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SUMMARY PROGRESS REPORT

SUB-COMMISSION IV – SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC ISSUES

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Ad Hoc Working Party on Recreational Fisheries

Convener: R. Arlinghaus

The Terms of Reference for the WP are:

- 1) Produce and disseminate the EIFAC Code of Practice for Recreational Fishing.
- 2) Monitor key ongoing research world-wide related to social, economic and ecological aspects of relevance for recreational fisheries and its management.
- 3) Work closely with the WP on Socio-Economic Aspects of Inland Fisheries in producing methodological guidelines for the undertaking of social and economic surveys on recreational fisheries.
- 4) Observe opportunities for funding a Pan-European study on the social and economic importance of recreational fisheries or similar endeavours on a European scale.

Ad 1) Work in relation to dissemination of the Code of Practice for Recreational Fisheries (hereafter the Code) has continued in cooperation with Mr. P. Hickley, Mr. I. Cowx and Mr. R. van Anrooy. This has resulted in the following outcomes:

- a) Translations of the Code into various languages (including Croatian, Portuguese, Spanish and Russian) have been produced and some have already been put online on the EIFAC Web site in collaboration with the EIFAC Secretariat at:
<http://www.fao.org/docrep/012/i0363e/i0363e00.htm>.

- b) A peer-reviewed paper describing the background of the Code has been published (Arlinghaus, R., S.J. Cooke, I.G. Cowx. 2010. Providing context to the global code of practice for recreational fisheries. *Fisheries Management and Ecology* 18).
- c) A third paper on the Code has been drafted in collaboration with North American colleagues (Arlinghaus, R., Beard, T.D., Cooke, S.J., Cowx, I.G.), specifically focusing on the value of the Code for North America. It will be submitted to the international journal *Fisheries*.
- d) A small set of brief principles for laypeople that shall be serving the basis for a leaflet on the Code, produced by the Convener.
- e) Interest in the principles of the Code is high and is referred to in “European Parliament non-binding resolution on the Green Paper on reform of the common fisheries policy” <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getDoc.do?pubRef=-//EP//TEXT+TA+P7-TA-2010-0039+0+DOC+XML+V0//EN&language=EN> . The Code is also serving as a framework for a Charter on Angling and Biodiversity in conjunction with the Bern convention.
- f) The dissemination of the Code in the Central Asian region through an FAO Regional Workshop on Recreational Fisheries in Central Asia, held at Issyk Kul, Kyrgyzstan, on 14–16 September 2009. The Chairperson of EIFAC as well as both the Vice-Chairperson and the Technical Secretary of the EIFAC Sub-Commission IV participated in this workshop. The report will be published as Report of the Regional Workshop on Recreational Fisheries in Central Asia, Issyk Kul, Kyrgyzstan, 14–16 September 2009. *FAO Fisheries and Aquaculture Report*. No. 926, FAO, Rome, 2010.

Ad 2) Work in monitoring key research on recreational fisheries has continued. In 2009, the Convenor published a number of papers on recreational fisheries. The topic of fish welfare was identified as a major area for the future, and a seminal work on the topic has been produced by the WP (Arlinghaus, R., Cooke S.J., Schwab A., Cooke I.G. 2010. A pragmatic and a suffering-centred approach to fish welfare. *Journal of Fish Biology*, 75, 2448-2463). Moreover, international participation rates in recreational fisheries have been compiled and analysed. The next year shall be used for producing a report showing that angling participation has likely reached a ceiling in central Europe and is likely to grow substantially in Eastern Europe.

Ad 3) The Convenor, assisted by Oystein Aas, has produced a methodological contribution to producing methodological guidelines for assessing benefits of inland fisheries that is being prepared by the WP on Socio-Economic Aspects lead by Mr. M Sipponen. The Convenor actively participated in a workshop held in Helsinki in January 2009 together with a variety of international experts. Many expert economists contributed to the workshop and the work distributed afterwards in order to finalize the methodological guidelines in early 2010; the product should be ready for publication in due course.

Ad 4) The Convenor will continue to monitor the EU calls for placement of a proposal at earliest convenience.

Ad Hoc Working Party on Socio-Economic Aspects of Inland Fisheries

Convener: M. Sipponen

The WP Terms of Reference are as follows:

- 1) Produce methodological guidelines for the undertaking of social and economic surveys on recreational and commercial fisheries in collaboration with WP on Recreational Fisheries.
- 2) Prepare a report of the significance of private property rights on the alternative traits to manage inland commercial fisheries.

Considerable progress has been made towards completion of task 1. A draft of the methodological guidelines was prepared by the Convenor of the WP in collaboration with Ms K Parkkila, Mr J Vesterinen and Mr R Arlinghaus. This draft was the subject of a “Workshop on Guidelines for assessing socio-economic benefits of inland recreational and commercial fisheries” held in Helsinki, Finland 12-15th January 2009. The workshop was attended by 22 persons and the methodological guidelines for undertaking social and economic surveys on recreational fisheries were discussed in detail and refined. A core group of experts have worked further on the methodological guidelines since. In the last few months the guidelines drafting process has entered a stage in which they can be circulated for final comments to the WP members. As mentioned in the EXCOM report, it is aimed to seek endorsement of the Guidelines from the Commission at the 26th Session. A summary version will be published in the Journal Fisheries Management and Ecology.

The Convenor of the workshop is currently seeking additional information on property rights for inland commercial fisheries via a questionnaire sent to the National Correspondents in early 2009. The report will be delivered in 2010 as an electronic version.

Ad hoc Working Party on IUU Fishing and Poaching

Because the ad Interim Convenor, Mr P. Stachowiak took up a new job in Spain and was no longer available for EIFAC work, the WP remained inactive. A new Convenor is being sought for the WP.

Symposium on Interactions between Social, Economic and Ecological Objectives of Inland Commercial and Recreational Fisheries and Aquaculture

The Report of the Symposium on Interactions between Social, Economic and Ecological Objectives of Inland Commercial and Recreational Fisheries and Aquaculture, Antalya, Turkey, 21–24 May 2008, was published in the FAO Fisheries and Aquaculture Report series as No 871, Suppl., in the 2nd semester of 2008. It was made available on the EIFAC website under the following link: <ftp://ftp.fao.org/docrep/fao/011/i0358e/i0358e00.pdf>.

The publication and distribution of the symposium report was made possible by the FAO Sub-regional Office for Central Asia (SEC), which is based in Ankara, Turkey. Papers presented at the symposium have been edited and been published in a special issue of Fisheries Management and Ecology (Volume 18(2)) [11 papers] or in EIFAC Occasional Paper No. 44 [33 papers]. Both documents include an obituary for the Chair of the 2008 EIFAC Symposium, Dr Ibrahim Okumus, who passed away in 2008.