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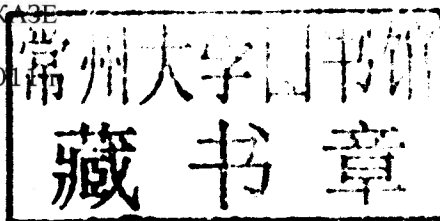
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PREPARATION OF THIS DOCUMENT

The First (Inaugural) Session of the Central Asian and Caucasus Regional Fisheries and Aquaculture Commission was held in Istanbul, Turkey, in the period 19–21 December 2011. The meeting was hosted by the Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Livestock of Turkey and was organized by the FAO Subregional Office for Central Asia (SEC) and the Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (TIKA). The meeting was made possible with support from the Central Asia Programme for Fisheries and Aquaculture Development (GCP/RER/031/TUR), financed by the FAO Turkey Partnership Programme (FTPP).

The FAO Secretariat to the meeting consisted of Raymon van Anrooy, Raschad Al-Khafaji, Kiyal Guzel, Haydar Fersoy, Onur Hasaltuntas and Ozgur Altan. FAO assistance was also provided by Arni M. Mathiesen, Mustapha Sinaceur, Blaise Kuemlangan, Hiromoto Watanabe, Sunil Siriwardena, Piero Mannini, Eva Kovacs and Thomas Moth-Poulsen. Harald Rosenthal and Bakhtiyor Karimov provided support as technical resource persons. Administrative and logistical assistance was provided by the host country (Turkey) and coordinated by Erkan Gozgozoglu, Hayri Deniz, Binnur Ceylan, Gülsen Kaya and Istanbul Provincial Directorate of Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Livestock.

This is the final and approved report of the meeting and provides a record of the meeting proceedings as well as some approved working documents that were prepared for and amended by the session.

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ABSTRACT

The First Session of the Central Asian and Caucasus Regional Fisheries and Aquaculture Commission was held in Istanbul, Turkey, in the period 19–21 December 2011. The following countries attended the Meeting as members of the Commission: Armenia, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Turkey. Countries that attended the meeting as observers include: Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Mongolia, Ukraine and Uzbekistan. The General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (GFCM) attended the meeting as observer. The Meeting, which was the Inaugural session of the Commission, adopted the Rules of Procedure of the Commission, the Financial Regulations of the Commission, the administrative budget for the first financial period, the scheme and scale of contributions to the administrative budget, a Five-year Regional Work Programme (2011 – 2015) and the acronym and logo of the Commission. The Meeting elected the chairpersons of the Commission as well as the chairperson for its Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). The Meeting also adopted the following interim scientific and technical advice: 1) Guidelines for Sturgeon Hatchery Practices and Hatchery Management for Release; 2) Recommendations of the Regional Study on the “Feasibility of Restocking and Culture-based Fisheries in Central Asia”; 3) Better Management Practices for Carp Production in Central and Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia; and 4) Conclusions and Recommendations of the Regional Workshop on Fishery and Aquaculture Statistics, Information, and Trends: Improving Data Collection, Analyses and Dissemination.

ПОДГОТОВКА НАСТОЯЩЕГО ДОКУМЕНТА

Первая (Учредительная) сессия Региональной комиссии по рыбному хозяйству и аквакультуре в Центральной Азии и на Кавказе состоялась в Стамбуле, Турция, 19-21 декабря 2011 г. Совещание было проведено Министерством продовольствия, сельского хозяйства и животноводства Турции и организовано Субрегиональным бюро ФАО по Центральной Азии (SEC). Совещание было проведено благодаря поддержке Центрально-азиатской программы развития рыболовства и аквакультуры (GCP/RER/031/TUR) Партнерской программы ФАО-Турция (ППФТ).

