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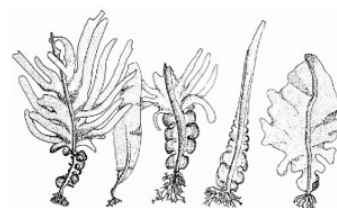
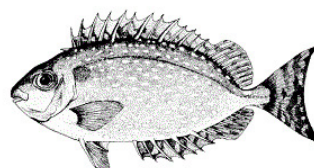
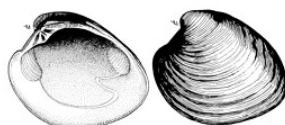
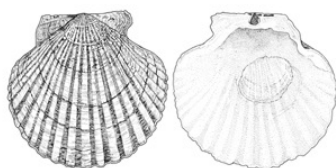
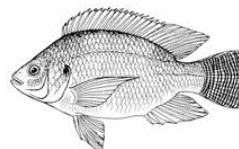
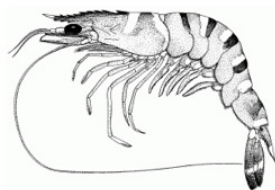
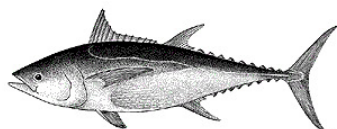
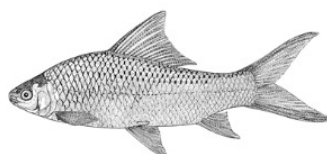
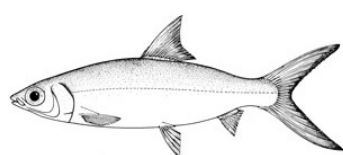


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Preparation of this document

This is the final report adopted at the Seventy-eighth Session of the Executive Committee of the Asia-Pacific Fishery Commission (APFIC).

This document presents the final report of the Seventy-eighth Session of the Executive Committee of APFIC held in virtual format from 21 to 23 June 2022. The APFIC Executive Committee at its Seventy-eighth Session comprised China (Chair), Thailand (Vice-Chair and former Chair), India (Member), Malaysia (Member) and the Philippines (Member).

The Executive Committee noted that there had been no substantive technical work programme of the commission during the current biennium due to restrictions of the use of FAO regular programme funding to support APFIC activities, but FAO regional office activities have continued as usual which are not part of the commission's work programme. The Executive Committee welcomed these FAO activities in support of capacity building and knowledge exchange in stock assessment and aquaculture.

The Executive Committee reviewed the recommendations of the meetings of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Future of APFIC and proposed two resolutions – to suspend or to continue – to be considered by Members during the Thirty-seventh Session of APFIC to be convened in 2023. Should APFIC agree to continue, that resolution commits to identifying financing aspects.

The Executive Committee requested the APFIC Secretariat to provide information to APFIC Member Nations on the cost implications for continuation of activities, to assist in their decision on the future of the commission.

The Executive Committee discussed the preparation for the Thirty-seventh Session of APFIC and noted that there were no plans to convene an APFIC Regional Consultative Forum Meeting before it. The proposal for convening the Thirty-seventh Session in China in mid-2023 (hybrid) would be subject to confirmation by China and the format would be decided based on the prevailing COVID-19 situation.

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Abbreviations and acronyms

AMR	antimicrobial resistance
APFIC	Asia-Pacific Fishery Commission
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
SDGs	Sustainable Development Goals
SEAFDEC	Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Centre

Opening of the session

1. The Executive Committee of the Asia-Pacific Fishery Commission (APFIC) convened its Seventy-eighth Session in virtual format from 21 to 23 June 2022.
2. The list of participants is presented in Appendix A.
3. The Seventy-eighth Session was opened by the Chairperson of the Executive Committee, Dr Xianshi Jin, Director, Yellow Sea Fisheries Research Institute, Chinese Academy of Fishery Sciences, China. He welcomed all the delegates of the Executive Committee and thanked them for the time they would spend in support of the commission's work.
4. Mr Simon Funge-Smith, APFIC Secretary, welcomed the members of the Executive Committee and reviewed its functions, noting that it is an advisory body whose main function is to assist in the work of the commission and the APFIC Secretariat during the intersessional period. The specific functions of the Executive Committee are principally to advise on the biennial work programme, both ongoing and proposed, and to review the administrative and budgetary affairs of the commission.
5. The Chairperson requested Executive Committee members and secretariat staff to briefly introduce themselves.

