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Abstract

This document presents the final report of the Seventy-second Session of the Executive Committee of the Asia-Pacific Fishery Commission (APFIC) which was held in Seoul, Republic of Korea from 23 to 25 September 2009.

The APFIC Executive Committee's main function is to direct the conduct of the Commission's business and affairs between its biennial sessions. The APFIC Executive Committee for biennium 2009-2010 is composed of the Republic of Korea (Chairperson), Viet Nam (Vice Chairperson), Philippines and Sri Lanka (Members), Indonesia (the outgoing Chairperson) and the Secretary of the Commission (as Ex-officio member).

Major topics discussed at the meeting were ways to improve APFIC's effectiveness for its members in the region; the issues of significance to the region that have emerged in regional and international fora over the past biennium; progress and outcomes of the APFIC regional consultative workshops on "Practical implementation of the ecosystem approach to fisheries and aquaculture in the APFIC region" and "Improving resilience and reducing vulnerability of livelihoods in small-scale fisheries"; preparations for the Third Regional Consultative Forum meeting and the Thirty-first Session of APFIC to be held in Republic of Korea in September 2010. A number of recommendations made by the Executive Committee concerning future activities need to be acted on by the Secretariat in close cooperation with participating members and in partnership with other regional fishery bodies in Asia and the Pacific region.

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OPENING OF THE SESSION

1. The Executive Committee of the Asia-Pacific Fishery Commission (APFIC) held its Seventy-second Session at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel, Seoul, Republic of Korea from 23 to 25 September 2009 under the Chairmanship of Mr Chong-Guk Park assisted by Mr To Viet Chau (Vice-Chairperson) and Mr Il-Jeong Jeong (Alternate Chairperson). The list of the participants is presented in Appendix A.

2. The former Chairperson Mr Mohammad Syamsul Maarif, Secretary-General, Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries, Indonesia, addressed the Members of the Executive Committee and expressed gratitude to the Government of the Republic of Korea for their warm reception. He noted the common concern of APFIC members regarding illegal, illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing practices and their role in the depletion of fish stocks. He concluded that it was Indonesia's hope that APFIC would further develop its role and effectiveness as a mechanism to raise awareness and provide solutions for the issues affecting the fisheries sector of the Asia-Pacific region.

3. The Chairperson, Mr Chong-Guk Park, Deputy Minister, Ministry for Food, Agriculture Forestry and Fisheries, Republic of Korea, welcomed the Executive Committee and thanked them for taking time to attend the meeting. He reminded the Committee that the main objective of the Executive Committee meeting is to review the activities of APFIC and plan the next year's meeting and work plan. In concluding, he expressed the expectation that the APFIC Executive Committee meeting and APFIC continue to contribute as a voice of the region on fisheries matters.

4. The Vice-Chair, Mr To Viet Chau, Deputy Director General, International Cooperation Department, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Viet Nam, also welcomed the participants and thanked the Republic of Korea for hosting the Executive Committee meeting and for their excellent hospitality. He noted that APFIC provides an excellent arrangement for understanding issues in fisheries and that the outcomes of the meeting would contribute to the effectiveness of APFIC.

5. The APFIC Secretary, Mr Simon Funge-Smith, welcomed the members of the Executive Committee and thanked the Republic of Korea for hosting the meeting. He noted that in addition to the functions as highlighted above, the Executive Committee also guides the APFIC Secretariat on matters of reform, financing and operation. Hence, this meeting is an important biennial event, particularly as the Secretariat relies on the Executive Committee to provide advice on these important matters. Ownership by member countries is an important feature of a regional fishery body such as APFIC, and the Secretariat had a high expectation that the Executive Committee will promote this. The Secretary concluded by expressing his confidence in the quality of the outcome of the meeting.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

6. The Executive Committee adopted the Agenda as shown in Appendix B. The documents placed before the Committee are listed in Appendix C.

INTER-SESSIONAL ACTIVITIES OF APFIC

7. The Secretariat summarized developments and activities since the Second APFIC Regional Consultative Forum and the Thirtieth Session of APFIC (Manado, Indonesia, 6–9 August 2008). The detailed list and description of the activities reported were provided in the documents APFIC: ExCo/09/02 and APFIC: ExCo/09/02 Add 01.

8. The Secretariat has assisted in the organization of several international and national workshops and held one major regional consultative workshop. The Secretariat has also provided direct advice

to member countries including technical assistance; technical support and backstopping to national and regional projects. Additionally, there are three regional projects approved that support the work and objectives of the Commission: 1) the five-year Bay of Bengal Large Marine Ecosystem project (BOBLME); 2) the Regional Fisheries Livelihoods Programme for South and Southeast Asia (RFLP); and 3) a regional project Reducing Dependence of Marine Finfish Culture on Low-valued Fish as Feed. The Secretariat has produced nine publications (seven printed and two electronic) and the APFIC Web site continues to be the main source of information sharing and communication among member countries and the Secretariat.

9. The APFIC Secretariat has also participated in the Twenty-eighth Session of FAO Committee on Fisheries (COFI), the FAO Second Meeting of the Network of Secretariats of Regional Fisheries Bodies (RSN2) and the Fourth Session of FAO COFI Sub-Committee on Aquaculture. The Secretariat has also actively engaged in coordination and collaborative activities on behalf of APFIC with a range of regional fishery organizations and arrangements.

10. The Executive Committee commended the Secretariat on the range of activities pursued in the interest of the Commission. Noting the range of issues covered, it suggested that the Secretariat should prioritize the issue of climate change. Several climate change related issues of considerable significance to the countries in the region were identified:

- increased incidence of severe weather events (e.g. typhoons/cyclones);
- increasing seawater levels (impacts to Mekong delta, Bangladesh and low lying coastal areas); and
- increasing water temperature (leading to species shifts and ecosystem changes).

11. The Executive Committee suggested that the APFIC might respond to vulnerability issues related to climate change by organizing a workshop on vulnerability and disaster preparedness (especially in relation to severe weather events). The Secretariat responded that this was in line with several ongoing initiatives and that it would look into the possibilities of convening such a workshop. The Committee emphasized this was a serious emerging issue already having very strong effects on several countries in the region and would require international support to help reduce negative impacts.

