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ABSTRACT

This document contains the proceedings of a Workshop on fisheries Monitoring, Control and Surveillance held at Muscat, Oman from 24 to 28 October 1999. The proceedings include reports on the discussions of four Working Groups. Suggestions and recommendations made by those working groups are presented separately on pages 44 and 45. The next section contains statements made by representatives of most of the participating countries: Oman, India, Pakistan, Iran, Bahrain, UAE, Yemen, Eritrea and Sudan. The third section contains 11 Technical Papers dealing with fisheries resources, environmental issues and MCS in the Arabian Sea and adjacent Gulfs, technical aspects of MCS and observer programmes, as well as an overview of MCS in SE Asia and legal issues related to MCS.

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LIST OF COMMON ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THE REPORT

Other abbreviations used locally are explained at time of first use in the text.

EEZ	Exclusive Economic Zone
GMDSS	Global Maritime Distress Safety-at-Sea System
GPS	Global Positioning System
GRT	Gross Registered Tonnage
LOA	length overall
MCS	Monitoring, Control and Surveillance
MSY	Maximum Sustainable Yield
NGO	Non-Governmental Organization
TAC	Total Allowable Catch
UNCLOS	United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea
UNIA	UN Implementation Agreement
VHF	Very High Frequency
VMS	Vessel Monitoring System

Please note that, unless otherwise specified, all units are metric.

- 1 n.mi. (nautical mile) = 1 852 m
- 1 hp (horsepower) \approx 0.75 kW approx.
- 1 t (tonne or metric ton) = 1 000 kg

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