Секретариат ФАО, представленный на данном совещании, состоял из Раймона ван Анроя, Рашада Аль-Кафажи, Кыял Гузел, Хайдара Ферсоя, Онура Хасалтунсал и Озгура Алтана. Поддержку со стороны ФАО также предоставляли Арни М. Маттесен, Мустафа Синасёр, Блез Куэмлангана, Хиромото Ватанабе, Сунил Сириурдена, Пьеро Маннини, Эва Ковацс и Томас Мот-Пулсен. Гаральд Розенталь и Бахтиёр Каримов предоставляли поддержку в качестве технических экспертов. Административная и логистическая поддержка была обеспечена принимающей страной (Турция) и координировалась Эрканом Гёзгёзоглу и Хайри Дениз.

Настоящий протокол является окончательным и одобренным, и включает регистрацию процедур совещания, а также одобренные рабочие документы, которые были подготовлены и поправлены в ходе сессии.

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Первая сессия Региональной комиссии по рыбному хозяйству и аквакультуре в Центральной Азии и на Кавказе состоялась в Стамбуле, Турция, 19-21 декабря 2011 г. В качестве членов Комиссии в совещании приняли участие следующие страны: Армения, Кыргызстан, Таджикистан и Турция. Страны, принявшие участие в качестве наблюдателей, включали Афганистан, Азербайджан, Грузию, Монголию, Узбекистан и Украину. Генеральная комиссия по рыболовству в Средиземном море (GFCM) принимала участие в качестве наблюдателя. Участники совещания, которое являлось Учредительной сессией Комиссии, приняли Правила процедуры Комиссии, Финансовый регламент комиссии, административный бюджет, Пятилетнюю региональную рабочую программу (2011-2015), а также акроним и логотип Комиссии. Участники совещания избрали председателей Комиссии, а также председателя Технического консультативного комитета (ТКК). Участники совещания также одобрили предварительные научно-технические рекомендации: 1) Руководство по методам разведения и управления осетровыми для выпуска; 2) Рекомендации регионального исследования рентабельности пополнения запасов и развития пастбищного рыбоводства в Центральной Азии; 3) Лучшие методы управления для производства карпа в Центральной и Восточной Европе, в Центральной Азии и на Кавказе; и 4) Выводы и рекомендации Регионального семинара по статистике, информации и тенденциям в рыбном хозяйстве и аквакультуре: улучшение сбора, анализа и распространения данных.

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OPENING OF THE MEETING

1. The First (Inaugural) Session of the Central Asian and Caucasus Regional Fisheries and Aquaculture Commission was held in Istanbul, Turkey, between 19 and 21 December 2011. The meeting was kindly hosted by the Government of Turkey. His Excellency, Vedat Mirmahmutogullari, Under-Secretary of the Turkish Ministry of Food Agriculture and Livestock made a welcoming statement in the name of the host country, Turkey. Mr Arni M. Mathiesen, Assistant Director General of FAO, Head of the Fisheries and Aquaculture Department delivered an opening speech on behalf of Dr Jacques Diouf the Director-General of FAO. Mr Atilla Ozdemir was thanked for his competent chairmanship of the Preparatory Meeting that led to the Inaugural meeting.

ATTENDANCE

2. The following countries attended the Meeting as members of the Commission: Armenia, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Turkey.

3. Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Mongolia, Ukraine and Uzbekistan attended the Meeting as observers. The Commission granted observer status to the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (GFCM). The list of participants appears in Appendix B.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

4. The Commission adopted the agenda contained in CACFish:I/2011/1Rev.1, which appears in Appendix A.

ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON AND TWO-VICE CHAIRPERSONS FOR THE COMMISSION

5. Mr Nihat Pakdil (Turkey) was elected Chairperson of the Commission. Mr Dogdurbek Dogochiev (Kyrgyzstan) and Mr Ashot Hovhannisyan (Armenia) were elected respectively as first and second Vice-Chairperson.