Adoption of the agenda and arrangements for the session

6. The Executive Committee adopted the agenda given in Appendix B.
7. The documents placed before the committee are listed in Appendix C.

Outcomes of the main recommendations of the Thirty-sixth Session of the Asia-Pacific Fishery Commission and items for the attention of the Thirty-fifth Session of the FAO Regional Conference for Asia and the Pacific

8. The Executive Committee was informed of the recommendations of the Thirty-sixth Session of the commission (convened in virtual format, hosted by the Department of Fisheries, Thailand, from 5 to 7 May 2021) based on Working Paper APFIC: EXCO/22/02, APFIC: EXCO/22/INF-03. The Executive Committee was invited to review these recommendations and advise the secretariat on follow-up actions that may ensure that necessary action is taken on these recommendations.
9. The Executive Committee noted:
 - a) The establishment of an Ad Hoc Working Group on the Future of APFIC was covered under Agenda item 3.
 - b) The request for development of rules of procedure to ensure effective outcomes of virtual format workshops and decision-making events for APFIC was covered under Agenda item 4.
 - c) The FAO initiatives for capacity building to improve stock assessment for marine applications and reporting on Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 14b had been initiated and were covered under Agenda item 5.
 - d) Progress in FAO's work on the aquaculture platform and antimicrobial resistance (AMR).
 - e) There have been no Member Nation requests to FAO to support capacity building or strengthen regional cooperation in support of the Port State Measures Agreement and combating of illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing in the APFIC region.
 - f) Further information on the potential for establishment of APFIC subcommittees for subregional arrangements and the establishment of a multidonor/multicountry trust fund to support the commission had not proceeded as the decisions on the future of APFIC need to be concluded first.

Intersessional activities of the commission and work under FAO programmes

10. The Executive Committee was appraised of ongoing and planned intersessional activities related to the recommendations of the commission that involve APFIC Member Nations based on Working Paper APFIC: EXCO/22/03.
11. The Executive Committee was informed that there had been no substantive technical work programme of the commission during the current biennium. This was primarily due to restrictions on use of FAO Regular Programme funding to support APFIC regional technical workshops and an APFIC work programme prioritized and decided by the commission.
12. The Executive Committee noted that activities of the FAO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific have continued as usual, but they are not part of the commission's work programme and are prioritized under different FAO Regional Office processes. It was noted that some of these activities are in line with recommendations and priorities identified by the commission.

Asia-Pacific Fishery Commission programme activities

Ad Hoc Working Group on the Future of the Asia-Pacific Fishery Commission

13. The Executive Committee was informed that an Ad Hoc Working Group on the Future of APFIC had been established at the recommendation of the Thirty-sixth Session and that the ad hoc working group had completed two virtual meetings (18 to 19 August 2021, 24 to 25 February 2022), chaired by China. It was indicated that the findings and recommendations would be covered under Agenda item 3.
14. The Executive Committee noted the high level of participation of the Member Nations in the ad hoc working group.

Development of protocols for virtual format activities of the Asia-Pacific Fishery Commission

15. The Executive Committee was informed that the APFIC Secretariat had developed protocols for convening the session of the commission and working groups where decisions were to be made. The Executive Committee noted that this would be covered under Agenda item 4.

FAO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific programme activities that contribute to Asia-Pacific Fishery Commission recommendations

Support to improved assessment of marine and inland fishery resources

16. The Executive Committee:
 - a) welcomed the co-organization of regional training workshops on stock assessment (13 to 17 December 2021; 29 August to 7 September 2022) by FAO and the Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Centre (SEAFDEC).
 - b) looked forward to the outcome of an assessment of major marine fish stocks in Southeast Asia.
 - c) welcomed the two ongoing initiatives to document the inland fisheries of India and China.
17. The Executive Committee recommended that the APFIC Member Nations continue to approach FAO for support regarding:
 - a) the EAF-Nansen Programme for fishery surveys and assessment in the APFIC region;
 - b) capacity building in stock assessment and related support to fishery assessments.

