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Report of the *Ad Hoc* Inter-Agency Consultation on Atlantic Fishery Statistics,

8-9 October 1983, Gothenburg, Sweden

by

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Rome, Italy

1. This meeting of the inter-secretariat ad hoc consultation took place on 8-9 October 1983, Gothenburg, Sweden. As CWP Secretary, Mr. E. F. Akyuz opened the consultation and was elected Chairman.
2. The participants in the meeting are titled in Annex C.
3. The draft agenda was presented and adopted (see Annex A).
4. The list of documents discussed at the consultation is given as Annex B.
5. The ICCAT participant reported that on a number of occasions his organization had not received CWP correspondence. Measures proposed to remedy the situation included improved liaison between the ICCAT and ICSEAF secretariats and the increased use of telex (if only to announce the sending of correspondence by the post). FAO and other agencies would investigate an extended use of its computer conferencing system.
6. The consultation reviewed and approved of the progress made in the implementation of CWP-11 recommendations and proposals, most of the work being on schedule for the deadline of the CWP-12 Session.
7. The consultation in considering the arrangements for the CWP-12 Session asked the ICES Secretariat to arrange a block booking at the Comfort Hotel in Copenhagen. Member agencies were asked to confirm the bookings at the earliest opportunity.
8. The draft agenda and draft annotated agenda for the CWP-12 Session (documents AHIC-AFS/83/11 and 12) were discussed and approved with a few minor revisions. The revised documents appear as Annexes D and E of the present report. The responsibility for the preparation of distribution of CWP-12 documents was agreed (see Annex F).
9. The consultation considered that document AHIC-AFS/83/6 containing revisions to the form of the questionnaire on conversion factors met the request of CWP-11 that conversion factors be processed as time series and asked FAO to proceed with the collection and processing of the data on such a basis.
10. In considering document AHIC-AFS/83/9 on a harmonized format for the transmission between agencies of data on magnetic tape the consultation considered that records should be of fixed, rather than variable, length and that tapes should be without label. It was agreed that EUROSTAT, in consultation

with ICCAT, would distribute a questionnaire on which agencies would record their requirements for the form and contents of the records. A task force would be established at the CWP-12 Session to further develop the harmonized format.

11. The consultation approved the progress EUROSTAT had made in developing a method of detecting discrepancies in databases (document AHIC-AFS/83/7) and requested that this very necessary work be continued.
12. The consultation discussed how statistics on socio-economic aspects of fisheries may be handled by the CWP and considered that the first topics to be given initial attention should be data on quantity and value of landings, fishermen statistics and fishing fleet statistics.
13. The ICES participant introduced document AHIC-AFS/83/16 proposing changes to the STATLANT 27A and 27B questionnaires requesting submission of data by the sub-divisions of the International Baltic Sea Fisheries Commission. The consultation approved this change and asked the ICES Secretariat to inform FAO of the changes required to the STATLANT 27A and 27B forms to implement both this change and those resulting from the introduction of the STATLANT AQ questionnaire in time for them to be included in the questionnaires to be distributed in early 1984.
14. The OECD participant presented document AHIC-AFS/83/15 on the national definitions used in fishermen statistics. The consultation agreed that internationally harmonized system of statistics would be difficult to achieve and proposed that the CWP should concentrate on systems of fishermen statistics associated with the sector of the industry in which they work.
15. Mr. Pope outlined progress in a report he was preparing for FAO on the requirements for planning, designing and implementing log-book systems. The consultation approved the schema and agreed to send Mr. Pope comments on his draft report by the end of October.

Appendix A: Agenda

1. Procedural arrangements
2. Administrative arrangements for CWP-12
3. Progress reports on the implementation of CWP-11 proposals and recommendations
4. Agency representation at CWP-12
5. Provisional agenda for CWP-12 with annotations
6. Allocation, preparation and distribution of CWP-12 documents
7. Conversion factors
8. Harmonized format for transmission of data
9. Comparison of databases
10. Treatment by the CWP of problems related to the data requirements for socio-economic studies
11. Changes to the STATLANT 27A questionnaire
12. Any other business
  - a. Fishermen statistics
  - b. Fishing logbooks

Appendix B: List of Documents

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| AHIC-AFS/83/1 | General announcement   |
| 2             | Provisional agenda   |
| 3             | Annotated agenda   |
| 4             | List of documents  |
| 5             | Report of the 11th Session of the CWP  |
| 6             | Conversion factors   |
| 7             | Detection of discrepancies in databases  |
| 8             | Treatment by the CWP of problems related to the data requirements for socio-economic studies |
| 9             | A draft proposal for a harmonized format for the transmission of data on magnetic tape       |
| 10            | Draft agenda for CWP-12  |
| 11            | Draft annotated agenda for CWP-12  |
| 12            | Preliminary list of documents for CWP-12   |
| 13            | Allocation, preparation and distribution of CWP-12 documents                                 |
| 14            | Draft guidelines for rapporteurs   |
| 15            | Fishermen statistics   |
| 16            | Sub-dividing ICES Sub-division IIIId, the Baltic   |