RULES OF PROCEDURE

6. Following substantial discussions on the Rules of Procedure, a rephrase of Rule XVII [Languages of the Commission] was adopted. The Commission inserted the necessary amendments. The Commission adopted the Rules of Procedure and its annexes as contained in CACFish:I/2011/2Rev.1. The adopted Rules of Procedure appears in Appendix C.

STATUS OF THE AGREEMENT

7. The Commission was informed of the status of the Agreement as of 19 December 2011 and noted that four Countries have adhered to the Agreement, namely Armenia, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Turkey. Participating observers provided information on the status of the acceptance process in their respective countries.

MEMBERSHIP

8. The Commission welcomed the recent membership of Turkey on 19 December 2011. The Commission strongly encouraged Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, China, Georgia, Islamic Republic of Iran, Kazakhstan, Mongolia, Russian Federation, Turkmenistan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan to expedite their national processes of acceptance.

9. The Commission underscored its understanding that Article IV [Area] of the Agreement should not be read in restrictive terms concerning the area where the Commission will carry out its functions and responsibilities. Therefore, all countries located in the Wider Central Asian and Caucasus region are encouraged to become member or, alternatively, collaborate with the Commission as observer.

OBSERVERS

10. The Commission invited intergovernmental organizations, international non-governmental organizations and relevant projects and programmes active in the field of fisheries and aquaculture in Central Asia and the Caucasus to attend as observers to meetings of the Commission and its Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and participate as appropriate in other activities of the Commission.

11. The Commission agreed that the relevant provisions in the Agreement and the adopted Rules of Procedure with regards to the attendance of observers at CACFish meetings should be followed. The Secretariat was requested to prepare a paper for the next session of the Commission on "Criteria for admittance as Observers to the Commission". It was further noted that representatives of national level institutions could be invited by the Secretariat, in consultation with the Chairperson, as "invited experts" to CACFish meetings as appropriate.

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)

12. The Commission amended the duties and responsibilities of TAC. The amendment involves a rephrasing of duty and responsibility a) into "work towards operationalization of policies and decisions of the Commission". The amended duties and responsibilities appear in Annex C.

13. The Commission elected Ms Svetlana Balkhova (Tajikistan) as Chairperson of the TAC. The election of vice-chairpersons for the TAC was deferred to the second Session of the Commission.

14. The Commission accepted the generous offer by Ukraine to host the first Session of the TAC and expressed its preference to hold the meeting early September 2012. Additional information including the provisional agenda of the TAC will be communicated to Members and Observers in due course.

SUB-COMMISSIONS AND/OR OTHER SUBSIDIARY BODIES

15. The Commission decided not to establish any other subsidiary body, other than the TAC, at this Session. The Commission stressed the need for enhanced communication and sharing of information between all Members and observers.

FINANCIAL REGULATIONS OF THE COMMISSION

16. The Commission adopted the Financial Regulations of the Commission as reflected in CACFish:I/2011/4 and appearing as Appendix D to this report.

BUDGET FOR THE FIRST FINANCIAL PERIOD OF THE COMMISSION

17. The Commission adopted the administrative budget of the Commission for the financial period 1 January 2012 to 31 December 2012 in the sum of US\$180 000 and stressed that voluntary contributions to this administrative budget by observers, were essential.

SCHEME AND SCALE OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET OF THE COMMISSION

18. The Commission adopted the "Scheme for the calculation of contributions", as presented in the Annex of the Financial Regulations (document CACFish:I/2011/4). The Members confirmed their agreement with the scale of contributions for 2012 as reflected in CACFish:I/2011/6.

FIVE-YEAR REGIONAL WORK PROGRAMME (2011–2015) OF THE COMMISSION

19. The Commission adopted the Five-Year Regional Work Programme as presented in CACFish:I/2011/5 and appearing as Appendix E. It was noted that the Commission should seek voluntary contributions, donations and other forms of assistance to cover part of the activities foreseen under the adopted Work Programme.

