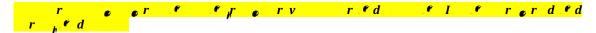
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content review of t e questionnaires for regional fis ery bodies (RFBs) and non-governmental organizations (NG s), along wit t e introduction of web-based reporting for t ese entities.

In 2013, t e C FI Secretariat developed a tailor-made web-based questionnaire (<a href="ttp://www.fao.org/fis\_ery/code/codequest">ttp://www.fao.org/fis\_ery/code/codequest</a>) for Members (in 6 official languages), RFBs and NG s, toget er wit a related database and information system, wit inbuilt data management and data processing tools, useful in analytical and monitoring processes. T e questionnaire online system is accessible t roug a dedicated portal on t e FA domain using unique usernames and passwords, and meets t e necessary confidentiality, security and usability requirements.



T e Tec nical Consultation on Flag State Performance was eld at FA Headquarters, Rome, Italy, from 2 to 6 May 2011, and resumed from 5 to 9 Marc 2012 and from 4 to 8 February 2013. In accordance wit t e request given by t e FA Committee on Fis eries (C FI) t e Tec nical Consultation resumed negotiations on t e basis of a draft document wit t e following structure statement of purpose and principles; scope of application; performance assessment criteria; procedure for carrying out assessments; cooperation between flag States and coastal States; encouraging compliance and deterring non-compliance by flag States; cooperation wit, and assistance to, developing countries with a view to capacity development, and the role of FA and Technical Consultation came to a close at the second resumed session with agreement being reached on "Voluntary Guidelines for Flag State Performance". The Guidelines will be presented to the FA Committee on Fisheries at its 31s Session for consideration.



T e FA Conference on 22 November 2009 approved t e FA Agreement on Port State Measures to Prevent, Deter and ElimD28-DCYnBGBs)1J28E-J992J-Bn)12P8D000B)1J-28)178J-0P-;Bl7JB)1J28;-70Bwi)78J-P-PBl)178J9PE;

activities include 13 works ops around t e globe, bringing toget er climate c ange experts wit  $\,$  fis eries and aquaculture experts to review current scientific knowledge and define priorities activities to guide actions and investments in t e near future. FA  $\,$  as init

• Formulation of a Strategy, Action Plan and Programme Proposal on Disaster Risk Management, Climate C ange Adaptation in Fis eries and Aquaculture in t e CARIC M and ider Caribbean Region. FA Fis eries and Aquaculture Proceedings.

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FA continues to support t e Inter-agency Liaison Group on Invasive Alien Species in association wit t e Convention on Biological Diversity et al. FA also continues to support t e Database on Introductions of Aquatic Species (DIAS) and is producing Tec nical Guidelines for Responsible Fis eries "Responsible Use and Control of Introduced Species in Fis eries and Aquaculture". However, work on t e guidelines as stalled due to lack of resources.

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- T roug t e operations of t e RV Dr. Fridtjof Nansen, and as part of t e Norway funded EAF Nansen Project, important data and information are being collected on marine resources and t e marine environment in several countries in sub-Sa aran Africa.
- Plans for a new programme to be funded by Norway entailing building a new researc vessel (Dr. Fridtjof Nansen) and a researc and management programme addressing sustainability of fis eries, impacts of climate c ange on fis ery resources and ecosystems and impacts of pollution and ot er uman activities on fis ery resources and ecosystems. T is programme will build on t e results and efforts obtained t roug t e EAF Nansen project.

In most EAF activities strong partners ips ave been establis ed wit relevant regional and national

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Seeking to generate a catalytic c ange, in November 2011, t e Council of GEF approved t e "Global sustainable fis eries management and biodiversity conservation in t e Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction Program" (ABNJ Program) also known as "Common ceans"  $^{1}$ . T e program, led by FA working in

At t e basis of FA Fis Finder products are t e global catalogues for selected species groups, e.g. for invertebrates like s rimps, cep alopods and sea cucumbers and for vertebrates like s arks and rays, many commercially important bony fis groups, mammals and sea turtles.

FA Fis Finder pocket guides make use of local knowledge and are a user-friendly tool for fis ery officers and ot er non-experts to reliably identify aquatic s

FA distributed a Circular State Letter inviting Member Countries to nominate National Focal Points responsible for t e preparation of Country reports on aquatic genetic resources for food and agriculture. FA prepared Draft Guidelines for t e preparation of Country reports for T e State of t e orld's Aquatic Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture w ic provide guidance to elp countries complete t eir Country Reports.

T e work towards t e preparation of t e Report s ould link to and build on t e FA Code of Conduct for Responsible Fis eries. T e first State of t e orld's Aquatic Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture Report is expected to be completed in 2017.

T e FA Committee on Fis eries' Sub-Committee (C FI) on Aquaculture as endorsed t e creation of an Advisory orking Group on Aquatic Genetic Resources and Tec nologies. Draft Terms of Reference for t e advisory group ave been establis ed and will be submitted to t e 31s session of C FI for adoption.

FA developed tec nical guidelines on marine protected areas (MPAs) and fis eries<sup>11</sup> in 2011 and as conducted regional works ops in t e western Indian cean, Sout East Asia and t e Canary Current region to bring t e fis eries and biodiversity communities toget er to discuss common issues in relation to spatial management measures. FA is leading sessions on protected areas and food security including specific sessions focusing on fis eries and protected areas during t e 2014 orld Parks Congress to be eld in Sydney, Australia, from 12 to 19 November 2014.

