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**FAO/OSPESCA EXPERT MEETING ON REGIONAL REVIEW OF
AQUACULTURE DEVELOPMENT
TRENDS IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN**

Panama City, 4-6 September 2005



PROSPECTUS

INTRODUCTION

The Inland Water Resources and Aquaculture Service (FIRI) of FAO's Fisheries Department, Rome and the Organization of the fisheries and aquaculture sector in Central America (OSPESCA), Panama, will hold the FAO/OSPESCA Expert Meeting on the Regional Review of Aquaculture Development Trends in Latin America and the Caribbean between 4-6 September 2005. Followed-up by the Tenth Session of the Commission for Inland Fisheries of Latin America (COPESCAL), 7-9 September 2005. Both meetings are hosted by the Government of Panama.

FAO is currently initiating the preparation of global and regional reviews of aquaculture development for presentation at the third session of the COFI Sub-Committee on Aquaculture foreseen for 2006. This initiative is expected to contribute to a better understanding of the trends, processes and development prospects of aquaculture in individual countries, regions and worldwide. One of the target regions of this approach is Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC).

On this basis, FAO-FIRI commissioned OSPESCA to collect, review and synthesize the National Aquaculture Sector Overviews (NASO) and Prospective Analyses of Future Aquaculture Development (PAFAD) from the LAC countries. The purpose of NASO and PAFAD is to provide a concise and comprehensive product that gives a general overview of the aquaculture and culture based fisheries aspects and development outlooks at national level for each country. OSPESCA is also to compile, on their basis, a Draft Regional Review and Synthesis of Aquaculture Development Trends in the LAC Region. After presentation and discussion during the FAO/OSPESCA Expert Meeting on the Regional Review of Aquaculture Development Trends in Latin America and the Caribbean, the reports will be finalized and published.

OBJECTIVES

The main objectives of the meeting are to present, discuss and synthesize:

- (i) the National Aquaculture Sector Overviews (NASO) and Prospective Analyses of Future Aquaculture Development (PAFAD) from the LAC countries, and
- (ii) the Draft Regional Review and Synthesis of Aquaculture Development Trends in Latin America and the Caribbean.

DOCUMENTS

Participating experts are expected to produce country reviews on their aquaculture sector as contribution to the regional review and synthesis. The reviews are to be prepared on the basis of the template elaborated by FIRI, containing the standard outline of structure, contents and format of the envisaged National Aquaculture Sector Overviews (NASOs) and Prospective Analyses of Future Aquaculture Development (PAFAD), for use by experts authoring these reviews in the LAC region.

On the basis of the submitted NASO and PAFAD country reviews, a Draft Regional Review and Synthesis of Aquaculture Development Trends in the LAC Region will be compiled in advance of the Meeting by OSPESCA. This draft regional review and synthesis document will be discussed and approved by the participating experts.

The deadlines of preparation of the above documents are as follows:

- Twenty three Draft National Aquaculture Sector Overviews (NASOs) and Prospective Analyses of Future Aquaculture Development (PAFAD) (one for each LAC country), based on the guidelines provided – deadline of submission: 31 May 2005 (responsible: experts selected by OSPESCA);
- Draft Regional Review and Synthesis of Aquaculture Development Trends in the LAC Region – deadline: 15 August 2005 (responsible: OSPESCA).

EXPECTED OUTPUTS

- Twenty three National Aquaculture Sector Overviews (NASOs) and Prospective Analysis of Future Aquaculture Development (PAFAD);
- Regional Review and Synthesis of Aquaculture Development Trends in the LAC Region;
- Report of the FAO/OSPESCA Expert Meeting on Regional Review of Aquaculture Development Trends in Latin America and the Caribbean;
- Final Regional Review Document containing both the Regional Review/Synthesis of Aquaculture Development in the LAC Region and the compiled Regional Review Proceedings (including all NASOs and PAFADs contributed).

PARTICIPANTS

The meeting is expected to be attended by 23 experts from the region; experts of FAO Inland Water Resources and Aquaculture Service, FAO, Rome; FAO Sub-Regional Office in Santiago, Chile.

DATE AND PLACE

Panama City, Panama, 4-6 September 2005.

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