SECRETARY AND LOCATION OF THE SECRETARIAT

20. The Commission agreed to postpone discussion on this topic to a future session, considering the limited number of members and the limited financial resources available within the Commissions' budget for 2012. The Commission stressed the importance of selecting a new Secretary for the Commission and urged FAO to consider this a high priority for the Region.

ACRONYM AND LOGO

21. The Commission adopted its acronym and logo as presented in CACFish:I/2011/7.

INTERIM SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL ADVICE

22. The Commission thanked the regional and international experts who prepared the interim scientific and technical advice for review and adoption by the Commission. In particular, the Commission congratulated the experts and the FAO Secretariat for the high quality of the advice and recommendations provided. The Commission expressed its gratitude to Professor Harald Rosenthal, President of the World Sturgeon Conservation Society (WSCS), for a highly informative presentation on sturgeons and the Guidelines for Sturgeon Hatchery Practices and Management for Release.

23. The Commission adopted the following Interim scientific and technical advice:

- a) Guidelines for Sturgeon Hatchery Practices and Hatchery Management for Release;
- b) Recommendations of the Regional Study on the "Feasibility of Restocking and Culture-based Fisheries in Central Asia";
- c) Better Management Practices for Carp Production in Central and Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia; and
- d) Conclusions and Recommendations of the Regional Workshop on Fishery and Aquaculture Statistics, Information, and Trends: Improving Data Collection, Analyses and Dissemination.

24. The Commission urged its members and observers to give high priority to the implementation of the above guidelines, better management practices and recommendations.

25. The Commission also proposed that the TAC should discuss in its first session the following priority issues:

- a) Strategy for responsible introductions and transfers of fish in Central Asia and the Caucasus (Activity 3.3 of the adopted Work Programme);
- b) Methodology for Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for aquaculture in Central Asia (Activity 4.8 of the adopted Work Programme);
- c) Guideline on the construction of fish passages for dams on fish migration routes (Activity 5.2 of the adopted Work Programme); and
- d) Sturgeon Manual(s).

RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHER BODIES

26. The Commission endorsed the activities undertaken by the Secretariat in terms of strengthening its relationship with other bodies and participation in biennial meetings of the Regional Fishery Body Secretariats Network (RSN).

DATE AND PLACE OF THE NEXT SESSION

27. The Commission welcomed and accepted the generous offer from Tajikistan to host the second Session of the Commission in Dushanbe in mid-November 2012.

OTHER MATTERS

FAO Scoping Workshop on a Regional Cooperation Programme for Responsible Aquaculture and Fisheries Development in the Central Asian and Caucasus countries, Urumqi, Xinjiang, China, June 2012.

28. The Commission noted the ongoing efforts of FAO and the Government of China to organize this workshop. It was stressed that increasing regional collaboration on aquaculture technologies and production systems is necessary and timely. The Commission urged the FAO Secretariat to ensure that efforts of CACFish should not be duplicated and that any regional network of research and education institutions, resulting from this workshop, would be best incorporated within the established structure of CACFish.

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

29. The report was adopted on 21 December 2011.

Agenda

1. Opening of the Session
2. Election of Chairperson and two Vice-Chairpersons for the Commission
3. Adoption of the Agenda and arrangements for the meeting
5. Adoption of the Rules of Procedure of the Commission
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7. Members and new members of the Commission
8. Admission of observers
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10. Establishment, as appropriate, of sub-commissions and/or other subsidiary bodies and date and place of their meetings
13. Adoption of the Financial Regulations of the Commission
14. Adoption of the Five-year Regional Work Programme (2011 – 2015) of the Commission
11. Adoption of the Budget for the first financial period of the Commission
12. Adoption of the Scheme and Scale of Contribution to the Administrative budget of the Commission
15. Secretary and location of the Secretariat
16. Adoption of the acronym and logo of the Commission
17. Discussion and endorsement of interim scientific and technical advice to the Commission
18. Relationship with other bodies
19. Date and place of the next session
20. Other matters
21. Adoption of the Report

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