12. The Executive Committee appreciated the coordination activities with regional fishery organizations and requested that APFIC should work more closely with the Western Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC). The Committee noted that there are several issues of common interest that are complementary to the APFIC work plan. It noted that the issue of straddling and highly migratory stocks in the South China Sea area should be of interest for collaboration. As a result of the discussion, the Philippines agreed (as a WCPFC member) to act as a focal point and report back to the APFIC Secretariat on important issues for further dissemination to APFIC members.

13. The Executive Committee noted that the Secretariat had held a joint FAO/SEAFDEC/APFIC workshop on stock assessment and requested that the Secretariat communicate more information on this issue as this is very important for capacity building and information exchange in the region. The Secretariat noted that reporting on the status of resources was one of the functions of APFIC and that this was an area where further work by APFIC would be productive. This matter would be reported to the Thirty-first Session of APFIC in 2010.

APFIC THEMES FOR BIENNIUM 2009-2010

14. The Executive Committee considered the agenda item referring to document APFIC:ExCo/09/03, outlining the two APFIC regional consultative workshops covering the ecosystem approach to fisheries and aquaculture and livelihoods in small-scale fisheries and aquaculture. The Secretariat reported that, in response to the Commission's directives, the APFIC convened a regional consultative workshop on *Practical implementation of the ecosystem approach to fisheries and aquaculture in the APFIC region*, for its members on 18–22 May 2009 in Colombo, Sri Lanka and the APFIC regional consultative workshop on *Improving resilience and reducing vulnerability of livelihoods in small-scale fisheries* will be convened in Manila, Philippines from 13 to 15 October 2009. The outcomes of these meetings will be reported to APFIC members at the Thirty-first APFIC Session to be held in the Republic of Korea in September 2010.

15. The Executive Committee appreciated the hosting of these two regional workshops by Sri Lanka and Philippines respectively as well as their in-kind contribution in support of these. Both workshops have received significant financial support for additional participants from regional or global projects. The Sri Lankan workshops was joined by participants from the APFIC member countries, several regional fisheries bodies and arrangements, and had over 70 participants. It is expected that the Philippines' workshop will be equally successful in terms of participation.

16. The Executive Committee advised that the outputs of these two workshops should be communicated to the APFIC members and it was acknowledged that they will provide substantial input for the preparation of the 2010 Regional Consultative Forum, in which the two topics constitute the major issues to be discussed, together with a report to the Thirty-first Session of APFIC.

17. The Executive Committee welcomed the recommendations and action plan of the workshop on the *Practical implementation of the ecosystem approach to fisheries and aquaculture in the Asia-Pacific region* and noted the importance of the ecosystem approach in resource management (especially in developing countries). It requested the Secretariat to submit the recommendations for approval by the Commission at its Thirty-first Session.

18. To build on the current momentum of the APFIC regional consultative workshop, the Committee noted the need to develop an Action Plan for the implementation of ecosystem-based approaches to management within the region. It further noted the important role of FAO for technical support and capacity building. The Committee emphasized the importance of the human dimensions to management through ecosystem approaches and noted the importance of diversifying livelihoods and providing alternatives for income generation to enable management measures to take effect. The experiences of several countries indicated the positive impact of such approaches on the reduction of destructive fishing and the conservation of threatened resources.

19. The Executive Committee noted that an ecosystem approach also needs to consider the impacts of land-based activities that affect fisheries and the general lack of data on these processes. This highlights the need to include research institutes and regional arrangements in developing the information needed to inform ecosystem-based management. The Committee emphasized that successful implementation of the ecosystem approach to fisheries management was heavily reliant on the popularization of the process (e.g. communication and awareness at grassroots level). Additionally, to improve regional understanding, it was suggested that APFIC focal points for an ecosystem approach network be identified.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE APFIC THIRTIETH SESSION AND SECOND RCFM

20. The Executive Committee discussed the recommendations of the Thirtieth Session of the Commission and the Second APFIC Regional Consultative Forum Meeting (RCFM), based on working paper APFIC:ExCo/09/04. Highlighted elements for consideration by the Executive Committee were the areas of work recommended for further attention by APFIC and regional partner organizations such as: improved reporting of production “not elsewhere identified” (*nei*) and the production from backyard aquaculture ponds; measures to combat IUU fishing; certification in fisheries and aquaculture; small scale fisheries and the impacts of climate change.

21. The Executive Committee noted the importance of improved assessment of fisheries and reporting of resources and the linkages to better catch documentation.

22. The Committee commented that fisheries and aquaculture certification and related issues (e.g. ecolabelling) must be conducted such that they do not become barriers to trade. The Committee emphasized that APFIC member countries must be represented at the appropriate forum/fora so that their concerns on issues relating to small-scale fisheries and potential barriers to trade are effectively voiced.

23. The Executive Committee was also informed that the draft FAO Guidelines for Aquaculture Certification were based on a series of regional consultations and these guidelines have been strongly endorsed by Asian countries; the guidelines would be subject to a technical consultation for their finalization which was expected to take place shortly. The importance of the presence of APFIC member countries at this consultation was emphasized.

INTERNATIONAL FISHERY DEVELOPMENTS AND OUTCOMES OF COFI

24. The Executive Committee discussed the agenda item referring to document APFIC:ExCo/09/05. The Executive Committee was informed of the conclusions of the FAO Twenty-eighth Session of the Committee of Fisheries (COFI) and ongoing fisheries policy development relevant to the APFIC region.

25. The areas covered included the main agenda items of the Twenty-eight Session of COFI, as well as regional level initiatives and issues regarding combating IUU fishing, strengthening fishery management and governance; aquaculture development; climate change effects on fisheries and aquaculture and the importance of small-scale fisheries. The full working paper (APFIC:ExCo/09/05) is appended in Annex D.