Support of small-scale fisheries and aquaculture

18. The Executive Committee welcomed the FAO activities that had been organized in support of small-scale fisheries and the 2022 International Year of Artisanal Fisheries and Aquaculture (IYAFA 2022) and the associated publications (listed in Appendix F). The activities involved:
- a) a capacity-building workshop to raise awareness about SDGs 14.b and the proposed indicator 14.b.1;
 - b) five technical webinars on small-scale fisheries and aquaculture and related publications;
 - c) the Illuminating Hidden Harvests study on the role and value of global small-scale fisheries.
19. The Executive Committee requested the secretariat to provide links to all relevant documents to facilitate their dissemination.

Knowledge sharing and capacity building in aquaculture

20. The Executive Committee welcomed FAO's activities that support capacity building and knowledge exchange in aquaculture, notably:
- a) twenty aquaculture innovation briefing notes;
 - b) a consultation on Blue Transformation of Aquaculture in the Asia-Pacific Region, 15 September 2021, virtual workshop;
 - c) three workshops on AMR in aquaculture.

FAO field programme activities relevant to the commission

21. The Executive Committee noted FAO's field projects that have relevance to the work of the commission:
- a) sustainable Management of Fisheries, Marine Living Resources and Their Habitats in the Bay of Bengal Region for the Benefit of Coastal States and Communities;
 - b) promoting the Blue Economy and Strengthening Fisheries Governance of the Gulf of Thailand through the Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries;
 - c) increasing Investments in Sustainable Aquaculture.
22. The Executive Committee noted the relevance of restorative aquaculture to the APFIC region and that there were opportunities to develop this further with many of the APFIC Member Nations. It noted that the Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity for Agriculture and Food programme had identified The need for improving terrestrial production systems to generate ecosystem and feed inputs for aquaculture systems.
23. The Executive Committee requested the APFIC Secretariat to keep APFIC Member Nations informed about the opportunity to engage in:
- a) the Global Environment Facility programme development by FAO, notably the new Food Systems Integrated Programme related to aquaculture food systems;
 - b) physical and virtual training courses in aquaculture and mariculture supported by China through the Freshwater Fisheries Research Centre in the city of Wuxi, Jiangsu Province and the Yellow Sea Fisheries Research Institute in the city of Qingdao, Shandong Province.

Ad Hoc Working Group on the Future of the Asia-Pacific Fishery Commission

24. The Executive Committee discussed this agenda item referring to document APFIC: EXCO/22/04 and information document APFIC: EXCO/22/INF-04.

25. The Executive Committee:

- a) welcomed the report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Future of APFIC.
- b) noted that the commission is one of the few regional bodies that provides a common voice in relation to fisheries and aquaculture for most countries in the Asian region.
- c) agreed that there is a need for responsibility among Member Nations to provide adequate resourcing if the activities of the commission are to continue.
- d) was informed that the financial implications of Member Nation contributions to support APFIC were developed by the APFIC Ad Hoc Legal and Financial Working Group meeting (Bangkok, Thailand, 6 to 8 July 1999) and the method used could form the basis of a new cost estimate.
- e) was informed that if the commission decided to suspend activities, that after a period of five years the Director-General of FAO would contact the Member Nations to convene a Special Session of the commission.
- f) agreed that the ad hoc working group had fulfilled its terms of reference and that no follow-up meetings would be necessary.

26. The Executive Committee:

- a) requested presentation of the options on the future of the commission to Member Nations in the form of a decision tree or flow chart to assist them in understanding these options and their implications.
- b) requested the secretariat to provide information to Member Nations on the cost implications for continuation of activities, to assist in their decisions on the future of the commission.
- c) emphasized that this information should be provided well in advance of the Thirty-seventh Session.
- d) requested that the FAO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific maintain a directory of focal points for fisheries and aquaculture to facilitate contact between FAO and Member Nations should the commission suspend its activities.
- e) requested that the procedure for convening the Special Session is described in an appendix to the report of the Thirty-seventh Session.
- f) urged Member Nations to ensure that delegates to the Thirty-seventh Session of the commission are adequately informed and authorized to make decisions on the future of the commission.

