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## REGIONAL COMMISSION FOR FISHERIES (RECOFI)

### Eighth Session

Muscat, Sultanate of Oman, 12 - 14 May 2015

### Administrative and financial report

#### Executive Summary

This document is a report of the administrative, operational and financial actions taken during the 2013-2014 period. It includes issues such as meetings, publication, the status of payment of the membership contributions to the RECOFI's budget including the status of arrears, extra-budgetary contributions, and a review of expenditures made or committed during the inter-sessional period.

#### The commission is invited to:

- Review the list of National Focal Points and update it as necessary;
- Review the administrative and financial reports and provide general guidance;
- Note and assess the remittance of contributions by members and the related status of arrears, particularly in consideration of the overall functioning of the Commission and implementation of its workplan.

## INTRODUCTION

1. This document, along with its appendices, provides a summary of the functioning and administration of the Secretariat, including issues such as staffing, meetings and publications (Administrative Report). The document thereafter presents the status of the contributions made by members to the Commission's budget, including the status of arrears and provides the statement on expenditures made or committed during the inter-sessional period (Financial Report).

## ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

### Functioning of the Secretariat

#### *Organization of the Secretariat*

2. In 2007, FAO designated the Senior Fishery Officer assigned at the Regional Office for the Near East and North Africa in Cairo (RNE) to act as the Secretary of RECOFI. This post is currently vacant, and until now the former Senior Fishery Officer, who is currently the Senior Fishery Liaison Officer in Rome, continues to act in this role.

3. In 2008 FAO nominated the Technical Secretary of the Working Group on Fisheries Management (WGFM). This post has been vacant since 2012, and the Secretary of RECOFI has been supporting the WGFM in this respect. The Commission has continued to benefit from the support provided by the Technical Secretary of the Working Group on Aquaculture, (WGA), which is the FIRA Aquaculture Officer. The core of the RECOFI Secretariat is completed by the bilingual (Arabic/English) administrative assistant, based in RNE. In addition, the Commission has received significant support from FAO through the support of a Senior Statistician Officer (FIPS), an Information Officer (FIRA), a Liaison Officer (FIPI), and secretarial support from FIPI staff. The RECOFI fisheries statistics database was regularly maintained and updated thanks to the FAO Fisheries and Aquaculture Information and Statistics Service (FIPS). The Secretariat has further relied on consultancies to address specific issues.

#### *RECOFI inter-sessional meetings and meetings at which the Secretariat was represented*

4. The Secretariat coordinated and actively contributed to the preparation and the implementation of four meetings, including the meetings of the Commission's subsidiary bodies and the seventh session.

5. The Secretariat also participated in meetings of partner organizations or entities. The Secretariat reported on RECOFI activities and achievements at the Thirty Second Session of the Regional Conference for the Near East (Rome, Italy, 24-28 February 2014). Additionally, the Secretariat participated in the consultation on the Regional Cooperation for Sustainable Fisheries and Aquaculture in the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden (Cairo, Egypt 22-24 June 2014), and in the implementation of the FAO sub-regional project "Support to capacity development for fishery stock assessment in GCC countries and Yemen".

#### *Publications*

6. During the inter-sessional period, the Secretariat produced and disseminated four technical and scientific documents that were also made available on the RECOFI website, all of which were published in the FAO Fisheries and Aquaculture Report series. Moreover, the Secretariat ensured the preparation and release of all the meeting and session working documents. Overall, approximately 26 working documents were produced by the Secretariat in the inter-sessional period to support the work of the Commission and its Working Groups.

7. The complete list of publications issued during the period from 2007 to date is provided in Appendix 1 of this document.

*Others*

8. Several other tasks that are coordinated directly by the Secretariat are not detailed here. These included liaison and communication with the Focal Points of the member countries, strengthening the cooperation with the FAO technical departments and partner organizations, including observer organizations, and the coordination of editing, translation and distribution of documents.

The following should however be noted:

9. *RECOFI networking communication and information flow*: The Bureau of the Commission and particularly the network of National Focal Points (NFPs) are highly instrumental in assisting and advising the Secretariat for the implementation of the work plan and for dealing with critical issues that may arise during the inter-sessional period. In consideration of the essential role played by the RECOFI NFPs, their Terms of Reference were discussed and adopted at the Fifth session of the Commission in 2009. The list of current Focal Points is in Appendix 2.