26. The Executive Committee noted the development of the binding agreement on Port State Measures (PSM) with the text of the agreement agreed during the recent Fourth Technical Consultation. It further noted that although the binding agreement might not come into force for a number of years, it was important to be prepared for its implementation and this would require capacity building in the region.

27. It was noted that member countries of the Bay of Bengal Programme IGO had already started initiating a process for the development of shark management plans and that shark management will be addressed through the BOBLME programme. It was suggested that the member countries more regularly report on the development of their National Plans of Action (NPOA) for the Conservation and Management of Sharks and that members not covered by BOBP-IGO could report back to the Secretariat on any development pertaining to their NPOA.

28. The Executive Committee noted that some proposals for Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Flora and Fauna (CITES) listing might affect the trade or movement of species that are produced from aquaculture in the APFIC region, The sea cucumbers were noted as a particular concern as they are widely cultured in the region as well as produced through fisheries enhancement in the region. The Secretariat encouraged APFIC members to communicate with FAO (through APFIC if desired), which has a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with CITES for the provision of technical information relating to species that were under consideration for listing.

29. The Executive Committee was informed of the UN process to develop measures for management of deep sea fisheries and the move to adopt actions to control high seas/deep sea bottom trawling particularly in vulnerable marine ecosystems (VMEs).

30. The Executive Committee expressed their concern that member countries were finding it difficult to prepare for implementation of the forthcoming European Union (EU) regulations regarding catch documentation. It noted that members needed rapid access to critical documentation on implementation to prepare their compliance plans. The Executive Committee agreed that APFIC could assist in the communication of useful information relating to this matter. The Executive Committee recommended that APFIC Secretariat could:

- request APFIC members to respond on their readiness to implement and possible capacity-building or information needs;
- request members to designate a national focal point for the exchange of information related to implementation of the EU regulations;
- function as the central point for communicating information and circulation to the national focal points; and
- look into the possibility of a Web site to hold links to documents that relate to implementation of the regulations.

31. The role of APFIC in the coordination of information related to other fisheries issues was also recognized. The Secretariat responded that this form of coordination was relatively low cost for the Secretariat in terms of time and resources, however it required commitment from the member countries to provide the relevant information for exchange. In this respect, a strong lead country for an issue was an important factor in making this successful.

REVIEW OF KEY AREAS FOR ATTENTION BY APFIC AND PARTNERS

32. Based on the preceding discussions of the working papers on the recommendations of the Thirtieth Session of APFIC and issues of international significance (Working Papers ExCo/09/04, ExCo/09/05), the Executive Committee deliberated on key areas for attention by APFIC during the biennium 2011-2012. The Executive Committee took into account those areas which had already been covered in previous biennial work programmes and the need to balance the sectoral coverage of APFIC.

33. The Executive Committee identified two biennial themes (biennium 2011-2012) to be recommended to the Commission at its Thirty-first Session and which will form the basis of the next series of Regional Consultative workshops and which will be covered during the Fourth APFIC Regional Consultative Forum in 2012. These were:

- (i) **Theme 1:** The implications of climate change in capture fisheries and aquaculture in the Asia-Pacific region. Sub-themes include:
 - The likely effects of climate change on fisheries and aquaculture resources and production.

- The implications of climate change for the vulnerabilities of fisheries and farmers.
 - Potential strategies and opportunities for adaptation and mitigation.
- (ii) **Theme 2:** Capacity building in catch certification and documentation, traceability and resource assessment in capture fisheries and aquaculture. Sub-themes are:
- The use of catch documentation for traceability and combating IUU fishing.
 - Improve understanding of regional status and trends, improved resource assessments.
 - Improve traceability of aquaculture products.
 - Exchange of information on emerging regional and international policy issues.
 - Network of practice for popularization of EAF/EAA approaches at the grassroots level.

34. The Executive Committee further noted that there are a number of other key areas on which APFIC should seek to promote cooperative action. These were the areas of:

- opportunities/challenges for mariculture development;
- potential for inland fisheries enhancements; and
- promotion of aquaculture in remote and highland areas.

IMPROVING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF APFIC'S ROLE IN THE REGION

35. The Executive Committee was informed of several areas relating to the effectiveness of APFIC based on working paper APFIC:ExCo/07/07.

Inactive membership

36. The Secretariat reported on progress of addressing the matter of inactive membership. So far, only one out of three members contacted has responded. This member responded positively to continuing its membership and indicated it would participate in activities when the opportunity arose. The Secretariat commented that the issue of inactive membership is not currently constraining APFIC's decision-making functions and that it would follow up the other two inactive members.

Implications of the FAO reform

37. The Secretariat informed the Executive Committee of the ongoing reform process of FAO and some of its implications for the work of the Commission. FAO Immediate Plan of Action (IPA) outlines immediate activities that need to be taken by the organization. The implication for APFIC is that the budget allocation will transfer from headquarters (HQ) to the regional office and the allocation of funds to APFIC will have to be justified every year. Hence, strong member support is required and the value of APFIC has to be highlighted by the members. Moreover, stronger commitment by the members is required, possibly by developing more binding agreements or resolutions to reinforce further the value of the Commission.

Improving the visibility of APFIC at COFI and in international fora

38. The Executive Committee strongly felt that overall there is a need to have a common voice of the region at global meetings on issues of common interest that could advocate the excellent work in the region on fisheries and aquaculture. In this regard it affirmed that APFIC's decisions could be more effectively communicated during the Committee on Fisheries (COFI) Sessions. The APFIC Executive Committee recommended that APFIC member countries could refer to APFIC's work and decisions during their interventions at the COFI Sessions, thereby reiterating the regional perspective on matters under consideration.

Review of APFIC

39. The Secretariat requested the Executive Committee to provide guidance regarding the need for a review of performance of APFIC. The Committee agreed that a review could be undertaken as a response to the original plan under the reform of APFIC initiated in 2003 and in line with the FAO Immediate Plan of Action (IPA) recommendation on the matter of evaluation of treaties under Article XIV of the FAO Constitution. The Committee requested the Secretariat to prepare terms of reference for the review to be considered at the Thirty-first Session of APFIC and recommended that the review take place in 2011.

