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In this edition of the **FAO Fisheries and Aquaculture e-bulletin** learn about newly-launched Web sites, updated data, upcoming major meetings and latest developments.

Three new Web sites recently published:

[FAO activities in relation to CITES and commercially exploited aquatic species](#)

CITES (the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora) is an international agreement among governments to ensure that international trade in specimens of wild animals and plants -- including aquatic species -- does not threaten their survival. FAO and CITES have been working closely to deal with some of the technical difficulties faced by countries in fulfilling the requirements of a CITES listing. This new Web site intends to provide selected and updated information on the work undertaken by the FAO Fisheries and Aquaculture Department on the main issues raised by the harvesting and trade of commercially exploited aquatic species listed in CITES Appendices.

[Database on Port State Measures](#)


Port State Measures (Port-Lex) is now available online. Port-Lex provides free access to port state measures adopted by FAO member countries to fight against illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing. The database is also available in [French](#) and [Spanish](#).


[Capacity building for an Ecosystem Approach](#)

This site promotes the development of skills needed for evaluating the nature and impact of

interactions between species that are directly or indirectly affected by fisheries and the importance of these for fisheries management.

Most recent statistical data releases:

 Global fishery statistics for [capture](#), [aquaculture](#), [production](#) have been updated with 2006 figures and can be consulted online.


 Regional datasets have also been updated and made available for [CECAF \(Eastern Central Atlantic\) Capture Production](#) and [Southeast Atlantic Capture Production \(SEATL\)](#).


Major forthcoming meetings:

 [Fourth International Symposium on GIS/Spatial Analyses in Fishery and Aquatic Sciences](#) to be held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil from 25-29 August 2008 during which presentations will be made on the relevant activities involving the FAO Fisheries and Aquaculture Department led by [GISFish](#) (Remote Sensing and Mapping for Aquaculture and Inland Fisheries).


 [Securing Sustainable Small-Scale Fisheries](#) a global conference on small-scale fisheries to be held in Bangkok, Thailand from 13-17 October 2008 will include key discussions on the vital role of small-scale fisheries and relevant issues such as poverty reduction, food and livelihood security, balanced nutrition, wealth creation, foreign exchange earnings and coastal-rural development.

New developments to enhance and improve the site:

 The [Coordinating Working Party on Fishery Statistics \(CWP\)](#) has been streamlined and updated to provide all relevant information from one source.

 [Fishery Resources Monitoring System \(FIRMS\)](#) now includes dynamically embedded maps improving the at glance interpretation of marine resources fact sheets. See for example a typical

FIRMS fact sheet.

 Citations and sources have been developed to help users reference relevant Web pages and accurately cite the material consulted. These will be available for all information domains contained on the FAO Fisheries and Aquaculture Web site in the coming months. You can already see this feature used in Fact Sheets for [Port State Measures](#), [Cultured Aquatic Species](#), [National Aquaculture Sector Overview](#) and [National Aquaculture Legislation Overview](#).

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