10. *Visibility of RECOFI activities and focal points*: The RECOFI webpage [www.fao.org/rfb/recofi](http://www.fao.org/rfb/recofi), although simple and basic, has been maintained and updated. It is currently the primary vehicle through which the Secretariat makes information available to the Commission and the general public; failure to maintain and further develop it with necessary human and financial means would result in higher costs for conveying key information to stakeholders. Currently (March 2015), RECOFI has approximately 9 520 internet sourced citations. This is a 77 percent decrease compared to March 2013.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

### Status of the contributions to the RECOFI 2013-2014 Budget

11. In May 2013, the Commission endorsed activities for implementation in the 2013-2014 biennium approximately amounting to USD 160 000. This did not include the estimate of the FAO Regular Programme contribution to RECOFI and it was based on the assumptions of timely member contributions and settlement of arrears.

12. FAO sent, through diplomatic channels, for the year commencing on 1 May 2014, the “Call for fund letter” on 14 February 2014<sup>1</sup>. Subsequently, reminders followed by individual recalls, were sent by the Secretariat to concerned parties. As of 25<sup>th</sup> March 2015, the actual contributions for 2013-2014 amounted to USD 65 116.57.

13. The status of contributions can be summarized (as of March 2015) as follows:

- Five members (Iraq, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, and Saudi Arabia) have paid their contribution in full.
- Three members (Bahrain, Iran, and United Arab Emirates) have not yet fully paid their contribution.

14. As shown in Appendix 3 of this document, the balance of accumulated pending contributions against the 2014 RECOFI fiscal year, as of 25 March 2015, amounted to USD 70,036.04, almost equivalent to the previous biennium, despite efforts by some countries to pay portions of their arrears in the past biennium.

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<sup>1</sup> RECOFI fiscal year is from the 1<sup>st</sup> of May to the 30<sup>th</sup> of April.

*Financial statement*

15. RECOFI member countries each contribute USD 5 000/year. The core budget of RECOFI takes the form of a multi-lateral trust-fund FAO project. The project began in April 2003 and since then has been renewed on a yearly basis. Its budget is revised regularly in order to monitor annual contributions by member countries and the cash flow of expenditures. The book-keeping activity continued to be ensured through the FAO central accounting system.

16. Table 1 below provides an overview of the financial statement of the Commission's budget since 2003 and as of March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015, and the liquidation of total expenses. Total expenses (USD 482 509) include expenses settled to the end of January 2015 (USD 434 160), existing commitments (USD 28 349) made for 2015, and a provision of USD 20 000 earmarked as a forecast for the cost of the eighth RECOFI session (interpretation, in-session translation of draft report, travel, printing and miscellaneous).

**Table 1: Financial Status in US Dollars (2003-May 2015)**

<b>Income (contributions)</b>	<b>539 861</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>482 509</b>
Expenses (up to end of January 2015)	434 160
Commitments (2015)	28 349
Forecast (2015 8 <sup>th</sup> Session)	20 000
<b>Balance</b>	<b>57 352</b>

17. The financial delivery by main activity during the period from 2013 to May 2015 is provided in Table 2, and includes total costs, which are supported by the RECOFI Trust Fund and FAO Regular Programme funds. Expenditures can be divided in three broad categories: i) expenses related to the functioning of the Secretariat (73 percent, including those related to the Commission's plenary sessions in 2013 and 2015); ii) activities in support of the WGA (9 percent); iii) activities in support of the WGFM (18 percent). The main expenditure chapters, based on the FAO/Oracle trust funds standard budget line allocations, are summarized in Appendix 4.

**Table 2: Financial delivery by activity during the intersessional period (US Dollars)<sup>2</sup>**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>2013-2014</b>	<b>2015 (provisional)</b>	<b>Total</b>
Working Group on Aquaculture (WGA)	6 200 <sup>3</sup>	6 000	<b>12 200</b>
Working Group on Fisheries Management (WGFM)	18 500 <sup>4</sup>	6 000	<b>24 500</b>
Secretariat	53 000 <sup>5</sup>	48 000	<b>101 000</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>77 700</b>	<b>60 000</b>	<b>137 700</b>

<sup>2</sup> The financial delivery of RECOFI activities in the intersessional period (including provisional estimates for 2015), was supported by 70 percent RECOFI Trust Fund and 30 percent FAO Regular Programme

<sup>3</sup> The sixth meeting of the WGA was supported entirely from FAO Regular Programme or project funds

<sup>4</sup> The seventh and eighth meetings of the WGFM were supported approximately though 35 percent RECOFI Trust Fund, and 65 percent FAO Regular Programme.

