 March 2012). The Commission is invited to review and endorse the outcome of the regional consultation, and to provide suggestions on promoting the implementation of the guidelines in the region. **Reporting and discussion**

Ref. doc: RECOFI/VII/2013/12; RECOFI/VII/2013/Inf.12

Afternoon: 14:00 hours

10. Progress of the tripartite 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 including the cooperative formulation of a regional field project. The Commission may wish to consider further extending its support to the establishment of a cooperative framework and sub-regional dialogue for fisheries and aquaculture management and development as formulated in the relevant project proposal.

Reporting and discussion

Ref. doc: RECOFI/VII/2013/13; RECOFI/VII/2013/Inf.13

11. Current status and action needed for the future of RECOFI

The Secretariat will introduce document RECOFI/VII/2013/14, which deals with the budgetary situation of RECOFI and outlines possible means and options to overcome the current financial deadlock and to strengthen RECOFI in its capacity to fulfil its mandate as RFMO. The Commission is invited to review and deliberate the actions to be undertaken to secure the future of RECOFI. **For decision**

Ref. doc: RECOFI/VII/2013/14; RECOFI/VII/2013/Inf.14

12. Programme of work and budget for the biennium 2013-2014

A proposal for the Programme of work and budget for the next intersessional period (2013-2014) will be presented by the Secretariat. The proposal will reflect the views and priorities identified by the Commission's technical bodies (WGA and WGFM). 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. **For decision**

Ref. doc: RECOFI/VII/2013/15

13. Any other matters

14. Date and place of the eight session

Thursday, 16 May 2013

Morning: Free

Afternoon: 14:00 hours

15. Adoption of the report