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COMMITTEE ON AQUACULTURE

SIPAM Working Group

(Information System for the Promotion of Aquaculture in the Mediterranean)

Twelfth Annual Meeting

(23 – 25 November, 2010; St. George's Bay, Malta)

Draft annotated agenda and timetable

Tuesday 23rd November

Morning session (9.30 – 13.00)

1. Opening and arrangements of the meeting

2. Adoption of the agenda

The Agenda of the meeting will be introduced and discussed. The rapporteur of the meeting will be designated.

3. Report of the SIPAM activities carried out since the 11th Session

Participants will be informed on the activities carried out since the eleventh annual session of SIPAM (9 – 10 December 2009; Trabzon, Turkey). (by the Secretariat)

Information will be given on:

- *The updated Production Statistics section which reflects the new terminology adopted;*
- *The updated “Production Statistics - Quick Start Guide for National Coordinators” ;*
- *The revised data reporting sheets in accordance with the requirements of Recommendation GFCM/2009/33/4 ;*
- *The revised data submission tracking system and related SIPAM webpages;*
- *The integration of the activities of the CAQ Working Groups into the SIPAM IS. (Portals related to the databases and information systems supporting the Working Group on Aquaculture Marketing, Working Group on Siting and Carrying Capacity and Working Group on Sustainability of Aquaculture)*
- *Updated reporting facilities – national summaries and customised reports*

4. Mediterranean Aquaculture Production Statistics

The main production pattern on the Mediterranean and Black Sea marine and brackish aquaculture production, based on FAO statistics as well as on SIPAM available data, will be presented.

Afternoon session (14.30 – 17.30)

4 Mediterranean Aquaculture Production Statistics (cont)

5. Submission of aquaculture data and information (Rec. GFCM/33/2009/4)

Discussion and presentations will be focused on:

5.1 The status of data collection and data submission by each country in accordance with the requirements of the GFCM Recommendation GFCM/33/2009/04 on the reporting of aquaculture data and information through the SIPAM IS (by National Coordinators).

5.2 Difficulties encountered and improvements in the data entry, submission and reporting processes. (by National Coordinators).

5.3 Issues related to the definition and statistical reference of certain parameters (eg. capture based species, statistical area, value etc.) *(by participants)*

6. Marketing data scheme and marketing data collection for Mediterranean aquaculture data collection

The conclusions and proposals of the WGMA – SIPAM joint meeting on the marketing data scheme and marketing data collection will be presented and reviewed by the meeting. Focus will be given to the data synergy between the WGMA and SIPAM. (by participants)

7. Production Centre and aquaculture statistics

Discussion will focus on how to implement a data collection scheme for Production Centre on the basis of the proposed amendments to the Recommendation GFCM/33/2009/04 as proposed by the CAQ workshop on data harmonization and adopted by SIPAM (by participants).

A presentation will be also be delivered on the aquaculture data collected by EUROSTAT, especially in relation to data on aquaculture facilities and related production centres in line with the recent EU regulation (regulation EC 762 (2008)). (by Eurostat)

A presentation will be made on the development within the framework of CWP¹-Aquaculture (by FAO)

¹ Coordinating Working Party on Fishery Statistics (<http://www.fao.org/fishery/cwp>)

Wednesday 24th November

Morning session (9.00 – 13.00)

8. Cooperation with FAO - FIRA and recent activities related to Mediterranean aquaculture (by secretariat/FIRA)

Status review of aquaculture development by country – Presentation of updated National Aquaculture Sector Overviews (NASO)² –

Presentation of the new established FAO NASO aquaculture maps web site: a new Google map based tool to assist member countries inventory and monitor aquaculture.

9 Mediterranean Databases on aquaculture.

An overview of the available databases on aquaculture present in the Mediterranean will be presented including those related to ongoing and new projects dealing in particular with information on research centres, research institutions, research activities, etc.. Possible interaction with the SIPAM system will be explored (by participants).

10 SIPAM Programme of work for 2011 and beyond

The short- and medium-term workplan of the SIPAM network within CAQ-GFCM will be discussed on the basis of the current situation, the conclusions and proposals of the CAQ working groups, as well as on the CAQ strategies for the future of aquaculture in the Mediterranean.

11 Any other matters

12 Conclusions

Conclusions, specific suggestions, identification/updating of priority issues and the proposal of the SIPAM work-plan will be endorsed by the participants for presentation to the CAQ.

Afternoon session (14.00 – 18.00)

*The afternoon is free and the Secretariat will dedicate the time for the preparation of the report.*³

² The National Coordinators (NC) will receive from FIRA a word file with a copy of the current NASO of their respective country as posted in the FAO and SIPAM Web sites.

³ *Two training sessions will be made available for SIPAM National Coordinators: a) a training session on the NASO aquaculture e maps application for National Coordinators b) training session on the data-entry and data retrieving processes of the SIPAM system*

Thursday 25th November

Morning session (10.00 – 13.00)

13. Adoption of the report