Appendix C: List of Participants

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APPENDIX D: Draft Agenda for CWP-12,  
Copenhagen, July/August 1984

1. Opening procedural matters
2. Review of recommendations and proposals from CWP-11 and progress
3. Agency programmes and publications presenting Atlantic Fishery  
Statistics
4. Catch and landing statistics
5. Conversion factors
6. Statistics on aquaculture
7. Misreporting and non-reporting of catch and landing data
8. Discrepancies in statistics held in data bases

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9. Fishing log-books
10. Glossary of fishery statistics
11. Harmonized format for the transmission of data
12. Fishing areas for statistics purposes
13. Fishing fleet statistics
14. Fishermen statistics
15. Landing statistics: quantities and values
16. Socio-economic data
17. Any other business
18. Closing procedural matters

APPENDIX E: Provisional annotated Agenda for CWP-12

Agenda Item 1: Opening procedural matters

Annotations:

Opening of the Twelfth Session by the CWP Secretary

Welcoming address

Election of Chairman, Vice-chairman

Adoption of Agenda and Schedule of Work

Establishing of Task Forces (as appropriate)

Appointment of Rapporteurs

General and administrative announcements.

Documents: CWP-12/A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H and I

Agenda Item 2: Review of recommendations and proposals from CWP-11  
and progress

Annotations:

The CWP Secretary will review how far it has been possible for the recommendations and proposals of the last session to be implemented. He will pay particular attention to the developments since the Ad-hoc Inter-Agency Consultation.

Documents: CWP-12/1,2 and 3

Agenda item 3: Agency programmes and publications presenting Atlantic  
fishery statistics.

Annotations:

The principal participants from each participating agency (FAO, EUROSTAT, OECD, ICCAT, ICES, ICSEAF, NAFO and CCAMLR, preferably in that order) will present the report on its statistical programme, publications and ADP. These verbal presentations should be limited to approximately 10 minutes,

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as it is assumed that all other participants will have had access to the details of the documents. The documents will contain, as Annex A, a one-page summary, which will be incorporated into the text of the CWP-12 Report. The contents of these annexes, already submitted to the CWP Secretary, may be amended at this stage of the session.

Documents: CWP-12/4,5,6,7,8,9,10 and 11.

Agenda item 4: Catch and landing statistics

Annotations:

The CWP will review the situation with respect to catch and landing statistics paying particular attention to developments in the allocation of nationality of the catch.

Agenda item 5: Conversion factors

Annotations:

Conversion factors have been regularly considered by the CWP at preceding sessions. At the Twelfth Session the CWP will review how its proposal that the factors should be stored as time series on the FAO data base has been accommodated and how the up-dating of the data base is proceeding.

Document: CWP- 12/12

Agenda item 6: Statistics on aquaculture

Annotations:

After two years experience with the STATLANT AQ questionnaire the CWP will review the response and will consider any improvements to the questionnaire.

Document: CWP-12/13

Agenda item 7: Misreporting and non-reporting of catch and landing data

Annotations:

The CWP will review developments in the mis-reporting and non-reporting of catch and landing data including restriction on access to data due to confidentiality considerations.

Document: CWP-12/14

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Agenda item 8: Discrepancies in statistics held in data bases

Annotations

The CWP will review the progress with the development of computer programs to detect discrepancies in the data bases maintained by the member agencies and will consider how these discrepancies, once detected, may be eliminated. The efficiency of current methods of communications between agencies for the exchange of information will be reviewed.

Agenda Item 9: Fishing logbooks

Annotations: At its Eleventh Session the CWP recommended that FAO produces a report or manual identifying the requirements for planning, designing and implementing logbook systems. The CWP will review progress with this project and will consider any new developments in the introduction of logbook systems.

Document: CWP-12/17

Agenda item 10: Glossary of fishery statistics

Annotations:

At previous sessions the CWP has recognised the need for a glossary of fishery statistics and at the Twelfth Session the CWP will review the progress with this project, paying particular attention to the form of presentation, the content and the level of detail required.

Document: CWP-12/ 18

Agenda item 11: Harmonised format for the transmission of data

Annotations:

The CWP will review progress towards the establishing of a harmonised <sup>record</sup> format for the transmission of data on magnetic tapes between member agencies and will consider how, once established, use may be made of it to maximise of the efficiencies of the secretariats.