27. The Executive Committee endorsed the report of the ad hoc working group and recommended that the report be presented to the Thirty-seventh Session of the commission for its consideration.

Protocols for virtual meetings of the Asia-Pacific Fishery Commission

28. The Executive Committee discussed this agenda item referring to document APFIC: EXCO/22/05.

29. The Executive Committee:

- a) noted the recommendation of the Thirty-sixth Session that virtual and hybrid activities of the commission had become a necessary part of the working modality of the commission and that they needed to be congruent with the rules of procedure of the commission.

- b) reviewed the protocols developed by the secretariat for conduct of virtual or hybrid sessions, meetings and activities of the commission that require decisions.
 - c) provided amendments to the protocols, which are found in Appendix D of this report.
30. The Executive Committee recommended that the revised protocols be appended to the invitation to Member Nations for their use at the Thirty-seventh Session of the commission.

Assessment of marine capture fishery resources and status in Area 57 and Area 71

31. The Executive Committee discussed this agenda item referring to document APFIC: EXCO/22/06 and information documents APFIC: EXCO/22/INF-05; APFIC: EXCO/22/INF-06; and APFIC: EXCO/22/INF-07.
32. The Executive Committee:
- a) was informed that FAO and SEAFDEC were organizing capacity-building activities in stock assessments for the Southeast Asian region and that there were plans to extend training to other subregions.
 - b) noted that the World Trade Organization negotiations on fishery subsidies were strongly linked to the status of fish stocks and that the nature of multigear, multispecies fisheries in the region presented challenges to determining if mixed stocks were being overfished.
 - c) further noted that the emerging methodologies using multispecies maximum sustainable yield approaches, indicator species for mixed stocks and Ecopath with Ecosim modelling were highly applicable to the multispecies, multigear context of the region's fisheries.
 - d) welcomed the visualization of the region's fisheries for Areas 57 and 71, noting that they would benefit from regular updating.
33. The Executive Committee:
- a) emphasized that there was a pressing need to improve the understanding of the status of fish stocks in the region to inform discussions regarding the sustainable use of the region's marine fishery resources and to assist reporting on the SDG 14 fishery indicators.
 - b) suggested that pilot fishery management areas be established, using assessment and modelling approaches that are applicable to the regional context.
 - c) recommended that the training and capacity building in stock assessment provided by FAO and SEAFDEC be extended to other Member Nations in the region.
 - d) recommended that sharing of information and experience on stock assessments among stock assessment practitioners in the region be facilitated.
 - e) requested FAO and the APFIC Secretariat to develop a regional project to support these recommendations.

Preparations for the Thirty-seventh Session of the Asia-Pacific Fishery Commission

34. The Executive Committee was advised on arrangements for the Thirty-seventh Session of the commission in 2023 as outlined in document APFIC: EXCO/22/07.
35. The Secretary advised the Executive Committee that the agenda reflects the ongoing work of the commission under its current workplan and some activities of the FAO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific that are in line with the recommendations of the commission.
36. The Executive Committee noted that there were no plans to convene an APFIC Regional Consultative Forum Meeting before the Thirty-seventh APFIC Session.

37. The Executive Committee considered the arrangements of the Thirty-seventh APFIC Session as proposed by the secretariat and revised the proposed agenda. The proposed amendments and the revised schedule are found in Appendix E.
38. The Executive Committee was informed that the Thirty-seventh APFIC Session would be convened in China in mid-2023. The date and venue would be communicated by the host country in coordination with the APFIC Secretariat. The decision on the format of the session (hybrid/virtual) would be taken according to the prevailing COVID-19 situation.
39. The Executive Committee requested the secretariat to seek clarifications from the FAO Legal Office and communicate the response to the Chairperson, regarding:
 - a) The procedure to convene a Special Session of the commission following a period of suspension (as indicated in the draft resolution of Annex H of the Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Future of APFIC [APFIC: EXCO/22/INF-04]);
 - b) Whether the Chair of the commission would remain as the incumbent country following suspension;
 - c) If the Chair of the commission remained the incumbent country, whether this obliged the Chair country to also host the subsequent session of the commission, or that the Special Session could be convened at the FAO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific.

