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## REGIONAL COMMISSION FOR FISHERIES (RECOFI)

### Eighth Session

Muscat, Sultanate of Oman, 12-14 May 2015

Provisional Annotated Agenda and Timetable

Tuesday, 12 May 2015

Morning: 09:00 hours

#### Registration

#### 1. Opening of the Session

The outgoing Commission Chairperson will call the Session to order and invite the guest of honour, the representative of the hosting country, to address the meeting. The Chairperson will ask the Secretary of the Commission to provide an outline of the issues that will be of major concern during the Session.

#### 2. Adoption of the Agenda and arrangements for the Session

The meeting will review the provisional Agenda (RECOFI/VIII/2015/1) and proceed to its adoption. It will then elect a Chairperson, two Vice Chairpersons and a Rapporteur. The Secretary will inform the meeting of the arrangements for the Session and propose a timetable for the presentation and discussion of the adopted Agenda. **For decision**

*Ref. doc: RECOFI/VIII/2015/1, RECOFI/VIII/2015/Inf.1*

#### 3. Report on the intersessional activities, including emerging issues of regional relevance

The Secretariat will introduce document RECOFI/VIII/2015/2. The Commission may wish to comment on the progress in the implementation of the Commission's work plan. National delegates will be invited to report on priorities and emerging issues of regional importance. **Reporting and discussion**

*Ref. doc: RECOFI/VIII/2015/2; RECOFI/VIII/2015/Inf.3*

#### 4. Administrative and financial reports

The Secretary will present document RECOFI/VIII/2015/3 - a summary on the function and administration of the Secretariat in the intersessional period (Administrative Report) and the status of the contributions made by Members to the Commission's budget including a statement on expenditures made or committed during the intersessional period (Financial Report). The Commission may wish to review the administrative and financial reports and provide general guidance. In

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particular, the Commission will be invited to consider and advise on the current financial status.

**Reporting and discussion**

*Ref. doc: RECOFI/VIII/2015/3; RECOFI/VIII/2015/Inf.3*

**5. Report of the Working Group on Aquaculture (WGA)**

**5.1. Sixth meeting of the Working Group on Aquaculture**

The Chairperson of the RECOFI Working Group on Aquaculture (WGA) will report to the Commission on the activities and progress in support of the development of aquaculture in the region. The Commission is invited to consider the progress on the development of aquaculture in the region. Moreover, the Commission is requested to evaluate the performance of the WGA and provide guidance for the planning and implementation of the WGA's future work. **For discussion and decision.**

*Ref. doc: RECOFI/VIII/2015/4; RECOFI/VIII/2015/Inf.3; RECOFI/VIII/2015/Inf.4*

**Afternoon: 13:45 hours**

**5.2. Regional Aquaculture Information System (RAIS): performance assessment and future outlook**

The Secretariat will, on the basis of document RECOFI/VIII/2015/5, give a report on the performance of the Regional Aquaculture Information System. The Commission is invited to consider options for the further development of the RAIS including funding for its maintenance and consolidation. **For discussion and decision**

*Ref. doc: RECOFI/VIII/2015/5; RECOFI/VIII/2015/Inf.3; RECOFI/VIII/2015/Inf.4*

**6. Report of the Working Group on Fisheries Management (WGFM)**

**6.1 Seventh and Eighth meeting of the Working Group on Fisheries Management**

The Chairperson of the WGFM will inform the Commission on the main outcomes of the Seventh and Eight meeting of the WGFM (November 2013 and December 2014, respectively). The Commission is invited to consider and discuss document RECOFI/VIII/2015/6, including the fisheries management advice formulated by the WGFM, and to provide guidance for the WGFM future work. **For discussion and decision**

*Ref. doc: RECOFI/VIII/2015/6; RECOFI/VIII/2015/Inf.5; RECOFI/VIII/2015/Inf.6*

**6.2 Fishery social and economic survey in the RECOFI Region**

The Secretariat will report on the results of the social and economic questionnaire, as well as the outcomes of the discussion on future work of social and economic dynamics at the eighth meeting of the WGFM. The Commission may wish to appraise the work undertaken by the Task Group and make suggestions for future work in this regard. **Reporting and discussion**

*Ref. doc: RECOFI/VIII/2015/7; RECOFI/VIII/2015/Inf.6*

**Wednesday, 13 May 2014**

**Morning: 09:00 hours**

**7. RECOFI decisions and recommendations**

**7.1 Draft recommendation on minimum data reporting on aquaculture data and information**

The Secretariat will present the draft recommendation on minimum data reporting on aquaculture, as discussed at the fifth session of the Working Group on Aquaculture. The Commission will be invited to provide guidance on the outcomes of the WGA and for the possible implementation. **For discussion and decision.**

*Ref. doc: RECOFI/VIII/2015/8; RECOFI/VIII/2015/Inf.4*

**7.2 Implementation of RECOFI Recommendation RECOFI/6/2011/1 on minimum data reporting in the RECOFI area**

The Secretariat will report on the Implementation of RECOFI Recommendation RECOFI/6/2011/1 on the basis of document RECOFI/VIII/2015/10. The Commission will be invited to provide guidance for the future and sustained implementation of the Recommendation, which is highly instrumental to the appraisal of the regional fisheries. The Commission may wish to comment on the current capture fisheries production in the region. **For discussion and decision**  
*Ref. doc: RECOFI/VIII/2015/9; RECOFI/VIII/2015/Inf.6;*

**Afternoon: 13:45 hours**

#### **8. Current status of RECOFI and future outlook**

The Secretariat will introduce document RECOFI/VIII/2015/11, which deals with the budgetary situation of RECOFI and outlines possible means and options to overcome the current financial deadlock and to strengthen RECOFI in its capacity to fulfil its mandate as RFMO. The Commission is invited to review and deliberate the actions to be undertaken to secure the future of RECOFI. **For decision**

*Ref. doc: RECOFI/VIII/2015/10; RECOFI/VIII/2015/Inf.3*

#### **9. Programme of work and budget for the biennium 2015–2016**

A proposal for the Programme of work and budget for the next intersessional period (2015–2016) will be presented by the Secretariat. The proposal will reflect the views and priorities identified by the Commission's technical bodies (WGA and WGFM). A tentative estimate of the cost of the programme will also be included. The Commission is invited to review the proposed programme of work and budget for the next intersessional period and take the appropriate decisions accordingly. **For decision**

*Ref. doc: RECOFI/VIII/2015/11; RECOFI/VIII/2015/Inf.3*

#### **10. Any other matters**

#### **11. Date and place of the ninth session**

**Thursday, 14 May 2015**  
**Morning: Free**

**Afternoon: 14:00 hours**

#### **12. Adoption of the report**