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Welcome to this edition of the **FAO Fisheries and Aquaculture e-bulletin**, bringing you our most recent news, publications and developments. We hope that all this information will also help you in your own fisheries and aquaculture work.

Highlights

- **I International Fisheries Stakeholders Forum / 20th Anniversary Of The Code Of Conduct (FAO)** - This event held 8-9 October in Vigo, Spain and co-organized by FAO, the Government of Spain, the Regional Government of Galicia, and Conxemar is marking the 20th anniversary of the Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries. The event is expected to attract over 500 participants, and will see the participation of numerous Ministers and country delegations from around the world. Seminars will address issues related to fisheries management, IUU fishing, statistics, traceability, consumer trends, sustainable livelihoods, and market trends. Side events will address decent work in the sector, seafood certification, promoting women in the seafood industry and aquaculture. See the [programme](#) and follow the event live at [#Vigo15](#).
- **COFI Sub-Committee on Aquaculture (COFI AQ)** – the eight session of COFI AQ is taking place the **5-9** October 2015 in Brasilia, Brazil. This is a unique global forum where aquaculture related matters are debated and strategic plans developed at the highest level by Member countries' aquaculture authorities from all over the world.
- **A new poster of the FAO Major Fishing Areas** and a news **story** and short **film** illustrating how labeling regulations help inform consumers about the origin of their fish and seafood products.

Web-based products

- **Fishery and Aquaculture Country Profiles fact sheets**, new reports for :
 - [Argentina](#)
 - [Bosnia and Herzegovina](#)
 - [Central African Republic](#)
 - [Cuba](#)
 - [Eritrea](#)

- [Indonesia](#)

- [Italy](#)

- [Oman](#)

- [South Sudan](#)

- [Sudan](#)

- [Yemen](#)

- The [Aquatic Species Distribution Map Viewer](#) available through the [Geographic Information](#) gateway page, includes new maps covering the distribution for **887** species.
- **FI fishery and aquaculture glossaries** upgraded and multilingual in [FAO TERM PORTAL](#) – users invited to review definitions available in 6 FAO languages, and contribute – as well as suggest linking to other existing relevant glossaries.
- [Vulnerable Marine Ecosystems database](#) – check out the latest information on measures taken by RFMO/As to protect VMEs in areas beyond national jurisdiction (ABNJ).
- [Fishery Resources Monitoring System \(FIRMS\)](#) was added new Marine Resource and Fishery reports.

Statistics

- Most updated statistics of fisheries and aquaculture can be consulted through [FishStatJ](#), and through [CD-ROM](#) version of **Yearbook of Fisheries and Aquaculture Statistics**.
- In addition, the statistics of [Global Capture Production 1950-2013](#) and [Global Aquaculture Production 1950-2013](#) can be consulted through the online query.
- **Food Supply** tables and **Commodities Balances of fish and fisheries products** are available up to 2011 in a specific section of [CD-ROM Yearbook](#) as well as through [FAOSTAT](#).
- The global distribution of tuna and billfish catches by gear up to 2011 is available through [Atlas of Tuna and Billfish Catches](#).
- Download the most recent version of [ASFIS](#), list of species for fishery statistics purposes, now available for the first time in Arabic, Chinese and Russian.
- [CWP Handbook](#) provides global standards of concepts and classifications utilized in fishery and aquaculture statistics.

Projects

- [BlueBRIDGE](#) – the BlueBridge H2020 project started in September 2015, and will last 30 Months. BlueBridge will strengthen the data services of the iMarine e-Infrastructure in support of the ecosystem approach to fisheries, and has potential to support other domains of FAO's Blue Growth Initiative. 14 European partners have committed to make this new initiative a success.
- **GEF – REBYC** The GEF-FAO project on “Sustainable Management of bycatch in Latin America and Caribbean trawl fisheries” (REBYC-II LAC) seeks to facilitate a sustainable use of fisheries resources and healthier marine ecosystems in six Latin America and the

Caribbean countries. The Project seeks to develop sustainable livelihoods and promote an ecosystem approach to fisheries in these areas. Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Mexico and Suriname are the six countries that have committed to improving their shrimp trawl fisheries through this initiative. However, results and impacts are expected to spill over to surrounding countries. In addition, strong regional partners such as WECAFC, CRFM, OSPESCA, CERMES and NOAA are all actively involved in the activities of REBYC-II LAC.

Publications

- [The Youth Guide to the ocean](#)
- [Guidelines to Enhance Fisheries and Aquaculture Statistics through a Census Framework](#)
- New **FAO FishFinder** section for [Species identification cards, pocket guides and on-board guides](#)
- Total number of **ASFA records** in the database has surpassed 2 million!
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