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**TECHNICAL CONSULTATION TO DEVELOP INTERNATIONAL
GUIDELINES ON BYCATCH MANAGEMENT AND REDUCTION
OF DISCARDS**

Rome, Italy, December 6 – 10, 2010

PROSPECTUS

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INTRODUCTION

As reflected in paragraph 72 of the Report of the Twenty-eighth Session of the FAO Committee on Fisheries (COFI)¹ (Rome, Italy, March 2-6, 2009), the purpose of the Technical Consultation is to develop text on international guidelines on bycatch management and reduction of discards.

For this purpose the Technical Consultation will have at its disposal, a working paper prepared by the FAO Secretariat and the administrative report of the Expert Consultation on International Guidelines for bycatch management and reduction of discards that was held in Rome, Italy from 30 November to 3 December 2009.

LOCATION AND DATES

The Technical Consultation will be held at FAO Headquarters, Rome, Italy, from 6 to 10 December 2010.

PARTICIPATION

The Technical Consultation will be open to all FAO Members.

OUTPUT

The expected output of the Technical Consultation should be International Guidelines on Bycatch Management and Reduction of Discards. With the concurrence of the Technical Consultation, this document will be transmitted to the COFI for its consideration.

DOCUMENTS

All documents for the Technical Consultation can be downloaded from FAO's website at the following address: <http://www.fao.org/fishery/nems/39480/en>

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FURTHER INFORMATION

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¹ “72. The Committee noted that managing bycatch is an integral component of implementing the ecosystem approach to fisheries. There was broad support for a Norwegian proposal to develop International Guidelines on Bycatch Management and Reduction of Discards, and to convene an Expert Consultation followed by a Technical Consultation. Norway informed the meeting that it would make available funds for these activities.”