



Subject: Request for designation or confirmation of Operational Focal Points for the European Inland Fisheries and Aquaculture Advisory Commission (EIFAAC)

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Dear Distinguished Members of EIFAAC,

It is my pleasure to invite all EIFAAC Members to designate new or confirm current Operational Focal Points.

The EIFAAC Rules of Procedure, adopted in 2011, require that each EIFAAC Member appoints an Operational Focal Point (Rule II – Officers and Operational Focal Points).

The functions and duties of the Operational Focal Points are the following:

- a) facilitate the representation of his/her country at each Session by a National Delegation and regular participation in such Sessions;
- b) develop and maintain a national network of fisheries and aquaculture institutions, scientists and practitioners to facilitate communication and the flow of information to and from EIFAAC and in this regard make full use of electronic means, including developing a national website as appropriate that provides information links and resources on EIFAAC and on inland fisheries and aquaculture matters of interest to their country and may be used for information exchange;
- c) promote national and international collaboration among fisheries and aquaculture scientists, managers and administrators by providing the necessary contacts, either directly or with the help of the EIFAAC Secretariat;
- d) make use of the advice and information provided by EIFAAC, including reports and publications and inform national partners regularly of new EIFAAC inland fisheries and aquaculture publications;
- e) periodically brief the relevant government bodies or agencies on the work and achievements of EIFAAC;
- f) notify EIFAAC of existing or emerging problems and issues in inland fisheries and aquaculture and inform EIFAAC of relevant new publications and projects from their country;

- g) encourage participation by experts from Members in EIFAAC projects and activities; and brief the incoming Operational Focal Point on the ongoing activities of EIFAAC and on the duties of an Operational Focal Point.

It is estimated that the above Operational Focal Point' duties would not require more than one working day per month. The expenses incurred in participation by focal points in EIFAAC sessions, meetings and projects, shall be borne by the respective governments or organizations.

The Commission decided at its 30th session (Dresden, Germany, 2019), amongst others, that Members of the Commission should reflect on their Operational Focal Points at least every two years.

The 31st session of EIFAAC is scheduled to take place in Killarney, Ireland, in the period 22-24 June 2022. The formal invitations for the session were circulated by FAO to all Members on 28 March 2022.

In preparation of the 31st session, the EIFAAC Secretariat will be communicating frequently with the assigned Operational Focal Points on matters of common interest. To date 21 EIFAAC members have assigned their focal points.

Please inform the newly appointed EIFAAC Secretary, Dr Raymon van Anrooy, of your country's Operational Focal Point for EIFAAC.

The Secretary would appreciate receiving by Friday 22 April 2022 the name, title and full contact details, including e-mail address of the designated Operational Focal Point(s). Please address your response to Raymon.vanAnrooy@fao.org with a copy to EIFAAC-Secretariat@fao.org.

Please, also contact the Secretary if you have any questions.

I thank you in advance for your attention and the active participation in EIFAAC activities, and I look forward to participation of all Members in the upcoming session in Ireland.

Yours sincerely



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Chair of the European Inland Fisheries and Aquaculture Advisory Commission