Improving reporting of progress on the implementation of the CCRF

40. The Executive Committee considered the matter of improved reporting of the implementation of the CCRF by APFIC member countries. In doing so, it noted the limitations of the questionnaire approach already used; the tendency for this to restrict APFIC members' reports and the consequent impression that progress was not being made.

41. The Committee agreed that there was much being done that could be reported using an ecosystem approach type framework as outlined in the information paper (ExCo/09/inf. 6). The Committee also recommended that APFIC Secretariat take a more interactive role with member countries with respect to coordinating reporting using a framework such as this. It noted that such a report would still need to be based on a country endorsement. The Committee recommended that a preliminary version of the report be made by members prior to the Thirty-first session of APFIC.

Secretariat reporting to UNDOALOS/UNGA and the RFB questionnaire

42. The Executive Committee noted that APFIC does not have specific management functions and thus responses to questionnaires from the UN Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (UNDOALOS) relating to United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) resolutions are typically lacking in detail. The Executive Committee considered that it was important to increase the impact of APFIC decisions and move towards the development of specific resolutions and that this should be an objective of the Commission in developing its areas of work and inter-sessional activities.

Involving members during the inter-sessional period

43. The Executive Committee discussed how its members could be more involved in the work of the Commission and interact with the Secretariat during the inter-sessional period. It was suggested that the Secretariat assist in communicating issues between members on an *ad hoc* basis as well as consider a short newsletter to bring emerging issues (identified by individual member countries as outcomes of other fishery bodies, international commissions, decision-making bodies or bilateral discussions) to the attention of the member countries. The Secretariat indicated its willingness to pilot this and noted that in order to make this successful, it would require national focal points and also the commitment of member countries to provide items of interest to communicate within the network.

APFIC BUDGET

44. The Executive Committee discussed this agenda item referring to documents APFIC:ExCo/07/08. The Secretary informed the Executive Committee of the current financial status of the Commission and its likely resourcing over the coming biennium. He noted that the Commission was already able to leverage considerable in-kind resources from the APFIC member countries as well as find co-financing and funding of activities from FAO's extra-budgetary programmes and other donor or partner initiatives, but that FAO cash and in-kind contributions remain the most significant source of funding to the Commission. He advised the Committee that future funding scenarios for the work of the Commission were uncertain, and this could affect the activities of the Commission.

45. The operational budget for APFIC (combining both cash and in-kind contribution) for previous biennia 2004-2005 and 2006-2007 was respectively US\$257 000 and US\$307 000 and in the current biennium (2008-2009) has reached US\$482 000. Although this budget shows increasing resourcing, it is principally because of increased co-financing of activities by member countries, projects or other partners, which recognize the relevance of the Commission's workshops to their own programmes.

46. The Executive Committee noted that different opportunities exist for improving the ability of APFIC to lever finances to support its activities but most importantly APFIC should continue to try to reduce costs and increase income. The Committee advised that to reduce costs one possibility could be to reduce further the duration of workshops. The Secretariat informed the Committee that a number of regional workshops have already been cut from five to three days and that study tour field trips were no longer included in workshop programmes. One strategy to reduce costs, but maintain a good participation rate in workshops was to allow two delegates to attend for the price of one. It was also suggested that financial support for participation might only cover 50 percent of the costs if the country sends only one participant, with the remaining costs covered by the member country.

47. The Executive Committee advised that APFIC Secretariat to request member governments formally to consider *ad hoc* contributions for the new themes or specific workshops. Additional in-kind support from member countries in organizing workshops and meetings is important. Member countries could also champion certain issues and request donor involvement, which might also be beneficial for the other members. The Committee emphasized the need to demonstrate the importance and impact of APFIC activities, since this also relates to the priority for financial support and justification for participation.

48. The Executive Committee noted that information about meetings should be communicated well in advance so that the member countries could ensure that the required budget was requested in advance and to improve forward planning.

APFIC ONGOING WORKPLAN AND PREPARATIONS FOR THE THIRD REGIONAL CONSULTATIVE FORUM MEETING AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE THIRTY-FIRST SESSION OF APFIC

49. The Executive Committee was advised on the preparations for the Third APFIC Regional Consultative Forum Meeting (RCFM) and arrangements for the Thirty-first Session of the Commission in 2010 as outlined in document APFIC:ExCo/09/09. The Chair country, Republic of Korea, informed the Committee that the venue under consideration was Jeju island, Republic of Korea and that the Third RCFM and the Thirty-first Session were tentatively scheduled for 1–4 and 6–8 September 2010, respectively.

50. The Executive Committee endorsed the proposed working title of the Third APFIC RCF Meeting as: *Balancing the needs of people and ecosystems in fisheries and aquaculture management in the Asia-Pacific region*.

51. The Executive Committee discussed the proposed agenda for the Third RCFM and recommended additions and changes to the programme. The modified agenda appears as Appendix E.

52. The Executive Committee welcomed the offer by the Chair to invite the European Union to make a presentation on the issue of the EU regulations on catch documentation at the RCFM. The Committee also requested the Chair to make a special effort to encourage/invite inactive member countries to participate in the Thirty-first Session and Third RCFM.

53. The Executive Committee considered the arrangements of the Thirty-first Session of APFIC as proposed by the Secretariat and suggested the addition of an agenda item covering the reporting of implementation of the CCRF. The endorsed schedule of the Session appears as Appendix F. The Thirty-first Session of APFIC will be held back-to-back with the RCFM at the same venue.

OTHER MATTERS

54. The Executive Committee commended the Government of the Republic of Korea for the excellent hosting arrangements and expressed their thanks for the warm welcome extended to the Seventy-second Executive Committee. The Government of the Republic of Korea expressed its gratefulness for having the honour of hosting this important meeting and was looking forward to the coming programme of work of the Commission and working closely with APFIC member countries in the future.

