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Lima, Peru, September 20th and 21st, 2006.

FINAL REPORT OF THE MEETING ON FISHERIES STATISTICS OF CPPS MEMBER COUNTRIES

In Lima, Peru, during the 20th and 21st of September 2006 the meeting on Fisheries Statistics of CPPS Member countries was held; it was organized by the Permanent Commission for South Pacific (CPPS), with the support of the Peruvian Foreign Relations Ministry and the technical assistance of FAO. It included the participation of the delegations of the Member Countries, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, and Luca Garibaldi, Fishery Statistics expert from the Fisheries Information Data and Statistics Unit from FAO's Fisheries Department.

The Director of Scientific Affairs of CPPS, Mario Palacios representing the General Secretary of CPPS, welcomed the delegations of the Member Countries and emphasized that the meeting had taken place with the cooperation of the Fisheries Department at FAO, he expressed gratitude to the Peruvian Government for hosting it and wished for the success of the meeting.

The meeting was inaugurated by Mr. Walter Diaz, representing Peru's Fishery Vice- Minister , who cordially welcomed all delegations and emphasized that this particular topic, fishery statistics, is essential to the Peruvian Government, he also highlighted the relevance of analyzing this topic in the CPPS framework. His presentation is attached.

The meeting was held in the premises of the Peruvian Foreign Relations Ministry. Mr. Lindey Alvarado, from the Peruvian Fishery Vice-Ministry, was appointed President and Mr. Braulio Cubillos from Chile's National Fishery Service as Secretary.

The agenda was held as predicted, and all the meeting objectives were reached. FAO's plan about fishery statistics was acknowledged; as well as their proposals about needs and priority activities, before developing the topic in the global scale. Information about Fishery Resources Monitoring System (FIRMS) and FishCode Project – STF was presented, and also made the invitation to participate in Coordinating Working Party on Fishery Statistics (CWP).

In addition, it was presented the real status of fisheries statistics from each of the four countries of the region, from the scientific and economic point of view. Important conclusions were obtained as well as recommendations on standardization measures, building capacity, information exchange improvement and the reactivation of the CPPS work in fisheries statistics.

The results of these deliberations can be found in the report of the meeting of fishery statistics of CPPS member countries, which are part of this report. The presentations of each delegation are attached to the report as well as the ones presented by the FAO expert.

On September 21st, 2006 the closing ceremony of the meeting was celebrated with the intervention of Doris Sotomayor Minister of the Foreign Relations of Peru and representative of the Peruvian National Section of the

CPPS. The delegations of the member countries expressed their gratitude to the Peruvian Government for its courtesy as well as the president and secretary of the meeting for leading it, and to FAO's Fisheries Department for the technical assistance offered to the region.

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Opening Session

The opening session was celebrated the 20th of September 2006. The CPPS's Director of Scientific Affairs welcomed the attendants and highlighted the importance of the activity, and Mr. Walter Diaz, adviser to the Vice-Minister of Fishery of Peru, inaugurated the workshop.

Election of the President and Spokesman and approval of the calendar and agenda

Mr. Lindey Alvarado from Peru was elected as president of the meeting and Mr. Braulio Cubillos from Chile as the secretary. The president put into account the approval of the agenda and calendar of the meeting, which were approved.

Introduction and Methodology of the meeting

The Director of Scientific Affairs of CPPS, Mario Palacios, briefly introduced the background, objectives, justification, and the expected results from the meeting.

Present status of the fishery statistic management by the Secretary of the Permanent Commission of the South Pacific.

The Director of Economic Affairs of CPPS, Mr. Alfonso Jalil Alvarez, explained how fishery statistics have been managed by the CPPS to this date. He presented the records of previous meetings, as well as newsletters and brochures previously published.

FAO's contribution to the meeting.

FAO's technical assistance to carry out this activity from CPPS, succeeded in initiating the plan about fishery statistics; proposals about their needs and priority activities, before developing the topic in the global scale, and the information about Fishery Resources Monitoring System (FIRMS), FishCode Project – STF and the invitation of the Coordinating Working Party on Fishery Statistics to participate (CWP). Based on FAO's expert presentation, an interactive session was held with the region's experts who answered questions and shared suggestions and recommendations.

National Proposals

Below you'll find the proposals from CPPS member countries, nevertheless the reports from each delegation's presentation will be attached. Based on the presentations, a debate took place that covered each of the proposals and situations mentioned before. The president summarized the

various presentations that reflected each country's real fishery statistics, the proposals were then discussed.

Conclusions and Recommendations from the meeting

1. Related to FAO's presentation:

1.1 The delegations expressed the convenience of CPPS's participation in the Coordinating Working Party on Fisheries Statistics (CWP), where regional fishing organisms take part. It was decided that CPPS should participate in this group first as an observer and as a member as soon as all the statistics are updated.

1.2 The delegations learned about FAO's FishCode - STF project and requested the report of the workshop held in Central America in January 2006 to be distributed to the countries and evaluated the possibility of receiving assistance for the project.

1.3 The delegations addressed the convenience of CPPS participation as an observer in Fishery Resources Monitoring System (FIRMS), that corresponds to a regional fishing organism association. It requires an inventory model to evaluate the possibility of starting work in each country, which will be handed in to FAO's General Secretary.

