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Tuesday 10 July morning

1. Opening of Session and Adoption of Agenda
2. Appointment of Chairperson
3. Changes in Membership of CWP
4. Review of Recommendations from CWP-18
5. Reports of Inter-Sessional Meetings
 - CWP Inter-Sessional WG on Publication of Integrated Catch Statistics for the Atlantic
 - CWP Inter-Sessional WG on Precautionary Approach Terminology
 - Meetings of Tuna Agencies
 - Meeting of Agencies Participating in FIGIS/FIRMS (to be held on 9 July 2000)

Reports of CWP inter-sessional meetings and other inter-agency meetings concerning fishery statistics will be presented.

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6. Reports on Inter-Sessional Developments in Agency Programmes in Fishery Statistics

Major inter-sessional developments in programmes in fishery statistics will be presented for each agency. Detailed descriptions of such developments will be provided in written reports provided by all agencies according to a standard format.
7. STATLANT Issues

Issues concerning the STATLANT inquiry scheme will be considered including abolition of B questionnaires, modifications to species listings, introduction of electronic questionnaires, and revisions to historical data sets for CECAF, GFCM and ICSEAF/SEAFO statistical areas.

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8. Elasmobranch Statistics

Following the request from CITES (COP-9) in 1994 that monitoring of catch and trade data of sharks be undertaken by FAO and by Regional Agencies, CWP noted at its Seventeenth Session that the process needed to be streamlined and the review of developments was introduced as an agenda item at the Eighteenth Session. CWP-19 will review developments for all relevant agencies since CWP-18.

9. Data implications of Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) fishing (and Agency catch documentation schemes)

Since CWP-18, IUU fishing has been the focus of a lot of attention and an International Plan of Action to combat IUU has been adopted by FAO Members. Most attention has been given to detecting and preventing IUU rather than to its potential for distortion to data and statistics. CWP may wish to exchange experiences and review the subject and consider the extent of the problem and the extent to which corrective action can be taken. CWP has also been requested to provide information on catch certification for the purpose of validating catch data and combating IUU fishing, and consider the potential for harmonizing catch certification schemes.

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10. Discard data availability and dissemination

CWP-19 will review developments in discard data collection and dissemination programmes for all relevant agencies since CWP-18.

11. Integration of fishery statistics and joint dissemination

Building on the experience of preparing an integrated catch data set for the Atlantic Ocean following a recommendation from CWP-18, the CWP may wish to consider how progress towards eradication of discrepancies and development of integrated data sets among agencies can be most effectively pursued in all Oceans.

12. Charging and dissemination policies for supply of data

Data dissemination policies including charging practices will be discussed. CWP may wish to provide some general guidance.

13. Record of vessels fishing on the high seas (Compliance Agreement)

The role of FAO and Regional Fishery Bodies in implementation of Article VI (Exchange of Information) of the FAO Compliance Agreement will be reviewed and means and procedures for implementation will be considered. Means of extending the database to include additional fields and extend the usefulness could be considered.

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14. Statistical Classifications:

- Fishing-related activities (e.g. ISIC)
- Vessels (e.g. ISSCFV)
- Species (e.g. ISSCAAP and ASFIS)

Reports on developments of classifications and lists will be presented and some proposals for changes will be put to CWP for endorsement.

15. Coordination of descriptions of national statistical methodologies

Some agencies request descriptions of national statistical methodologies for the purpose of assessing the likely effectiveness of national statistical programmes and the reliability of the statistics. CWP may wish to consider whether coordination of descriptions of such methodologies or the development of common indicators of data quality would be useful or feasible.

16. Role of the CWP in relation to statistical development

CWP might be able to exert its influence for the benefit of international fishery statistics in promoting the development of fishery statistics programmes at the national and regional levels and in motivating funds for this from national governments and development and donor agencies. The CWP may want to discuss whether such a role is appropriate and, if so, what opportunities it may wish to avail of and the mechanism by which it would do so.

17. Handbook on Fishery Statistics - completion and revisions

Work on updating, revising and developing the Handbook for release on the Web will be reported. CWP should provide guidance on further developments and agree on the assignment of responsibilities and tasks.

18. Any Other Business

19. Arrangements for the 20th Session of the CWP

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20. Adoption of the Report