DATE AND PLACE OF THE SEVENTY-THIRD SESSION OF THE APFIC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

55. It was agreed that the Seventy-third session of the Executive Committee would be convened in Viet Nam during September 2011. The Secretariat was requested to consult further with the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson regarding the finalized dates and location.

56. The Vice-Chairperson welcomed the next Session of the Executive Committee and looked forward to working with the Republic of Korea during its term as Chair.

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

57. The report of the Seventy-second Session of the Executive Committee was adopted by the Committee on 25 September 2009.

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APPENDIX B

AGENDA SEVENTY-SECOND APFIC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

WEDNESDAY, 23 SEPTEMBER 2009		
09.00 – 09.30	Opening of the Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Opening statement by the outgoing APFIC Chairman ● Welcome Address by the APFIC Chair ● Welcome comments from the APFIC Vice Chair ● Introduction to the 72nd Executive Committee by the Secretary of APFIC 	
09.30 – 10.00	Adoption of the Agenda and meeting arrangements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Adoption of Agenda ● Self-Introduction of Participants ● Meeting arrangements 	ExCo/09/01
10.00 – 10.30	Inter-sessional Activities of APFIC (for information) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Group photo 	ExCo/09/02 ExCo/09/02 Add 01
10.30 – 11.00	Coffee/Tea break	
11.00 – 12.00	APFIC themes 2009-2010 (for discussion) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Practical application of the EAF (including workshop outcomes) ● Fisheries livelihoods (including workshop arrangements) 	ExCo/09/03
12.00 – 13.30	LUNCH BREAK	
13.30 – 15.00	Recommendations of the APFIC 30 th Session and RCFM#2 (discussion and recommendation)	ExCo/09/04
15.00 – 15.30	Coffee/Tea break	
15.30 – 17.00	International fishery developments and outcomes of COFI (for information and recommendation)	ExCo/09/05
19.00	Dinner	
THURSDAY, 24 SEPTEMBER 2009		
09.00 – 10.00	Review of key areas for attention by APFIC and partners (for discussion and decision) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● New focus for forthcoming biennial workplan 	ExCo/09/06
10.00 – 10.30	Improving the effectiveness of APFIC's role in the region (for decision)	ExCo/09/07
10.30 – 11.00	Coffee/Tea break	
11.00 – 12.00	Improving the effectiveness of APFIC's role in the region (cont.)	
12.00 – 13.30	LUNCH BREAK	

13.30 – 14.00	APFIC Budget (for decision)	ExCo/09/08
14.00 – 15.00	APFIC ongoing workplan and preparations for the 3 rd RCFM and APFIC 31 st Session	ExCo/09/09
15.00 – 15.30	Coffee/Tea break	
15.30 – 16.00	Any other matters	
16.00 – 17.00	Date and Place of the Seventy-third Session of the APFIC Executive Committee	
19.00	Dinner to be hosted by FAO	
FRIDAY, 25 SEPTEMBER 2009		
10.30 – 11.30	Adoption of the Report	
	LUNCH BREAK	
14.00	Departure of participants	

LIST OF DOCUMENTS

Working Documents

APFIC:ExCo/09/01	Provisional Agenda
APFIC:ExCo/09/02	Inter-sessional activities of APFIC
APFIC:ExCo/09/02 Add 01	Detailed Inter-session activities
APFIC:ExCo/09/03	APFIC regional consultative workshops
APFIC:ExCo/09/04	Outcomes of the 2 nd APFIC RCFM and recommendations of the 30 th Session
APFIC:ExCo/09/05	International issues of significance
APFIC:ExCo/09/06	Review of key areas for attention by APFIC and partners
APFIC:ExCo/09/07	Improving the effectiveness of APFIC's role in the region
APFIC:ExCo/09/08	APFIC budget and finance
APFIC:ExCo/09/09	Preparations for the regional consultative forum meeting (RCFM) and arrangements for the Thirty-first Session of APFIC

Information Documents

APFIC:ExCo/09/Inf.1	Provisional List of Documents
APFIC:ExCo/09/Inf.2	Provisional List of Participants
APFIC:ExCo/09/Inf.3	Report of the Seventy-First Session of the APFIC Executive Committee, Jakarta, Indonesia, 20–22 August 2007
APFIC:ExCo/09/Inf.4	Report of the Thirtieth Session of APFIC, Manado, Indonesia, 11–13 August 2008
APFIC:ExCo/09/Inf.5	Adopted action plan and recommendations from APFIC ecosystem workshop, May, 2009
APFIC:ExCo/09/Inf.6	Using the ecosystem approach to fisheries (EAF) as a reporting framework for implementation of the FAO Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries

WORKING PAPER EXCO/09/05 – INTERNATIONAL ISSUES OF SIGNIFICANCE

ASIA-PACIFIC FISHERY COMMISSION

Executive Committee

Seventy-Second Session

Seoul, Republic of Korea, 23–25 September 2009

INTERNATIONAL ISSUES OF SIGNIFICANCE

Progress in the implementation of the Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries (CCRF) and related International Plans of Action (IPOAs)

1. Member countries reported on their respective efforts to implement the CCRF and related instruments, with the review of the legislation to incorporate the Code's principles and developed policies, strategies and plans consistent with the Code. It was proposed to the Secretariat to develop a roster of experts that could support the implementation within the countries. More intensive work is required to address and implement the four IPOAs. The importance of sub-regional and regional cooperation in fisheries was also emphasized.

2. COFI expressed support for the proposal to consider the development of electronic options for reporting on the implementation of the CCRF as for information and knowledge sharing. APFIC has prepared an information paper on a possible system for more effective reporting of the CCRF by APFIC members for consideration under Agenda item 7.

Certification and ecolabelling

3. The Technical Guideline for Aquaculture Certification was developed by FAO in collaboration with other intergovernmental organizations through a series consultations supported by the member governments. This was presented at 4th session of COFI Sub-Committee for Aquaculture held in Puerto Varas, Chile 6–10 October 2008. However, the Technical Guideline was not endorsed during the session due to opposition from some member governments. Therefore, the Sub-Committee recommended to convene another Technical Consultation to finalize the TG subject to approval of the 28th COFI Session. The later approved to convene another technical consultation to finalize the Technical Guideline.

