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ASIA-PACIFIC FISHERY COMMISSION

Executive Commission

Seventy-sixth Session

Manila, the Philippines, 21-23 February 2017

SUMMARY OF INTERSESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

1. Since the last session of APFIC EXCO held in Colombo, Sri Lanka from 11-13 November 2014, extensive activities have carried out to respond to the needs of the members at regional and country levels.

2. The inter-sessional activities of APFIC has been carried in contributing to FAO's new strategic programmes, in particular Strategic Programme 2 "Increase and improve provision of goods and services from agriculture, forestry and fisheries in a sustainable manner" and Strategic Programme 5 "Increase the resilience of livelihoods to threats and crises". The inter-sessional activities of APFIC are planned and implemented largely support to the FAO Regional initiative for blue growth in Asia-Pacific, FAO Asia and Pacific Regional One Health Programme and Regional Climate Change Programme and as well as to align with the priority work identified by the recent APFIC Sessions and EXCOs.

SECRETARIAT ACTIVITIES RELATED TO THE COMMISSION'S ROLE

3. Secretary Interim and Aquaculture Officer, participated in the FAO COFI Sub-Committee on Aquaculture – 7th Session (COFI-AQ) held in Brasilia, Brazil, from 3 to 12 October 2015.

ORGANIZATION OF REGIONAL MEETINGS AND WORKSHOPS

4. The Secretariat has independently or jointly organized or supported 11 regional and international workshops/conferences and a major regional consultative workshop, notable for the participation of APFIC member countries and the excellent partnership with a range of regional fishery organizations, institutions and projects, including:

- 75th APFIC Executive Committee Meeting, 11-13 November 2014, Colombo, Sri Lanka
- Regional Consultation on Strategy and action plan for sustainable intensification of aquaculture in the Asia-Pacific region, 27-28 November 2014, Bangkok, Thailand
- The 2nd Workshop of Regional Initiative on Blue Growth, 13-14 March 2015, Bangkok, Thailand

- Stakeholder Consultation Workshop On Developing an Environmental Monitoring System to Strengthen Fisheries and Aquaculture Resilience and to Improve Early Warning in the Lower Mekong Delta, 25 – 27 March 2015, Bangkok, Thailand
- Asia-Pacific Regional Workshop on Reporting the Status of Aquatic Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, 23-26 March 2015, Bangkok, Thailand
- APFIC/FAO Regional Consultation Improving the Contribution of Culture-based Fisheries & Related Fishery Enhancements in Inland Waters to Blue Growth, 25-27 May 2015, Negombo, Sri Lanka
- Regional workshop on Documentation of Successful Practices of Sustainable Intensification of Aquaculture in Asia-Pacific and the related regional workshop, 16-18 June 2015, Bangkok, Thailand
- Regional workshop on innovative integrated rice-fish farming Asia-Pacific, 16-17 December 2015, Yogyakarta, Indonesia
- The 3rd Workshop of Regional Initiative on Blue Growth, 27-28 January 2016, Bangkok, Thailand
- 6th APFIC Regional Consultative Forum, 8-10 February 2016, and 34th APFIC Session, 12-14 February 2016, Colombo, Sri Lanka
- Global Conference on Climate Change Adaptation within Fisheries and Aquaculture – Sharing Experiences on the Ground, 8-10 August 2016, Bangkok, Thailand

COLLABORATION WITH OTHER INTERNATIONAL/REGIONAL BODIES

5. The APFIC Secretariat has actively pursued collaboration with a number of regional and international organizations, providing advisory inputs or acting as technical resource person to their major events, such as governing council meetings, program steering committee meeting, policy consultation and technical workshops and conferences. The regional and international organizations supported by the Secretariat during the inter-sessional period include ASEAN, NACA, SEAFDEC, BOB-IGO, MRC, RPOA-IUU, AFS and USAID.

