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## EUROPEAN INLAND FISHERIES ADVISORY COMMISSION

### TWENTY-FOURTH SESSION

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

**Chairperson:** Vacant  
**Vice-Chairperson:** G Castelnaud (France)  
**Rapporteur:** P. Gérard (Belgium)  
**Technical Secretary:** U. Barg (FAO)

This Sub-Commission includes three *ad hoc* Working Parties and five Liaison Groups. Activities and achievements of the Sub-Commission during the intersessional period are summarized as follows:

#### 1. *Ad hoc* Working Party on the Effects of Physical Modification of the Aquatic Habitat on Fish Populations

Convener: M. Zalewski

The proceedings of the 2003 UNESCO IHP/ EIFAC Conference on "Ecohydrology and Physical habitat Modifications in lakes", were published (see [www.journal.ecohydro.pl](http://www.journal.ecohydro.pl).) In 2005 the convener of the Working Party has planned a joint session with UNESCO IHP during the European Congress of Limnology in Cracov, Poland, and during the November meeting of ecohydrology UNESCO IHP in Vienna, Austria.

#### 2. *Ad hoc* Working Party on the Methodologies for Rehabilitation of Lakes and Reservoirs

Convener: H. Lehtonen

The publication of a book on Rehabilitation of Lakes and Reservoirs for Fish by Lehtonen and Cowx (editors) is planned. The text is considered to be in an advanced state. Blackwell Publishing would publish the document in the same format as the Rehabilitation of River for Fish Handbook. The publication is now scheduled for the end of 2006.

### **3. Ad hoc Working Party on the Handling of Fishes in Fisheries and Aquaculture**

Convener: A.J.P. Raat

The report of this Working Party was prepared for publication as an EIFAC Occasional paper. An overview of the present information on handling of fishes was added to the report. Mr Raat has retired so that the position of the convener of the WP is presently vacant. In 2004, the Sub-Commission decided that a document for an EIFAC position statement on handling of fishes will be prepared. This was not done yet. The new Convener could prepare a discussion paper on the envisaged position statement.

### **Liaison Groups**

#### **4. Prevention and Control of Bird Predation**

Convener: E. Staub

The information on the effects of bird predation on fisheries and aquaculture is of great relevance for EIFAC. However, the convener wishes to step back from this function. The Session should decide how to proceed here. Perhaps a new person can be found to take on the tasks of the Convener for this activity.

#### **5. Influence of Management Practices on the Environment**

Convener: M. Aprahamian

The Meeting of the EIFAC Executive Committee in 2005 decided to propose to the 24<sup>th</sup> Session of EIFAC to discontinue the activities of this liaison group.

#### **6. Liaison with Council of Europe**

Liaison: R. Rösch

Within the Council of Europe, the “Standing Committee of the European convention for the protection of animals kept for farming purposes” produced a final draft of the “Recommendation concerning farmed fish”, which has been adopted in December 2005. It is intended to adopt annexes on salmon and trout in December 2006 and an annex on carp in 2007.

#### **7. Liaison Group on EU Water Framework Directive (WFD)**

Liaison: I. Cowx / A. Raat

The FAME project (see <http://fame.boku.ac.at/>) was completed in July 2005. An international symposium on *Assessing the ecological status of rivers, lakes and transitional waters* was held in July 2005 in Hull, UK. The meeting was attended by 147 experts from 31 countries and covered fish, macrophytes and macroinvertebrates as indicators of ecological status. Messrs Cowx and Hickley attended a meeting in Berlin, in March 2006 to discuss the practicalities of developing an EFI (European Fish Index) for lakes and review issues concerning the WFD. The group will become the focus for fisheries aspects of the WFD and will inform EIFAC of any pending issues.

#### **8. Ecological and Human Health Effects from Endocrine Disrupting Substances**

The Meeting of the EIFAC Executive Committee in 2005 considered this topic was of interest to EIFAC, but decided to propose to the 24<sup>th</sup> Session to abolish this group and include population level impacts of endocrine disruptors under “Emerging Issues”.