Other matters

40. The Executive Committee was informed that Malaysia will host the 11th Symposium on Diseases in Asian Aquaculture from 23 to 26 August 2022, to be convened virtually, organized by the Fish Health Section of the Asian Fisheries Society.

Date and place of the Seventy-ninth Session of the Executive Committee of the Asia-Pacific Fishery Commission

41. The Executive Committee noted that pending the decision on the future of the commission at the Thirty-seventh Session, it was not possible to consider the date and location for the Seventy-ninth Session of the Executive Committee.
42. The APFIC Secretary informed the Executive Committee that according to the APFIC rules of procedure, the Seventy-ninth Session of the Executive Committee could be hosted by the APFIC Secretariat at the FAO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific in Bangkok.

Adoption of the report

43. The report of the Seventy-eighth Session of the Executive Committee was adopted by the committee on 23 June 2022.

Appendix A: List of participants

Member Nations of the Asia-Pacific Fishery Commission's Executive Committee

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Appendix B: Agenda of the Seventy-eighth Session of the Executive Committee of the Asia-Pacific Fishery Commission

TUESDAY, 21 JUNE 2022
11.00–14.00 (Bangkok, UCT+7)

Opening

- Welcome by the Secretary of APFIC
- Opening statement to the Seventy-eighth Executive Committee by the APFIC Chairperson
- Introduction of Executive Committee members

Adoption of the agenda and arrangements for the session

Working document APFIC: EXCO/22/01

Agenda item 1: Outcomes of the Thirty-sixth APFIC Session and items for attention of the Thirty-fifth Asia-Pacific regional conference

Working document APFIC: EXCO/22/02

Information document APFIC: EXCO/22/INF-03 Report of the Thirty-sixth Session

Agenda item 2: Intersessional activities of APFIC and work under the FAO Regional Office Programme of relevance to APFIC

Working document APFIC: EXCO/22/03

Agenda item 3: Ad Hoc Working Group on the Future of APFIC

Working document APFIC: EXCO/22/04

Information document APFIC: EXCO/22/INF-04

Agenda item 4: Protocols for virtual meetings of the Asia-Pacific Fishery Commission

Working document APFIC: EXCO/22/05

WEDNESDAY, 22 JUNE 2022
11.00–14.00 (Bangkok, UCT+7)

Agenda item 5: Assessment of marine capture fishery resources and status in Area 57 and Area 71

Working document APFIC: EXCO/22/06

Information documents APFIC: EXCO/22/INF-05; APFIC: EXCO/22/INF-06; APFIC: EXCO/22/INF-07

Agenda item 6: Preparations for Thirty-seventh APFIC Session

Working document APFIC: EXCO/22/07

Agenda item 7: Other matters

THURSDAY, 23 JUNE 22
11.00–14.00 (Bangkok, UCT+7)

Report available to delegates for review

Adoption of the report of the Executive Committee meeting

Closing of the Executive Committee meeting

Appendix C: List of documents

	Adoption of the agenda and arrangements for the session	EXCO/22/01
	<i>List of documents</i>	EXCO/22/INF-01
	<i>List of participants</i>	EXCO/22/INF-02
Item 1:	Outcomes of the Thirty-sixth APFIC Session and items for attention of the 35th Asia-Pacific regional conference	EXCO/22/02
	<i>Report of the Thirty-sixth APFIC Session</i>	EXCO/22/INF-03
Item 2:	Intersessional activities and work under the FAO Regional Office Programme of relevance to APFIC	EXCO/22/03
Item 3:	Outcomes of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Future of APFIC	EXCO/22/04
	<i>Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Future of APFIC</i>	EXCO22/INF-04
Item 4:	Development of a protocol for virtual events of APFIC	EXCO/22/05
Item 5:	Assessment of fishery resources and status	EXCO/22/06
	<i>Area 57 summary brief</i>	EXCO22/INF-05
	<i>Area 71 summary brief</i>	EXCO22/INF-06
	<i>Small-scale fisheries global summary brief</i>	EXCO22/INF-07
Item 6:	Preparations for the Thirty-seventh Session of APFIC	EXCO/22/07