Aquaculture development

4. Recently, a number of international fora (e.g. the 4th Session of COFI-AQ, APFIC 30th Session and NACA TAC/GCM) have identified some new areas for aquaculture development, which include (i) improvement of aquaculture food quality and safety through implementing appropriate certification system and good aquaculture management practices; (ii) promoting holistic approach integrating aquaculture into overall rural development and resources management through practicing ecosystem approach to aquaculture; (iii) enhancing biosecurity and protection of aquatic biodiversity through development and implementation of good mechanisms for responsible exchange, sharing and movement of aquatic genetic resources and stock enhancement activities; (iv) increasing adaptability of small-scale aquafarmers to climate change, and (v) development of aquaculture in mountainous and remote areas to increase the resilience of rural livelihood.

Management of deep-sea fisheries in the high seas

5. COFI noted the need for improving fisheries information and databases to assure a better planning, management and monitoring. The challenges of social and economic potential of selected offshore resources with the use of responsible fishing technology and practices as well as the fish handling and post harvest capacity, assuring safety at sea were noted. The exploitation of offshore resources (especially highly migratory species), highlights the need to improve sustainable fisheries management and regional cooperation particularly with respect combating IUU fishing, overfishing and overcapitalization. COFI noted the lack of information regarding societal benefits and returns for the activity.

Combating IUU fishing

6. The value of cooperative efforts in addressing IUU fishing has been noted by both COFI and the RFMOs, welcoming initiatives agreed on a bilateral and multilateral basis and measures targeting IUU fishing adopted by RFMO/As based in the sharing of information. The notification of IUU fishing to flag states needs to be improved with the use of harmonized penalties and measures. FAO is now initiating expert and technical consultations on flag state performance during 2009. The timeline for implementation of the IPOA-Capacity, 2005, as called for in the WSSD-POI and the Review Conference, has passed with little action. Since over-capacity constitutes an ongoing and difficult issue, this should be kept on the agenda of all RFB's.

Port State measures

7. The second resumed session of the technical consultation on Port State Measures was able to further the process of developing a binding agreement. The Chairpersons draft agreement has been issued on 18 May 2009, containing the text agreed to this date. There currently remains the unresolved issue of the depositary of the agreement and whether the agreement should be concluded inside or outside the FAO framework.

Global record of fishing vessels

8. The High Seas Task Force and an FAO feasibility study and Expert Consultation on a Global Record (GR) of fishing vessels recognize advantages and potentially positive impacts of a Global Record (GR) of fishing vessels. This would facilitate action on issues such as IUU fishing, vessel safety, traceability of seafood products, and policy formation. There is currently no consensus on the structure of the Global Record and how it should be managed.

Catch documentation and traceability

9. The introduction of the EU catch documentation scheme has highlighted the general trend towards greater accountability in the sourcing of fishery products. These regulations whilst an additional burden to producers, are generally applicable to international traded products and there are some provisions regarding their application to small-scale fisheries. Different schemes currently operate and there is a capacity building need within the APFIC region on how to apply and possibly harmonize schemes.

Small-scale fisheries

10. There is a strong requirement and commitment needed from stakeholders for the establishment of institutional measures to support Small-Scale Fisheries. More attention must be placed on the potential of SSF in the contribution to poverty reduction and improved livelihoods both in coastal and inland waters. The concern in the vulnerability and livelihood challenges of this group is a concern to all, and should be focused enhancing contribution of SSF to sustainable development, through

actions aiming the strengthening of community fisheries organizations. COFI considers this a high priority for FAO's future work.

Climate change and fisheries and aquaculture

11. FAO convened a symposium in July 2008 regarding climate change impacts on fisheries and aquaculture and COFI has expressed concern on the issue. The World Ocean Congress convened in Manado, May 2009, highlighted the importance of the marine environment and the threats of climate change. There was less emphasis on the impact of fisheries although this has been emphasized by FAO, UNEP and IUCN. FAO/UNEP issued a joint communiqué for consideration by the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) in Bonn, June 2009, drawing attention of the threats of climate change on fisheries, including ecosystem biodiversity and species changes, ocean acidification and impacts on coastal communities.

12. Climate change should be also taken into consideration in planning and development of aquaculture in the region. Climate change impacts on the aquaculture industry would include changing patterns of aquatic animal diseases and impacts on operation of different aquaculture systems particularly brackish and estuary fish farming systems. Some aquaculture systems may contribute to carbon emission (e.g. highly intensive and fed systems), whereas others may contribute to carbon sequestration, such as mollusk culture, seaweed cultivation and extensive systems which depend on natural food.

Fishery subsidies

13. New disciplines governing the use of subsidies in the fisheries sector are being negotiated in the World Trade Organization (WTO). This follows the WTO Ministerial Declaration "to clarify and improve WTO disciplines on fisheries subsidies, taking into account the importance of this sector to developing countries" issued in November 2001. In November 2007, the Chair of the group negotiating fisheries subsidies, tabled a Chair's draft text proposing a broad ban on subsidies that contribute to overfishing and overcapacity. It also proposes general exceptions to the prohibitions for all WTO members and special and differential treatment for developing countries. However, these are conditional on WTO members having in place a fishery management system designed to prevent overfishing. The Chair's draft text proposes that WTO members who wish to grant a subsidy that would fall under the general exception or S&DT provisions will be required to notify FAO of their management system and undergo a peer review process conducted by this Organization prior to the granting of the subsidy. FAO's intended role and the nature of peer review is still under discussion. Following the accession of China and Viet Nam to the WTO in 2001 and 2007, respectively, all major fish producing, importing and exporting countries are members of the organization, with the exception of the Russian Federation.