<sup>5</sup> The Secretariat, including the seventh and eighth sessions of RECOFI were supported using RECOFI Trust Fund (70 percent) and FAO Regular Programme (30 percent), approximately.

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**Status of RECOFI extra-budgetary resources**

18. The overall budget approved by the Commission at its Seventh session included the funds made available as extra budgetary resources (i.e. from voluntary contributions by some members). Utilization of these funds is summarized below

19. *Kuwait support for the development of the Regional Aquaculture Information System.* Following the kind offer made by Kuwait at the Third session of the Commission in support of the initiative, the amount of USD 30 000 was received in a single instalment in 2007. No additional extra-budgetary funds were made available during the biennium to support RAIS. The current status of RAIS is reported in RECOFI/VIII/2015/5.

## APPENDIX 1

**List of publications  
(2007 onwards)*****1. Published documents***

- Report of the Fourth Session of the Regional Commission for Fisheries (RECOFI), Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, 7–9 May 2007. FAO Regional Office for the Near East. *FAO Fisheries Report*. No. 847. Rome, FAO. 2007. 48p.
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- FAO/Regional Commission for Fisheries. Report of the FAO/RECOFI Workshop on Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing. Muscat (Sultanate of Oman), 30 March – 2 April 2009. FAO Regional Office for the Near East. *FAO Fisheries and Aquaculture Report*. No. 903. Rome, FAO. 2009. 30p.
- Report of the Fifth Session of the Regional Commission for Fisheries. Dubai, United Arab Emirates, 12-14 May 2009. *FAO Fisheries and Aquaculture Report*. No. 915. Rome, FAO. 2009. 70p.
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- FAO/Regional Commission for Fisheries. Report of the Fifth Meeting of the Working Group on Aquaculture. Doha, the State of Qatar, 27 October 2010. *FAO Fisheries and Aquaculture Report*. No. 954. Rome, FAO. 2010. 70p.
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- FAO/Regional Commission for Fisheries. Report of the FAO Technical Workshop on Spatial Planning for Marine Capture Fisheries and Aquaculture. Doha, the State of Qatar, 24-28 October 2010. *FAO Fisheries and Aquaculture Report*. No. 961. Rome, FAO. 2011. 118p.
- FAO/Regional Commission for Fisheries. Report of the FAO/RECOFI Workshop on the Fishery Stock Indicators and Stock Status. Tehran, the Islamic Republic of Iran, 26-29 July 2009. *FAO Fisheries and Aquaculture Report*. No. 970. Rome, FAO. 2011. 46p.
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## APPENDIX 3

**Status of contributions on 31 December 2014  
(Expressed in USD)**

Member Governments	Outstanding 31/12/2013	Contribution due for 2014	Received up to 31/12/2014	Outstanding 31/12/2014
<b>BAHRAIN</b>	15,000.00	5,000.00		20,000.00
<b>IRAQ</b>		5,000.00		5,000.00 <sup>6</sup>
<b>IRAN, Islamic Republic of</b>	35,076.57	5,000.00	5,076.57	35,000.00
<b>KUWAIT</b>	5,000.00	5,000.00	10,000.00	0.00
<b>OMAN, Sultanate of</b>	5,020.00	5,000.00	10,020.00	0.00
<b>QATAR</b>	0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
<b>SAUDI ARABIA, Kingdom of</b>	0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
<b>UNITED ARAB EMIRATES</b>	35,056.04	5,000.00	25,020.00	15,036.04
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>95,152.61</b>	<b>40,000.00</b>	<b>60,116.57</b>	<b>75,036.04<sup>7</sup></b>

<sup>6</sup> The balance of Iraq's contribution was settled in early 2015.

<sup>7</sup> The total outstanding after Iraq paid its contribution for 2014 is USD 70, 036.04

**APPENDIX 4****Expenditures met during the intersessional biennium (US Dollars) including 2015 commitments and forecast up to May (inclusive)**

<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>2013-2015</b>
<b>Consultancies</b>	38,000
<b>Travel</b>	55,000
<b>Contracts</b>	1,200
<b>General Operating Expenses</b>	13,300
<b>Charge backs</b> ( <i>interpretation and reporting</i> )	28,000
<b>Other Miscellaneous</b>	2,200
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>137,700</b>