Appendix D: Revised protocols for the conduct of virtual or hybrid events of the commission requiring decisions

Protocols for virtual and hybrid meetings of the Asia-Pacific Fishery Commission

In view of the considerable number of virtual webinars and the work of the ad hoc working group, the Thirty-sixth Session requested the development of rules of procedure to ensure effective outcomes of virtual format workshops and decision-making events. This document, revised and endorsed by the Seventy-eighth Session of the APFIC Executive Committee, provides protocols for the convening of virtual or hybrid sessions, meetings and working groups of the commission, where decisions will be made.

Application

These protocols are to facilitate the effective convening of virtual and hybrid activities of the commission where decisions are to be made.

They provide a mechanism for application of the rules of procedure of the commission in a virtual or hybrid context.

Prior to the meeting

1. All delegates nominated by their Member Nation or Organization will register individually for the Zoom virtual meeting

- i. Delegates will receive the individual link for registration (this link should not be shared with others).
- ii. Delegates will be requested to complete the registration form (e.g. name, email, country, organization).
- iii. After completed registration, an automatic reply will be sent to the delegate with the meeting link, including the meeting ID and passcode.

At the commencement of the meeting:

2. Entering the meeting/waiting room

- i. There will be a waiting room for approval prior to entry to the meeting.
- ii. This ensures that registered delegates can be screened for acceptance into the meeting.
- iii. Unregistered delegates will not be permitted to enter the meeting.
- iv. The waiting room will open 30 minutes prior to the start of the meeting.
- v. The delegates edit their profile names to indicate their countries and organizational affiliations.

3. Opening of the meeting

- i. The Chairperson invites the APFIC Secretary to inform the delegates of the protocols and procedures of the virtual/hybrid meeting (provided as an information document).
- ii. This information covers both the conduct of the meeting as well as advice on how to engage effectively using virtual conferencing.

4. Adoption of the agenda

- i. As for a physical meeting, the Chairperson introduces the agenda document and asks Members if they have any amendments.

- ii. Requests from delegations are taken in order.
- iii. As for a physical meeting, the secretariat will record any changes requested.
- iv. Following interventions, or if there are none, the Chairperson will declare that the agenda has been adopted.

5. Protocol for intervention under an agenda item

- i. Delegations will coordinate so that only one delegate intervenes on behalf of the Member Nation per agenda item.
- ii. In full virtual mode:
 - Delegations will use the Raise Hand function in Zoom to notify the secretariat of their intention to make an intervention under the agenda item.
 - Interventions from delegations will be recognized by the Chairperson in the order that their hands are raised.
- iii. In hybrid mode:
 - Delegations present physically will raise their flags and will be recognized by the Chairperson in the order that their flags are raised.
 - Delegations present virtually will use the Raise Hand function to notify the secretariat of their intention to make an intervention under the agenda item. They will be recognized by the Chairperson in the order that their hands are raised, following completion of the interventions by those delegations physically present.
- iv. In both hybrid and virtual modes, interventions from observers will be taken at the discretion of the Chairperson, only when APFIC Members have concluded their interventions and will be treated in the order of their requests.
- v. Interventions from delegations that use the Chatbox function will not be recognized by the Chairperson:
 - The Chatbox function can be used by a delegation to submit text following its intervention, if requested by the secretariat.
- vi. The APFIC Secretary will respond to requests for clarification or questions raised by Members and provide a short summary at the end of the agenda item.

