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Welcome to this issue of the **FAO Fisheries and Aquaculture Department e-Bulletin**. Over the past months, we have been busy with the *Global Conference on Aquaculture* as well as the *Sub-Committee on Aquaculture of the Committee on Fisheries* where the **first global guidelines for aquaculture certification** were adopted.

Now we are gearing up for the upcoming **FAO Committee on Fisheries** beginning 31 January 2011 where, among other topics, we will be highlighting 15 Years of the **FAO Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries**.

In support of this year's **World Food Day** theme, 'United Against Hunger', we urge you to sign the **1billionhungry online petition** today.



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Read about our latest news in this round-up of recent activities and publications:

Web sites

Fishery Resources Monitoring System (FIRMS) – The FIRMS partnership released a new service for **Fishery Resources State and Trend summaries**.

Users worldwide can query the State of Fishery Resources using FIRMS newly agreed standards on 'exploitation rate' and 'abundance level' terms across the 500 fact sheets contributed by FIRMS partners.



At its 6th Steering Committee meeting, FIRMS agreed on a new **fishery module** and its underlying Metadata standard, which already hosts 20 fact sheets providing various thematic perspectives. This module allows for expanding the monitoring of status and trends to fisheries and their management.

Database on Port State Measures – now updated with information on 28 port States. Find out more about the landmark **Agreement on Port State Measures to Prevent, Deter and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing**.

Capture fisheries - discover our new crosscutting thematic section which focuses on **Tuna - A Global Perspective** and provides information on resources, utilization and ongoing FAO activities.

Country profiles

The National Fisheries Sector Overview (NFSO) for the **Democratic Republic of the Congo**, **Iceland** [[en](#) | [es](#)], **Maldives**, **Marshall Islands**, the **Federated States of Micronesia**, **Palau**, **Peru** [[en](#) | [es](#)], **Samoa**, **South Africa** and **Uruguay** have been updated.

Statistics

The statistical collection on [Global Tuna Catches by Stock](#) is updated with data up to 2008 including information on nominal tuna catches by fishing gear, species, stock, country and year. You can also consult the associated [online query panel](#) for more detailed statistics.

The 2010 edition of the trilingual *FAO Yearbook Fishery and Aquaculture Statistics*, including a CD-ROM with complete information and statistical tables, will soon be available. Watch the [FAO Fisheries and Aquaculture Web site](#) for an announcement.

Recent publications

[The role of international fishery organizations and other bodies in the management of living aquatic resources](#) – a summary of information on international fishery organizations or arrangements and other bodies (regional fishery bodies and arrangements, or RFB/As) concerning their measures to conserve and manage living aquatic resources.

[Aquaculture planning: policy formulation and implementation for sustainable development](#) – a practical guide to aquaculture policy-makers and implementers on policy formulation and processes.

[From drain to gain in capture fisheries: a synthesis study](#) – case studies commissioned by the World Bank supporting a recent finding (see the World Bank/FAO report, *The Sunken Billions*), arguing that the world's capture fishery resources are non-performing assets with rates of return, or yields, not exceeding zero -- possibly costing the world economy some US\$50 billion per annum in forgone resource rent.

[Managing sea cucumber fisheries with an ecosystem approach](#) – a "roadmap" to guide fishery managers in choosing appropriate regulatory measures and management actions for sea cucumber fisheries..

International management of tuna fisheries: arrangements, challenges and a way forward

– a review of the current management of tuna fisheries by the five tuna regional fisheries management organizations (RFMOs), focusing on the management of target species in the light of international standards and modern expectations for fisheries management.

Marine fishery resources of the Pacific Islands – this document updates and expands an earlier 2005 review of the Pacific Islands region which consist of 14 independent countries and 8 territories located in the western and central Pacific Ocean. In this area, there are about 200 high islands and some 2 500 low islands and atolls and main categories of marine fishing in the area are oceanic and coastal.

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