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FORMAT FOR NATIONAL REPORTS

INTRODUCTION

1. This document provides a model national report format (Annex) which would be used for TAC. The intent of this national report is submission of updated data and information to TAC on the issues of relevance to its work.
2. Availability of updated fisheries data and information is of high importance in the formulation, implementation and monitoring of decisions of Regional Fisheries Management Organizations (RFMOs). However, updated and reliable fisheries data and information, systems and tools are currently not available in the Central Asian region in support fisheries management. In this respect, TAC is expected to gradually set guidance, identify appropriate methodology and criteria for collection, submission and analyses of fisheries and aquaculture data and information.
3. Such national reports are often used by Regional Fisheries Management Organizations. For example, the national reporting system used by Scientific Advisory Committee of the General Fisheries Commission for Mediterranean (GFCM) includes information on, among others, general fisheries description, capture and aquaculture production, on-going research activities, status of fish stocks, and management measures.
4. If endorsed, the national reports need to be filled by respective governmental authorities of the CACFish Member States. The national TAC contact person of each Member State would have a role in the coordination during the preparation and submission of the national report to CACFish Secretariat before each Annual TAC Session within the set deadline.
5. The attached form has been drafted by CACFish Secretariat. It should be viewed only as a suggested model.

SUGGESTED ACTION FOR TAC

In the light of the above considerations, the Committee is invited to discuss and have a decision on the use of national report.

ANNEX: Model national report format

NAME OF COUNTRY:

1. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF NATIONAL INLAND CAPTURE FISHERIES

Latest data on total inland fisheries production:

- Fisheries production by main species:

Employment by gender:

National fishing fleet structure:

Status of main fish stocks:

2. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF NATIONAL MARINE CAPTURE FISHERIES (IF APPROPRIATE)

Latest data on total inland fisheries production:

- Fisheries production by main species

Employment by gender:

National fishing fleet structure:

Status of main fish stocks:

3. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF NATIONAL AQUACULTURE

Latest data on total inland fisheries production:

- Aquaculture production by main species:
- Employment by gender:

4. MANAGEMENT IMPROVEMENTS IN FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE

(Policy, strategy, legislative and institutional developments recorded during the intersessional period):

5. BRIEF INFO ON PROCESSING, PRESERVING, STORING, TRANSPORTING, AND MARKETING OF FISH AND FISH PRODUCTS

6. IMPROVEMENTS IN FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE RESEARCH

7. MAIN RESULTS OF RESEARCH STUDIES, EITHER ALREADY COMPLETED OR ON-GOING, OF RELEVANCE TO TAC.

8. IMPROVEMENTS IN FISHERIES DATA AND COLLECTION

9. PRIORITIZED RESEARCH AREAS SUGGESTED FOR CONSIDERATION OF TAC