6. In the situation where a vote is to be taken

- i. Only one vote per Member Nation delegation will be recognized.
- ii. In virtual mode:
 - The Chairperson will request the Member Nations to raise their hands for a vote in favour of the motion. A count will be taken and recorded by the secretariat.
 - All delegations will be requested to lower their hands.
 - The Chairperson will request all delegations not in favour of the motion to raise their hands. A count will be taken and recorded by the secretariat.
 - All delegations will be requested to lower their hands.
- iii. In hybrid mode:
 - The Chairperson will request the Member Nation delegations present physically to raise their flags for a vote in favour of the motion. A count will be taken and recorded by the secretariat.
 - The Chairperson will then request Member Nation delegations present virtually for a vote in favour of the motion to raise their hands. A count will be taken and recorded by the secretariat.
 - All delegations will then be requested to lower their flags and hands.

- The Chairperson will then request all delegations present physically that are not in favour of the motion to raise their flags. A count will be taken and recorded by the secretariat.
 - The Chairperson will then request all Member Nation delegations present virtually that are not in favour of the motion to raise their hands. A count will be taken and recorded by the secretariat.
 - All delegations will be requested to lower their flags and hands.
- iv. The secretariat will provide the results of the voting to the Chairperson.
- v. The Chairperson will announce the results.
- vi. In line with the APFIC Agreement, the quorum for an APFIC Session to reach a decision is 11 Members, and such a decision is based on a simple majority of the voting Members in attendance.

Adoption of the report

7. Procedure for adoption of the report

- i. The draft report will be made available by email to the registered delegates a minimum of three hours prior to the session on adoption.
- ii. The meeting will be asked by the Chairperson if they wish to adopt en bloc.
- iii. If the Members do not wish to adopt en bloc, the Chairperson will proceed paragraph by paragraph.
- iv. The draft text will be shown on-screen by the secretariat.
- v. For virtual or hybrid settings, the procedure for recognizing Member Nation interventions will be the same as described in item 5.
- vi. The draft text will be edited to incorporate any amendments requested by Members.
- vii. The secretariat may request a delegation to submit its intervention in writing.
- viii. Once a paragraph is finalized and closed by the Chairperson, it will not be reopened, at the discretion of the Chairperson.
- ix. At the conclusion of the adoption, the Chairperson will declare the report adopted.
- x. The adopted report will be circulated to the heads of delegations by email, within two hours of the conclusion of the report's adoption.

Appendix E: Revised schedule of the Thirty-seventh Session of the Asia-Pacific Fishery Commission

Day1 : Morning, 09.00
Opening ceremony (09.00–10.15) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome remarks by the FAO Representative to China • Welcome and introductory remarks by the APFIC Chairperson, Yellow Sea Fishery Research Institute, Chinese Academy of Fishery Science • Introductory remarks by a representative of the Bureau of Fisheries, China • Inaugural speech by a representative of the Ministry of Agriculture, China
Adoption of the agenda and arrangements for the session
Agenda item 1: Intersessional activities of APFIC.
Agenda item 2: Report of the seventy-eighth Executive Committee meeting.
Agenda item 3: Improving understanding on the status of regional stocks, visualizing fishery information, and outcomes of capacity building for regional assessments on the status of stocks in Area 57 and Area 71.
Day 1 : Afternoon, 13.30
Agenda item 4: Outcomes of the FAO–NACA high-level meeting on innovation and investments for sustainable aquaculture.
Day 2 : Morning, 09.00
Agenda item 5: Outcomes of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Future of APFIC.
Day 2 : Afternoon, 13.30
Agenda item 6: Member Nation statements on progress on sustainability in capture fisheries and development of responsible aquaculture and recommendations to FAO for the Asia-Pacific regional conference.
Agenda item 7: APFIC's programme of work in the coming biennium.
Agenda item 8: Other matters.
Agenda item 9: Election of officers.
Agenda item 10: Date and place of the Thirty-eighth Session.

Day 3 : Morning, 09.00
Report available to delegates
Day 3 : Afternoon, 14.00
Adoption of the report
Closing of the session

Appendix F: Information relevant to the 2022 International Year of Artisanal Fisheries and Aquaculture

FAO. 2021. *Characteristics and performance of fisheries co-management in Asia - Synthesis of knowledge and case studies: Bangladesh, Cambodia, Philippines and Sri Lanka*. DOI.org/10.4060/cb3840en

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