2. In relation to the need and justification to reactivate the work of the Working Group on Fisheries Statistics and the validity of its reference terms and functioning norms, the following conclusions were attained:

2.1 Based in the documentation, the delegations considered that the needs and justifications that originated the creation of the working group on fisheries statistics of the CPPS are still valid and current, and they unanimously agreed to recommend the reactivation of the Working Group on Fisheries Statistics, confirming the agreements of the Final Report of the meeting held the 27th to 29th of March 2001, in Bogotá. Likewise the delegations were requested to update the list of representatives no later than October 31st 2006.

2.2 The delegations concurred to submit a situation analysis of the fisheries statistics of each country, no later than October 31st 2006. This analysis should include the classifying criteria and methodology in the information gathering process.

3. According to the need and justification to reactivate CPPS's Fisheries Statistic bulletin and / or to strengthen the fisheries statistics management mechanism of the fishing sector, as well as its structure, content, cycle, etc. the following conclusions were accomplished:

3.1 The participants agreed to reactivate CPPS Fisheries Statistics bulletin. The delegations decided to establish November 30th 2006 as a dateline to deliver statistical data from 2001 to 2004 and 2005 if it were available.

3.2- *Even though they agreed to start publishing the bulletin, based on the observations presented in this document, the delegations have decided to check its content and structure and modify it if required.*

4. *Concerning the standardization measures, strengthening of national capacities, improvement of the information exchange, and other topics related to CPPS fisheries statistics, the following was resolved:*

4.1 *The delegations agreed to establish common parameters to categorize fishing vessels as small scale or industrial or at least, some denomination that will help to compare information about their landing. This will be developed by this working group.*

4.2 *The delegations agreed that this work group has to move forward to the standardization of the information gathering process or to establish a minimum standard for the exchange of information.*

4.3 *The delegations recommended CPPS General Secretariat, according to each country's information, to emphasize the importance of the development of fisheries statistics in an integrated and coordinated manner by working groups from each country, in order to obtain the necessary institutional support to highlight the fisheries statistics topic and to assign the necessary resources for an efficient management.*

5. *Members of the delegations expressed gratitude to FAO for its participation in the meeting and requested its continuous collaboration and assistance for the development of the fishery statistics capacities of CPPS member countries.*

Closing of the meeting

On September 21st 2006, the closing session of the workshop was celebrated with the intervention of Doris Sotomayor Minister of Foreign Relations of Peru and representative of the National Peruvian Section of CPPS.

Participants

The list of participants is attached to the report.

Inaugural Speech by Walter Díaz

MEETING ON FISHERY STATISTICS OF PERMANENT COMMISSION FOR SOUTH PACIFIC MEMBER COUNTRIES

I am pleased to address you on behalf of the Fishery Vice-Minister Mr. Alfonso Miranda Eyzaguirre, who by important reasons could not join us in the inauguration of this significant meeting.

Peru and other South American countries are going through a changing process, in a transparent framework and technical principles that are leading to a new approach in the formulation of politics that will help solving fundamental problems as: poverty, unemployment, centralization among others.

In this context, the statistical information represents an essential resource for the decision making process and for the formulation of politics and developmental programs that are important for the macroeconomic and social management of each country. There is the need for having accurate, consistent and timely information which entails making qualitative changes and the revision of methodologies to guarantee its validity and accessibility.

In the fishing sector, the use of valid statistics has a double purpose; on one hand it is based on the indicators of the development of fishing and aquaculture activities because they show how we are achieving our output and production objectives. At the same time, statistics of capture numbers and fishing effort, among others, make possible the employment of scientific methods for the evaluation of the stock and the fisheries that exploit them. Both elements allow the application of fishery ordering system by which we assure the correct utilization of hidrobiological resources and their sustainability, achieving better socio-economical conditions and the well being for our people.

United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization is one of the most important advocates in gathering and presenting technical information in their global databases about fishery statistics. FAO publishes them regularly in their Statistics of Fisheries, Capture and Landings, Yearbook; this publication provides the annual statistics of nominal fish capture, crustaceans, mollusks and other aquatic animals and plants.

Even though FAO tries hard to get the statistics about worldwide captures, in a trustworthy manner, we should have in mind that this data is influenced by the capacity of our own countries to get the exact and updated information about each of our national sectors.

CPPS undertook a similar path some years ago, when it delivered the Fisheries Statistics of Southeast Pacific Newsletter, yearly, this work entailed a great effort in gathering, editing and publishing the statistics with the assistance of member countries who delivered their data in the established format

Inside the fishing sector, the Permanent Commission of South Pacific Countries has the objective of reestablishing an Information System among the member countries by presenting homogeneous numbers that may be compared and aid to the approval of common measures related to topics as research, scientific, fishery administration, ordering and fisheries development, as well as fisheries politics, investment, etc for what it is important to have valid and applied information available.

Likewise, it's of great importance to create statistical information related to finished products, in order to increase the commercial exchange of fish products among CPPS member countries, encouraging the socio-economical development and the quality optimization, adding value to the various products; and at the same time be used for direct human consumption as a contribution to the formulation of politics and food security strategies for our people.

Today with this meeting we are stepping into a new phase that tries to achieve two great goals:

- Knowledge of the politics and strategies about fishery statistics in the FAO framework and its application in regional countries; and*
- Based on the national reports and FAO's assistance, suggest standardization of measures, the strengthening of capacities, improvement of information exchange, and re-launching the Regional Fishery Statistics Newsletter.*

We hope to meet these objectives and to have the regional statistical data shortly as all the member countries have previously agreed upon with the Permanent Commission of South Pacific.

On behalf of the Vice-Minister I announce the meeting about Fishery Statistics of Permanent Commission of South Pacific member countries inaugurated.

ATTACHMENT 2
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