Safety at sea

14. Safety at sea remains a significant issue for the APFIC member countries, particularly in the small-scale fisheries of the region. FAO convened an Expert Consultation on Best Practices for Safety at Sea in the Fisheries Sector held in Rome, Italy from 10 to 13 November 2008. COFI recommended support for the development of guidelines on best practices for safety at sea and some member countries also supported the development of an IPOA on safety in the fisheries sector. Cooperation with International Maritime Organization (IMO) and the International Labour Organization (ILO) to deal with safety at sea, work on fishing vessels and health standards is seen as an important features of addressing safety at sea.

Assessment of fisheries in data poor situations

15. The 28th COFI Session underlined the usefulness of developing guidelines for the assessment of fisheries in data-poor situations. This has been reiterated in other regional organizations alongside the need for improved assessment for fisheries resources for the purpose of policy development and management.

16. The Marine Stewardship Council has developed a method of assessment for fisheries resources using risk based approaches for data poor situations. These assessments also included risk assessment associated with management and indicated where management efforts could be strengthened or prioritized. This allows a more focused allocation of resources to those fisheries where benefits could be captured. This type of scoping activity would be a valuable tool for APFIC members wishing to take concrete action in specific fisheries and would enable identification of key areas or fisheries issues to be addressed.

Regional plan of action (RPOA) to promote responsible fishing practices (including combating IUU fishing) in the region

17. The current status of this initiative is that there are a number of capacity building workshops being organized. These activities include the Port State Measures training workshop (Malaysia), the Gulf of Thailand Consultation (SEAFDEC) and an MCS training workshop (Indonesia).

Performance of RFMO's, fishery bodies and arrangements

18. COFI & RSN2 urged RFB's (principally the management RFMO/A's) to undertake performance reviews. Those that had already undertaken such reviews were encouraged to implement the recommendations, if they had not done so in order to strengthen regional governance, modernize mandates and adopt improved approaches to management. It has been noted that there is a lack of implementation of agreed RFMO/A management measures by the contracting parties and this failure to implement these measures erodes the effectiveness and credibility of these organizations.

ASEAN Fisheries Consultative Forum (AFCF)

19. The ASEAN Sectoral Working Group Fisheries (ASWGF_i) has initiated the ASEAN Fisheries Consultative Forum (AFCF) as part of an effort to improve dialogue and cooperation in fisheries management. This is still in the early stage but show potential as a mechanism to improve harmonization and agreement on common measures for national implementation.

CITES (Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna & Flora)

20. Additions to the listing under Appendix II have now included the European eel (*Anguilla anguilla*). These can no longer be moved beyond their natural range. Appendix II now includes the giant clams (all species Tridacnidae), seahorses (all species of Hippocampus), all species of sturgeon (Acipenseriformes, except two species listed under Appendix I), the whale shark (*Rhincodon typus*), Humphead wrasse (*Cheilinus undulates*), Australian lungfish (*Neoceratodus forsteri*), Freshwater sawfish (*Pristis microdon*), and Great white shark (*Carcharodon carcharias*).

21. Appendix I listing include the Giant Mekong Catfish (*Pangasianodon gigas*), the Julliens Golden Carp (*Probarbus jullieni*), and the Arowana (*Scleropages formosus*), all sawfishes (Pristidae spp, except (*Pristis microdon*).

22. Appendix III listing now includes several corals from China (*Corallium elatius*, *Corallium japonicum*, *Corallium konjoi* and *Corallium secundum*).

23. The *sea cucumbers* are currently under consideration for possible listing, following the listing of an Ecuadorian species. Various species are widely cultured in China and there are different status of the species. FAO has produced a global review on the status of the fisheries and trade and have almost finalized some technical guidelines on the management of sea cucumber. There are recent submissions of information regarding the status of various *species of shark* that may have future implications for listing requests. This is perhaps an important consideration for APFIC members which have yet to initiate shark management plans or develop their NPOA on shark management. Malaysia has already finalized their shark management plan and this experience could be shared more widely.

Convention on migratory species (CMS)

24. In the Report of the Second Meeting on International Cooperation on Migratory Sharks under the Convention on Migratory Species held in FAO HQ, Rome from 6 to 8 December 2008, highlighted the meeting agreement by consensus the modality of the document to be adopted i.e. a nonbinding Memorandum of Understanding on the Conservation of Migratory Sharks. FAO intends to be more engaged with CMS discussions in fisheries in the future.

Suggested actions by the Executive Committee

25. The Executive Committee may wish to comment on how APFIC might assist members effectively in addressing these matters of international significance, or how APFIC could contribute regional perspectives to these processes.

PROVISIONAL AGENDA OF THE THIRD RCF MEETING

“Balancing the needs of people and ecosystems in fisheries and aquaculture management in the Asia-Pacific”
(Jeju) Republic of Korea, 1–4 September 2010

