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## COORDINATING WORKING PARTY ON FISHERY STATISTICS

### Twentieth Session

Victoria, Seychelles, 21-24 January 2003

### PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA AND TIMETABLE

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#### Tuesday 21 January morning

1. Opening of session and adoption of agenda
2. Appointment of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson
3. Changes in membership of CWP
4. Review of recommendations from CWP-19
5. Reports of Inter-sessional meetings
  - Report of CWP-ISM, 21-22 March 2002
  - Report of the FIGIS-FIRMS Methodological Workshop, 1-5 July 2002

*Reports of the CWP inter-sessional meeting and a inter-agency meeting concerning fishery statistics will be presented.*

#### Tuesday 21 January afternoon

6. Reports of Inter-sessional developments in agency programmes in fishery statistics  
*Major inter-sessional developments in programmes in fishery statistics, including STATLANT inquiries, will be presented for each agency. Detailed descriptions of such developments will be provided in written reports provided by all agencies.*

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7. Elasmobranch and by-catch species 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-20 will review developments for all relevant agencies since CWP-19. In addition, there is increasing demand for statistics on by-catch species and species of special interest (e.g. turtles, marine mammals and seabirds).*

8. National data collection methodologies and data quality criteria and indicators

*On-going activities in relation to national data collection and associated metadata will be discussed and considered. IOTC will present its Wintuna system. FAO will present an XML template for exchange of statistical data.*

9. Proposals for an advocacy role for CWP

*CWP-19 recommended that the Secretariat undertake a review of possible enhanced roles for CWP in advocacy in support of statistical development. A study was undertaken and a document prepared which was reviewed by the inter-sessional Meeting of the CWP in March 2002 and subsequently revised in the light of discussion. It is provided as document CWP-20/5 and will be presented for discussion and decision as to the future role of CWP consistent with its mandate and the mandates of its member organizations.*

Wednesday 22 January afternoon

10. Catch and trade certification schemes

*CWP-20 will be informed of developments of catch and trade certification schemes by CWP agencies and considerations of such schemes in various other fora and will discuss the implications for statistics programmes of CWP agencies.*

11. Catch and aquaculture terminology

*CWP has in the past considered and advised on certain terminology related to catch.. CWP-20 may wish to consider whether there is a need to extend the terminology in future and present it in the Handbook of Fishery Statistical Standards, if appropriate.*

12. Vessel identifiers

*CWP-19 recognized that because the purpose of HSVAR is to identify vessels, only those fields which can be used for that purpose should be included and that the inclusion of other fields might overly burden the providers of the data. CWP-19 recommended that FAO draft a list of essential and desirable vessel identifiers for vessel registries (keeping them to a minimum) for the consideration of CWP agencies and that FAO consult with them regarding the use of unique vessel identifiers in HSVAR and CWP agency vessel registries. CWP-20 will consider proposals from FAO.*

13. FIRMS partnerships [item cancelled; covered under item 16]

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14. FIRMS/FIGIS developments [item cancelled; covered under item 16]

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15. Proposed FAO Strategy on Improving Information on the Status and Trends of Capture Fisheries

*The background behind the development of the draft Strategy for Improving Information on Status and Trends of Capture Fisheries and its objectives and action plan will be presented. CWP-20 may wish to express a view in relation to the draft Strategy which will be considered for possible adoption by COFI in February 2003.*

16. Report of the Second FIGIS-CWP meeting on 20 January 2003 [revised item]

*The report of this meeting will be presented. An opportunity will be provided for CWP-20 participants who were not able to participate in the Second FIGIS-CWP meeting to make comments. The report will be considered for endorsement by CWP-20 and inclusion in the CWP-20 report as an annex, with its main recommendations reiterated in the main body of the CWP-20 report.*

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17. Agency data collection and STATLANT issues and Statistical area boundaries:

- NEAFC request for area 27
- Sub-division of area 51
- Boundary between areas 47 and 51
- Boundary between areas 57 and 71
- ISSCFV
- Socio-economic indicators
- Environmental sustainability indicators

*Data collection issues and proposals and plans for future implementation and changes will be presented and considered.*

18. Handbook of Fishery Statistics

*The web-based successor to this Handbook will be presented and discussed. CWP-20 will advise on improvements and consider endorsement for release.*

19. Any other business

20. CWP-21 Arrangements

Friday 24 January morning

21. Adoption of the Report