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Organizational report on the progress in data collection and statistical areas since the previous session of CWP

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1. During the period from CWP 22 in March 2007 and 2008 until CWP 23, SEAFDEC informed Meeting on the implementation of fishery statistics and information activities in collaboration with the Member Countries, FAO and other organizations to support planning and management of fisheries as follows:

- The Twenty-second Session of the Coordinating Working Party on Fishery Statistics in Italy, major issue proposed by SEAFDEC for the CWP 22 was the proposed adjustment of the geographical areas for reporting fishery statistics under the new framework of the SEAFDEC Fishery Statistical Bulletin (areas 57 and 71 between border of Indonesia and Malaysia). Other issues were the termination of MoU (between SEAFDEC and FAO) for collation of Tuna Statistics in Southeast Asian Region (FAO Statistical Area 71 adjacent to Brunei Darussalam, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam, Indonesia and Australia); development of aquaculture statistics and its standards; and the collaboration in FishCode-STF Partnership. SEAFDEC also presented to the CWP 22 the newly approved project on “Towards Better Utilization and Harmonized Information for Fisheries Management in Southeast Asia (2007-2009). The project will be used as basis for collaborative activities with CWP, FAO and other RFBs on issues relating to fishery statistics and information.
- Regional Technical Consultation on Fishery Statistics and Information in Southeast Asia was organized on 12-14 December 2007 in Thailand with the objectives to finalize and adopt the Framework of Fishery Statistics of Southeast Asia as basis for future cooperation for the production of the Fishery Statistical Bulletin of Southeast Asia; to discuss and conclude the streamlined reporting system of fishery statistics from the Member Countries to SEAFDEC and FAO-using the harmonized questionnaires and submission process, and scheduling and to discuss and recommend priority areas and strategies necessary to implement fishery statistics, including mainstream implementation of the Regional Guideline for Fishery Statistics into national implementation, in collaboration with regional and international organization for such efforts. The consultation also discussed and supported the streamlined reporting system of fishery statistics from the Member Countries to SEAFDEC and FAO using harmonized questionnaires shared by SEAFDEC and FAO.
- Intersessional Meeting of the Coordinating Working Party on Fishery Statistics (CWP) 2008 and the Inter-Sessional Meeting of FIRMs Steering Committee on 7-9 July 2008, hosted by Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization (NAFO) Head Quarter in Halifax, Canada. SEAFDEC

participated in the meeting which discussed many of the issues related to fishery statistics and information that are of regional importance and identified as high priority; New data requirement and new data sources, including standardization and harmonization of format, criteria and definition for MCs-related data including VMS information and VMS combining with other information, incidental catch data collection, socio-economic information, and data in related area closers, and consolidation of global records; review the criteria used to decided for listening as IUU; Type of data useful for Ecosystem management approach including its standard, Tuna catch statistics for Southeast Asia, Regional development on national STF in Southeast Asia that in line with Fishcode-STF, and SEAFDEC's input on development of Inventory on Marine Resources and Fisheries; and FIRMS Website.

- Regional Workshop on Streamlined Reporting of Fishery Statistics in Southeast Asia was organized on 28-31 July 2008 in Thailand with the objectives to build awareness and create common understanding of national officers in charge of compiling fishery statistics on the new framework of Fishery Statistical Bulletin of Southeast Asia; to build awareness and create understanding of national officers in charge of compiling fishery statistics on the reporting system of fishery statistics from the Member Countries to SEAFDEC and FAO-using the new questionnaires and submission process, mechanism and scheduling and ; to discuss and recommend priority areas necessary to support the Member Countries in implementing the Framework of Fishery Statistics of Southeast Asia. The consultation also confirmed that the questionnaires agreed this Workshop would be used for the submission of national fishery statistics to FAO and SEAFDEC starting in 2009, for the fishery statistics of 2008 and onwards.
- The Expert Workshop for Draft for CWP Handbook on Standards of Aquaculture Statistics and Regional Workshop on Capacity Building Need for Improving Aquaculture Statistics and Data Collection in Asia on 10-18 November 2009 in Vietnam. The Expert Workshop, main focus was given to identify potential data needs to support effective management and sustainable development of the sector, to indicate a standard classification to be used, and to advise on possible data sources and data collection procedures. And the Regional Workshop with objectives to review the method data collection and problem and propose the minimum requirement data, capacity building and useful information.
- Regional Technical Consultation on Fishery Information and Statistics in Southeast Asia was organized on 19-21 January 2010 in Thailand with the objectives to review the outcome and achievements in the implementation of the collaborative projects relevant to Improvement of Statistics and Information for Planning and Management of Fisheries in the ASEAN Region (2002-2009), particularly on improvement of national fishery statistical system, and strengthening of fishery statistics and maximizing their use for fisheries planning and management, development of the new Framework for Fishery Statistics of Southeast Asia, Streamlined reporting of fishery statistics from the Member Countries to SEAFDEC and FAO based on the New Framework for Fishery Statistics of Southeast Asia, Database on Fishery Statistics; To review and exchange the experience of the Member Countries in the development of the National Status and Trends on Fisheries and Aquaculture (STF) and recommend future direction for development of the Status of the Trends of Fisheries and Aquaculture in Southeast Asia

(SEASOFIA); to recommend areas and strategies for future development and implementation of program and activities as well as initiatives for future cooperation in relevant to improvement of fishery statistics and information development planning and Management in the ASEAN Region to accommodate emerging issues and challenges to support in achieving sustainable development and management of the fisheries of the ASEAN Region.