Document: CWP-12/ 19

Agenda item 12: Fishing areas for statistical purposes

Annotations The CWP Secretary will report on any changes made in the boundaries of the Major Fishing Areas. Representatives from the participating agencies could refer to changes listed in the agency reports and could report on the policy of agencies towards the requests for changes to statistical boundaries for political or economic reasons.

Document: CWP- 12/20

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Agenda item 13: Fishing fleet statistics

Annotations:

At its Eleventh Session the CWP considered that certain presentations used in the <sup>definition and</sup> classification of fishing vessels should be revised. At the Twelfth Session the CWP will review the progress with this revision, will consider the developments in publication programmes in fleet statistics and will review the use of registers of fishing vessels in the compilation of statistics.

Document: CWP- 12/21

Agenda item 14: Fishermen statistics

Annotations:

The CWP will review the present status and quality of statistics on fishermen, and will consider the most appropriate methods of presenting such data.

Document: CWP- 12/22

Agenda item 15: Landing statistics: quantities and values.

Annotations:

The CWP will consider the progress of a study of the application of concepts used in agricultural price statistics to fishery statistics.

Document: CWP-12/23

Agenda item 16: Socio-economic data

Annotations:

The CWP will consider how it can adapt its programme of work to meet the increasing demand for harmonised and standardised data for socio-economic studies of fisheries, to identify which earlier sectors of work may require reviewing to meet the needs of the economists and to identify new sectors to which it should turn its attention.

Document: CWP-12/16

Agenda item 17: Closing procedural matters.

Annotations:

Time and place of the 13th Session of the CWP. At the 11th Session it was noted that Rome was a possible venue for the 13th Session.



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Time and place of the 1985 intersessional Ad-hoc Inter-Agency Consultation on Atlantic Fishery Statistics. This has been held "traditionally" immediately preceding the ICES Statutory Meeting which, in 1985, is to be held in London.

Publication, reproduction and distribution of the CWP-12 Report

Adoption of the CWP-12 Report

Any other business

Closure of the 12th Session of the CWP.

APPENDIX F: PRELIMINARY LIST OF DOCUMENTS FOR CWP-12, WITH  
AN INDICATION AS TO THE RESPONSIBLE AGENCY

As was proposed at the 11th Session of the CWP the documents will be two series:

General series

CWP-12/A	General announcement
CWP-12/B	Provisional agenda
CWP-12/C	Provisional annotated agenda
CWP-12/D	Provisional list of documents
CWP-12/E	Provisional list of participants
CWP-12/F	Provisional schedule of work
CWP-12/G	Provisional list of rapporteurs
CWP-12/H	Guidelines for rapporteurs
CWP-12/I	General information for participants
CWP-12/J	List of selected acronyms and abbreviations: fisheries and statistics.
CWP-12/K	CWP sessions: dates, places and reports.

Technical series

CWP-12/1	Report of the Eleventh Session of the Coordinating Working Party on Atlantic Fishery Statistics, Luxembourg (Grand Duchy), 21-28 July 1982
CWP-12/2	Report of the Ad-hoc Inter-Agency Consultation on Atlantic Fishery Statistics, Gothenburg, 8/9 October 1983
CWP-12/3	Report by the CWP Secretary on recommendations and proposals from CWP-11 and progress
CWP-12/4	Report on the FAO fishery statistical programme and publications in general and specifically for the Atlantic and for WECAFC, CECAF, GFCM and CARPAS.
CWP-12/5	Report on the EUROSTAT fishery statistical programme publications and ADP

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CWP-12/6	Report on the OECD fishery statistical programme
CWP-12/7	Report on the ICCAT statistical programme, publications and ADP
CWP-12/8	Report on the ICES statistical programme, publications and ADP
CWP-12/9	Report on the ICSEAF statistical programme, publications and ADP
CWP-12/10	Report on the NAFO statistical program, publications and ADP
CWP-12/11	Report on the CCAMLR fishery statistical programme, publications and ADP
CWP 12/12	Conversion factors (FAO)
CWP-12/13	Statistics on aquaculture (ICES)
CWP-12/14	Misreporting of catch and landings data (FAO)
CWP-12/15	Discrepancies in statistics held in data bases (Eurostat)
CWP-12/16	Socio-economic data (EUROSTAT/ICES)
CWP-12/17	Fishing log-books (FAO)
CWP-12/18	Glossary of fishery statistics (FAO)
CWP-12/19	Harmonised format for the transmission of data (EUROSTAT)
CWP-12/20	Fishing areas for statistical purposes (FAO)
CWP-12/21	Fishing fleet statistics (FAO)
CWP-12/22	Fishermen statistics (OECD)
CWP-12/23	Landing statistics: quantities and values (FAO)