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For the past couple of years statistical work of the OECD Fisheries Committee, supported by the Fisheries Division, has concentrated on two main lines i.e. the continuation and improvements to the statistical series collected as part of the *Review of Fisheries*, and a specialised data base on government financial transfers.

Work on the *Review of Fisheries* continued to ensure the statistical coverage of all OECD countries on landings (landings abroad and in domestic ports including value of landings), trade, fleet and fishermen (employment), aquaculture and quota/TAC allocations, government financial transfers. The latest publication issued in early 2004 contains a data series for the years 2000 to 2002; a planned update, covering the years 2001 to 2003 is scheduled for release early in 2005. Data cover most OECD countries with fisheries interests and one observer country i.e. Argentina.

Over the past year, a major effort has been invested into ensuring that a database was built that could make analytical work easier. The database, built in an ACCESS framework, is still being tested.

During 2003 and 2004 the decision was also taken to move the available data to a public on-line web site with easy access via www.oecd.org/agr/fish. In the future, data will automatically be moved to that on line data facility once the published material has been made available.

The OECD's analytical work on the economics of fisheries asks for a number of specialised data sets to be created in support of such work. In particular, this has been the case for the work on government financial transfers where the main focus over the past years has been to analyse the transfers for their possible impacts with a sustainable development paradigm. To this end the OECD Secretariat has collected and organised a wide range of transfer information from member countries and in support of this built a specific database on government financial transfers.

As the analytical work on government financial transfers is moving towards ending in 2005, work on the database is presently being consolidated and refined with a view to provide maximum analytical value. Once final (towards end 2005) it may be expected that this database also be moved to the publicly accessible website.

The *Multilingual Dictionary for Fish and Fish Products* is presently undergoing a slight revision as Korean will be included; the Dictionary will then comprise twenty languages. Work on updating the Dictionary is likely to be finished during the first half of 2005. At that time it will be decided if the Dictionary will be made available on-line.