DIRECT ASSISTANCE AND ADVICE TO MEMBER COUNTRIES

6. APFIC has provided direct technical assistance and policy advice to members addressing national level fisheries and aquaculture development issues. The APFIC Secretariat provided direct support to 5 national workshops/conferences in India, Indonesia, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam. The Secretariat provided technical supervision and backstopping to the implementation of 20 FAO TCP projects and 9 Trust fund supported national and regional projects, which included:

- GCP/RAS/269/GFF “Strategies for management of trawl by-Catch” (REBYC II)
- GCP/RAS/236/GFF “Bay of Bengal Large Marine Ecosystem Project” (BOBLME)
- UNJP/PHI/066/UNJ “Restoring fisheries livelihoods in conflict-affected areas in Mindanao”
- GCP/CPR/043/GFF “Securing Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Use in China's Dongting Lake Protected Areas”
- GCP/CPR/045/GFF “Demonstration of Estuarine Biodiversity Conservation, Restoration and Protected Area Networking in China”
- GCP/SRL/062/EC “Poverty Reduction through Agricultural Development” (covering inland fisheries and aquaculture)
- GCP/SRL/071/CAN Capacity Enhancement of NARA for marine resource surveys and stock assessments in coastal waters of Sri Lanka: Phase II : Implementation of fisheries co-management plans
- GCP/DRK/009/ROK-Support Marine and Inland aquaculture in Democratic People's Republic of Korea

- MTF/BGD/046/STF (STDF/BG/321) “Building Trade Capacity of Small-scale Shrimp and Prawn Farmers in Bangladesh – Investing in the Bottom of the Pyramid Approach”
- TCP/RAS/3511 “Piloting of aquaculture planning and management tools in selected ASEAN members”
- TCP/LAO/3403: Developing an implementation strategy for capture fisheries and aquaculture management and development in Lao PDR
- TCP/IND/3403 Support to the implementation of the Strategy for Fisheries Management for Sustainable Livelihoods (FIMSUL)
- TCP/MON/3501 “Developing aquaculture for improved fish supply in Mongolia”
- TCP/BGD/3501 “Enhancing aquaculture production for food security and rural development through better seed and feed production and management with special focus on public-private partnership”
- TCP/CAM/3503 “Good community fish refuges management practices for food security in four provinces”
- TCP/INS/3402” Development of preventive aquatic animal health protection plan and enhancing emergency response capacities to shrimp disease outbreaks in Indonesia”
- TCP/INS/3501-03 “Integrated economic zone development based on blue economy in Lombok Island, Indonesia”
- TCP/INS/3502 “Decent Work for Food Security and Sustainable Rural Development (DW4FS&SRD): Support to selected coastal communities along the seaweed value chain”
- TCP/DRK/3506 “Strengthening pen and cage fish farming in Integrated Freshwater aquaculture system”
- TCP/MAL/3501-01 “Strengthening Aquaculture Biosecurity Capacity of Malaysia’s Department of Fisheries”
- TCP/LAO/3403 “Developing an implementation strategy for capture fisheries and aquaculture management and development in Lao PDR”
- TCP/MDV/3501-01 “Assistance in support of the fisheries and aquaculture sector in Maldives”
- TCP/PAK/3502 “Promotion of Good Aquaculture Practices (GAqP) in farming of carps and other potential finfish in Punjab and Balochistan Provinces”
- TCP/SRL/3502 “Improving seabass (*Lates calcarifer*) aquaculture in Sri Lanka through better feed and health management”
- TCP/SRL/3503-03 “Technical Assistance on human resource capacity building related to fish genetics and brood stock management in Sri Lanka”
- TCP/SRL/3503-04 “Development of strategy for aquaculture value chain development for improved income generation of small aquaculture and fish supply to consumers”
- TCP/SRL/3503-06 “Inter-laboratory proficiency test (ring test) for detection of white spot syndrome virus (WSSV) by PCR in Sri Lanka”
- TCP/TIM/3502-04 “Feasibility study and pilot culture production of marine finfish cage culture (grouper, snapper) in Timor Leste”
- TCP/VIE/3502-04 “Assessment of causes and impacts of failed intensive shrimp farming on livelihoods of small farmers and piloting sustainable shrimp farming through organic farming supported with rehabilitation of destroyed mangroves in provinces of Soc Trang and Bac Lieu, Viet Nam”

REGIONAL AND NATIONAL PROJECTS APPROVED THAT SUPPORT THE WORK AND OBJECTIVES OF THE COMMISSION

7. In order to support the priority work of the commission, 9 new regional and national GCP/TCP projects have been formulated and approved with the support of the Secretariat. The project recently approved or incepted project include:

- A FAO regional Technical Cooperation Program project (TCP/RAS/3603) has been approved to support the scaling up of innovative integrated rice-aquaculture and climate resilient tilapia farming practices in 5 member countries.
- Global Environment Facility Project “Indonesia Sea Large Marine Ecosystem” (ISLME) has approved by GEF Secretariat for implementation in Indonesia and Timor Leste.
- TCP/RAS/3603 “Support scaling up of innovative agro-aquaculture practices and climate resilient tilapia farming in Asia-Pacific”
- TCP/SRL/3603 Capacity Building to prevent, deter and eliminate Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated fishing (IUU fishing)
- GCP/INS/303/GFF Mainstreaming Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Use into Inland Fisheries Practices in Freshwater Ecosystems of High Conservation Value (IFish)
- TCP/INS/3603-01” Preparation of full TCP Project supporting local feed self-sufficiency for inland aquaculture development in Indonesia”
- TCP/MYA/3601 “Improvement of data collection on fisheries and aquaculture production: pilot system for the Yangon Region”
- TCP/MYA/3606 “Improvement of tilapia seed production and grow-out culture management in Myanmar”
- TCP/SRL/3602/C2 TCPF: Support in establishing a Technical Cooperation Project to combat IUU fishing in Sri Lanka

REGIONAL PROJECTS UNDER DISCUSSION THAT SUPPORT THE WORK AND OBJECTIVES OF THE COMMISSION

8. In order to support priority work identified the commission through increasing regional project portfolio, the Secretariat is working with the donors and concerned member countries in formulating a number of new regional projects. Significant progress has been made on the following project:

- The Bay of Bengal Large Marine Ecosystem-Phase II Global Environment Facility project (BOBLME-II) is being formulated and waiting for last a couple of country to endorse to the project.
- A regional TCP project to support combating IUU and implementation of Port State Measure Agreement has been prepared. The full project document will be prepared soon after the project concept note is endorsed by the FAO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific
- FMM/RAS/298/MUL (643756) - Strengthening capacities, policies and national action plans on aquatic AMR”

APFIC publications and internet-based information dissemination

9. The Secretariat had continued to maintain the APFIC website <http://www.apfic.org> until the updating responsibility of the APFIC website was transferred to the FAO server <http://www.fao.org/apfic/en/> July 2016.

10. The Secretariat produced 10 publications on APFIC meeting events and technical subjects, which include:

- ASIA-PACIFIC FISHERY COMMISSION (APFIC) FIFTH REGIONAL CONSULTATIVE FORUM MEETING “Responsible management of fisheries and aquaculture in the Asia-Pacific”, 19–21 June 2014, Hyderabad, India (FAORAP, 2014/23)

- ASIA-PACIFIC FISHERY COMMISSION (APFIC) REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE Seventy-fifth Session, 11–13 November 2014, Colombo, Sri Lanka (FAORAP. 2014/25)
- Regional overview of aquaculture trends in the Asia-Pacific Region 2014 (FAORAP, 2014/26)
- Report of the APFIC/FAO Regional Consultation
- Improving the contribution of culture-based fisheries and fishery enhancements in inland waters to blue growth, 25–27 May 2015, Negombo, Sri Lanka (FAORAP, 2015/08)
- Responsible stocking and enhancement of inland waters in Asia (FAORAP, 2015/11)
- The consumption of fish and fish products in the Asia-Pacific region based on household surveys (FAORAP, 2015/12)
- Sustainable intensification of aquaculture in the Asia-Pacific region: Documentation of successful practices (FAO, 2016)
- Regional strategy and action plan for sustainable intensification of aquaculture in the Asia-Pacific region (FAO, 2016)
- Report of the Thirty-fourth Session of the ASIA-PACIFIC FISHERY COMMISSION (APFIC) , 12–14 February 2016, Colombo, Sri Lanka (FAO, 2016)

SUGGESTED ACTION BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

11. The Executive Committee is invited to review and comment on the inter-sessional activities carried out by the Secretariat.

12. The Executive Committee is welcome to identify obvious gaps that should be highlighted for consideration under Agenda Item 6.