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Main decisions and recommendations of the 30th Session of EIFAAC

Executive Summary

This document provides a summary of the main decisions and recommendations taken by the 30th Session of EIFAAC in Dresden, Germany in September 2019.

The report of the 30th session is made available as [EIFAAC/2022/inf.2](https://www.fao.org/fishery/en/meetings/41338)

Main Decisions

1. The 30th session of EIFAAC was attended by 15 Members and 6 Observers. The session was hosted by the Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture and the Free State of Saxony and held in Dresden, Germany, from 11 to 13 September 2019.
2. The Session presented and discussed the results achieved by EIFAAC, by its Management Committee (MC) as well as its Technical and Scientific Committee (TSC) since the 29th Session of EIFAAC and reviewed the recommendations from the EIFAAC International Symposium on “Food Safety and Conservation in Inland Fisheries and Aquaculture”, held in Dresden, Germany, from 9 to 11 September 2019.
3. At the Session, new items such as Member & Observer presentations on their inland fisheries and freshwater aquaculture sector and an open discussion on the role of EIFAAC were successfully introduced to stimulate discussion and interaction.
4. The Session reviewed and adopted the EIFAAC Strategic Plan 2020-2024, including an EIFAAC Communication Strategy and Plan, and the EIFAAC Workplan 2020-2021.

5. The Government of Ireland offered to host the Thirty-first session.

Main Recommendations

6. Many of the recommendations made at the 30th session related to the role of EIFAAC, the role of EIFAAC operational focal points, the communication among Members and with others, the internal process of election of members for the TSC and MC, and the identification, formulation and implementation of EIFAAC projects.
7. Other recommendations were of a general operational nature to improve the functioning of EIFAAC, or were embedded in the Strategic Plan 2020-2024 and Workplan 2020-2021. As such, these recommendations should not be considered as scientific advice that addresses policy or decision making objectives of the EIFAAC Members.
8. The 30th session however identified priority scientific research and advice subjects for the period 2020-2024, which were categorized as follows:

1	<p>Management-related issues and principles for inland fisheries and aquaculture</p> <p>These issues are described as “management-related” with suggestions focused on advancing management principles such as sustainability and biodiversity and ecosystem management, and included providing assessments and management advice in relation to inland fisheries and aquaculture including their interactions.</p>
2	<p>Protection and restoration of the fresh water aquatic environment and species</p> <p>Habitat protection and restoration to support self-sustaining aquatic communities.</p>
3	<p>Social and economic aspects of inland fisheries and aquaculture</p> <p>Determination of economic, cultural and social values of inland fisheries and aquaculture.</p>
4	<p>Adaptation of inland fisheries and aquaculture to climate change</p> <p>Assessing, preparing and adapting to the impact of climate change on inland fisheries and aquaculture.</p>