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 With the **28th Session of the FAO Committee in Fisheries (COFI)** about to open, this edition of the FAO Fisheries and Aquaculture e-bulletin focuses on the latest news and developments in the FAO Fisheries and Aquaculture Department.

More information on COFI

Statistics

Fishstat Plus datasets on capture production, aquaculture production and total fishery production have just been updated. Although data for the 1997-2006 China statistics may be subject to further adjustment, the new figures can be consulted online under "global datasets" at www.fao.org/fishery/statistics/software/fishstat/en.

Global tuna catches updated with 2007 statistics. This database contains, for the principal market tuna species, nominal catches by fishing gear, species, stock, fishing country and year.

New fishery **Commodities and Trade** statistical dataset is now online and available, via the query panel, at www.fao.org/fishery/statistics/global-commodities-production/en. This update means that all commodities and trade data has been systematically updated through 2006 – with 2007 statistics soon to be added.

Fact Sheets

The **Database on Port State Measures** is expanding to include more coverage – measures from **22** port States are now available.

Fishing Technology Fact Sheets have been redesigned, offering better navigation and an improved search interface.

You can consult 235 Fact Sheets:

- 80 **Fishing Techniques**
- 36 **Vessel Type**
- 81 **Gear Type**
- 38 **Equipment**



Web sites

Small-scale fisheries – highlighting the important contribution of small-scale fisheries to nutrition, food security, sustainable livelihoods and poverty alleviation – especially in developing countries.

Lesser Antilles Pelagic Ecosystem Project – dedicated to the five-year project examining the scientific basis for ecosystem-based management in the Lesser Antilles, including interactions with marine mammals and other top predators.

Regional Fishery Bodies – information on RFBs and the critical role they play in promoting long-term sustainable fisheries – includes Fact Sheets, publications and meetings.

Top levels of the **Arabic** and **Chinese** pages of the **Fisheries and Aquaculture Department Web site** have been updated and revised.

 Consult the latest titles available online at the [Publications](#) page.

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