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FA plays a leading role in t e EU/FP7 funded iMarine initiative w ic develops a data-infrastructure

In line wit FA 's commitment to t e implementation of t e Hyogo Framework for Action, t e UNFCCC processes related to adaptation in w ic disaster risk reduction is considered as complementary action and essential for climate c ange adaptation, and FA 's support to t e development of t e post-2015 framework of disaster risk reduction, and collaboration wit IE on animal ealt , FA is supporting regional organisations and member countries in strengt ening institutions, communities, ecosystems and liveli oods systems around four main axes. T ese include—i) strengt ening policies and programming to prevent and reduce risks and mobilize investments for medium to long term re abilitation and disaster risk reduction programmes; ii) strengt ening information systems, risk assessments and early warnings

contribution of oceans, seas and coasts to food security, nutrition and decent employment for future generations.

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as been an active participant in UN- ceans since it was establis ed. In 2011, t e General Assembly, in paragrap 239 of resolution 66/231 on oceans and t e law of t e sea, invited t e United Nations Joint Inspection Unit to review UN- ceans and to submit a report t ereon to t e General Assembly for its consideration, and requested UN- ceans to submit to t e Assembly draft terms of reference for its work, to be considered by t e Assembly at its sixty-sevent session wit a view to reviewing t e mandate of UNceans and en ancing transparency and reporting of its activities to Member States. T e Joint Inspection Unit undertook a review of UN- ceans in 2012 and transmitted its report to t e General Assembly on 28 September 2012. At its sixty-sevent session, t e General Assembly, in paragrap 267 of resolution 67/78 on oceans and t e law of t e sea, noted t e review of UN- ceans by t e Joint Inspection Unit, decided t at t e draft terms of reference for its work submitted by UN- ceans would be considered by t e Assembly at its sixty-eig t session wit a view to reviewing t e mandate of UN- ceans and approving t e terms of reference, taking into account t e need to strengt en t e central role of t e Division for cean Affairs and t e Law of t e Sea (UN-D AL S) and t e need to en ance transparency and reporting of t e activities of UN- ceans to Member States, and requested UN- ceans to draft revised draft terms of reference for its work for consideration and approval by t e Assembly at its sixty-eig t session. In 2013, t e General Assembly, in paragrap 279 of resolution 68/70, recognized t e work undertaken so far by UN- ceans, approved t e revised terms of reference for t e work of UN- ceans, wit a revised mandate, as annexed to t e resolution, and decided to review t ese terms of reference at its seventy-second session in lig t of t e work of UN- ceans.

In support of t e post-2015 process, as co-lead for t e Tec nical Support Team to ceans Focus Area 13 (formerly 16), FA as been coordinating inputs t roug t e UN- ceans to t e pen orking Group on Sustainable Development Goals.

FA is t e Secretariat of t e UN Atlas of t e ceans, a web portal developed under t e aut ority of UNceans w ic allows UN-ceans members to provide relevant information on t eir respective activities wit regards to t e sustainable development of t e oceans. FA also osts and manages t e UN-ceans website in consultation wit UN-D AL S.

T e International Hig level Conference on t e Management of Fis ing Capacity "Global Fis ing Capacity-Less is more" was eld from 13 to 14 Marc 2014 in T essaloniki, Greece. T e Conference was organized by t e European Commission wit inputs from FA , under t e auspices of t e Greek presidency of t e EU. T e meeting resulted in a joint declaration signed by six major fis ing nations, namely, Columbia, EU, Indonesia, Japan, P ilippines and Unites States of America, committing t emselves to cooperate i) to stress t e importance of international cooperation to manage fis ing capacity at t e regional and global scale in an effective way; ii) support effective tools and measures in regional and international organizations w ic will elp address fis ing overcapacity, and iii) encourage States, entities and RFM s to implement t e IP A.

Since late 2013, FA and its partners among w ic are Governments, NG s, and civil society, ave been working on t e organization of Tenure and Fis ing Rig ts 2015—A global conference on rig ts-based approac es for fis eries. T e conference, w ic will take place in Marc 2015 in Siam Reap, Cambodia, will review experiences wit rig ts approac es for managing fis eries in different settings.

T is will be ac ieved by—a) Analyzing ow different types of user rig ts systems - closed access, closed/designated areas, group quotas or s ares, individual non-transferable and individual transferable quotas - influence on or become t e drivers be ind c ange in all t ree pillars of sustainable development - social, economic and biological - and analyze ow different user rig ts c oices generate

different consequences; b) Discussing ow to address t e concerns about, and barriers to, fair and equitable application of user rig ts in capture fis eries; and, c) Providing practical guidance for implementing in t e fis eries sector t e Voluntary Guidelines on Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fis eries and Forests in t e Context of National Food Security.

T e outcome of t e Conference will be a general broader understanding of t e concept of "Rig ts-based Approac es for Fis eries" t at will advance and improve t e basis for generating practical, constructive guidance for fis eries stake olders, fis ermen, communities and managers to use in daily management of fis eries and t at will guide policy makers on t e design and application - or non-application - of rig ts-based systems. FA will act as t e core secretariat for t e Conference.

T e Global ceans Action Summit for Food Security and Blue Growt , eld in T e Hague, from 22 to 25 April 2014, was organised by t e FA , t e orld Bank, t e Ministry of Economic Affairs of t e Net erlands and t e governments of Grenada, Indonesia, Mauritius, Norway and t e United States of America. T e Summit broug t toget er a diverse range of ocean stake olders to identify solutions and success stories t at reconcile competing interests and s ow ow governance, partners ips and financing can elp scale up activities t at result in s ared prosperity today and for future generations.

T e Summit, attended by more t an 600 participants, from governments, private sector, academia, NG s,