Day 1	1 September 2010
08.00 – 09.00	Registration
09.00 – 10.15	Opening Ceremony <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Welcome remarks by the APFIC Chairman and Ministry for Food, Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MIFAFF), Republic of Korea ● Address by the Assistant Director-General, FAO Fisheries Department (or his Representative) ● Opening speech by the Minister, Ministry for Food, Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MIFAFF)
Theme 1	Regional overview
10.15 – 10.45	Keynote address: “Balancing the needs of people and ecosystems in fisheries and aquaculture management in the Asia-Pacific” <i>Ichiro Nomura, FAO Department of Fisheries</i>
10.45 – 11.15	Morning tea/coffee
11.15 – 11.30	Forum arrangements <i>Presentation by the APFIC Secretary</i>
11.30 – 12.00	Status and potential of fisheries and aquaculture in Asia and the Pacific <i>FAO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific</i> <i>Covers resource assessments (from workshop), offshore resources workshop, status and trends in fisheries and aquaculture of the region.</i>
Theme 2	Using the ecosystem approach to management in fisheries and aquaculture
12.00 – 12.30	“Recommendations and action for using the ecosystem approach in fisheries and aquaculture management in the APFIC region” APFIC Regional consultative workshop on the ecosystem approach in fisheries and aquaculture: <i>Paper/presentation prepared by FAO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific Presented by workshop-hosting member country representative</i>
12.30 – 14.00	Lunch
14.00 – 15.30	Regional initiatives promoting ecosystem management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Bay of Bengal Large Marine Ecosystem <i>Prepared by FAO, presented by an APFIC member</i> ● PEMSEA ICM <i>The ICM approaches of PEMSEA and how they link to fisheries and aquaculture (Manila Bay case)</i> ● COBSEA <i>Using EA from an environmental perspective – how FAO & UNEP can work more closely</i>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● New information on resources from revisiting fisheries assessments and surveys – South China Sea and Bay of Bengal <i>Based on the outcomes of the assessment workshop (does this duplicate the status and potential? Perhaps focus on the PSA approach and ref to simplified models.</i>
15.30 – 16.00	Afternoon tea/coffee
16.00 – 16.30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● MRC/Wetlands Alliance – Freshwater systems. <i>Get them to cooperate to present something</i> ● Aquaculture models/Country experience with Ecosystem Approach to Aquaculture <i>Country case stud(ies) – Miao Weimin</i>
16.30 – 17.00	<p>Country experiences with implementing the main parts of EAF covering:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Human well being ● Environmental well being ● Governance ● How it is being pulled together <p><i>Brief (10 minutes) presentations from APFIC Members 140 minutes</i></p>
17.00 – 17.30	General discussion
Day 2	2 September 2010
09.00 – 10.00	<p>Country experiences with implementing the main parts of EAF (cont.) <i>Brief (10 minutes) presentations from APFIC Members 140 minutes</i></p>
Theme 2	Improving livelihoods and increasing resilience in fishing and aquaculture communities
10.00 – 10.30	<p>Regional review <i>Overview of livelihoods issues in fisheries (Gayathri Sriskanthan)</i></p>
10.30 – 11.00	Morning tea/coffee
11.00 – 11.30	<p>Regional review <i>Overview of aquaculture livelihoods (Pedro Bueno/Miao Weimin?)</i></p>
11.30 – 12.00	<p>Strategies and recommendations for improving livelihoods in fisheries and aquaculture in APFIC member countries (workshop outcome) <i>FAO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, Presented by hosting member country (Philippines?)</i></p>
12.00-12.30	<p>Country experiences with supporting livelihoods in fisheries or aquaculture <i>Brief presentations from APFIC Members</i></p>
12.30 – 14.00	Lunch
14.00 – 15.30	<p>Country experiences with livelihoods (cont.) <i>Brief presentations from APFIC Members</i></p> <p>General discussion</p>
15.30 – 16.00	Afternoon tea/coffee

Theme 3	Regional Policy section, CCRF and emerging issues
16.00 – 17.00	<p>Updates on regionalizing: Port state measures, vessel registry project, VMS, MCS network etc., EU Catch documentation. – <i>FAO staff member</i></p> <p>The RPOA progress <i>Paper/presentation prepared by Indonesia/Australia</i> <i>Presented by Lead member country representative (Indonesia)</i></p> <p>ASEAN Fisheries Consultative Forum <i>SEAFDEC/ASEAN</i></p>
18.00 – 19.30	<p>Poster Session – country posters or exhibits on key issues that are being addressed by the Members <i>In conjunction with light buffet reception</i></p>
Day 3	3 September 2010
09.00 – 10.30	<p>Implementing the EU regulation for catch documentation <i>Representative of the EU</i></p> <p>Fisheries assessments in the APFIC region and the offshore resources workshop Discussion</p>
10.30 – 11.00	Morning tea/coffee
Theme 4	Emerging issues
10.45 – 11.15	<p>Theme 1 – The implications of climate change in capture fisheries and aquaculture in the Asia-Pacific <i>Eddie Allison, Worldfish Centre</i></p> <p>Potential for carbon sequestration and bioenergy from seaweed production <i>Republic of Korea</i></p>
11.15 – 11.45	Theme 2 – Capacity building in catch certification and documentation, traceability and resource assessment in capture fisheries and aquaculture
11.45 – 12.30	Discussion
12.30 – 14.30	Lunch
Final Session	Summary and recommendations for reporting to APFIC
14.30 – 15.30	<p>Plenary Discussion Summary and recommendations for APFIC</p>

APPENDIX F

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF THE THIRTY-FIRST SESSION OF APFIC

(Jeju) Republic of Korea, 6–8 September 2010

Day 1	6 September 2010
09.00 – 09.30	Opening Ceremony <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Welcome remarks by the Chairman and [title], Ministry for Food, Agriculture Forestry and Fisheries (MIFAFF), Republic of Korea ● Welcome remarks by the Secretary of APFIC ● Opening speech by the Minister, Ministry for Food, Agriculture Forestry and Fisheries (MIFAFF)
09.30 – 10.00	Inter-sessional activities of APFIC
10.00 – 10.30	Status and potential of fisheries and aquaculture in Asia and the Pacific
11.00 – 11.30	Summary overview report of the outcomes of the 3rd APFIC RCFM
11.30 – 12.30	Country feedback on previous APFIC recommendations action plans – and monitoring progress <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Working paper on review of previous APFIC recommendations ● Country responses ● Partner's/donor comments
13.30 – 14.30	Ecosystem approaches to management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Working paper plus relevant recommendations from RCFM ● Country responses ● Partner's/donor comments
14.30 – 15.30	Synthesis of Country reports on CCRF using the EAF framework <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Working paper ● Country responses on use of the reporting framework
16.00 – 17.00	Regional initiatives promoting resilient livelihoods <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Working paper plus relevant recommendations from RCFM ● Regional arrangements and initiatives ● Country responses ● Partner's/donor comments
Day 2	7 September 2010
09.00 – 10.30	Emerging issues in fisheries and aquaculture <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Working paper on emerging and ongoing issues on fisheries and aquaculture ● Member country responses
11.30 – 12.30	Major issues for APFIC focus of work in subsequent biennium <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Working paper on two new themes for APFIC
14.00 – 17.00	Other matters Election of Officers Date and place of 32nd Session
Day 3	8 September 2010
08.00 – 12.00	Preparation of Draft Report
14.00 – 16.00	Adoption of report
16.00 – 16.30	Closing of the session

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