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SUMMARY OF PROGRESS REPORT
SUB-COMMISSION III - Protection of the Aquatic Resource

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This Sub-Commission includes five Working Parties and one Liaison Group. Their intersessional activities are presented in more detail in EIFAC/XXIII/2004/Inf.6. The Convener of the **ad hoc Working Party on Effects of Physical Modification of the Aquatic Habitat on Fish Populations** reports on the international Symposium on Ecohydrology and Physical Fish Habitat Modifications in Lakes held 26-28 November 2003 in Mondsee (Austria). An “Ecohydrology Task Force“ was established, and the Convener plans to integrate the activities of the Working Party with the UNESCO International Hydrological Programme – Ecohydrology.

The **ad hoc Working Party on Methodologies for Rehabilitation of Lakes and Reservoirs** expects to complete the draft Manual on Rehabilitation of Lakes and Reservoirs for Fish in 2004. Drafts of all chapters are available, but considerable revision is required to avoid duplication, improve coverage and provide the appropriate level of knowledge for the intended audience.

The **ad hoc Working Party on Prevention and Control of Bird Predation** is acting as a liaison group, and its status needs to be discussed. The outcomes of the recently completed REDCAFE project are presented.

A meeting of the **ad hoc Working Party on Influence of Management Practices on the Environment** resulted in 17 papers which will be published in 2004. Activities of this Working Party might be integrated with the Working Party on Introduction and Stocking.

In the context of the **ad hoc Working Party on Handling of Fishes in Fisheries and Aquaculture** a compilation of the scientific knowledge on the effects of handling of fishes (fishing methods, harvest, holding and rearing, use of anaesthetics, slaughter) was prepared. In 2003, a questionnaire was circulated to compile relevant information on the current practice of handling of fishes. The results of a workshop in March 2004 in Utrecht will be presented to the 23rd Session together with recommendations for future actions of EIFAC.

The **Liaison Group on EU Water Framework Directive (WFD)** works the consequences of the WFD for fisheries and fisheries management, and acts as a link between the EIFAC Ad hoc Working Party on Fish Monitoring and the EU-funded FAME project (Development, Evaluation

and Implementation of a Standardised Fish-based Assessment Method for the Ecological Status of European Rivers). Other project activities are summarized.