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

Madrid, 11-15 July 1994

The Report of the CWP *Ad hoc* Consultation in Madrid, 11-15 July 1994 (see attached), was submitted to the Scientific Council and an overview was presented at the 19-23 September 1994 Meeting by R. Grainger of FAO, the CWP Secretary. It had been recognized by the Consultation that new demands for statistics from Regional Fishery Organizations will probably result from developments at the UN Conference on Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks and hence the need for improved coordination amongst organizations. It may also become desirable to expand the horizons to areas outside the Atlantic. During the consultation it was agreed that a two step process should be followed. First, revised Statutes and Rules of Procedure would be prepared, discussed and agreed upon. Later there would be careful consideration of the idea of expanding the area covered during CWP discussions. During that consultation proposed new Statutes and Rules of Procedure were developed including more focused terms of reference which could be referred to the member organizations for their revisions.

The Council reviewed the proposed Statutes and subject to making a few minor changes recommended that they be accepted (the attached copy of the Statutes indicate the changes). It was also agreed that the term "Atlantic" should be dropped from the title of the Working Party in accordance with the NAFO decision of April 1993 (NAFO GF/93-124 and 149). The Council was also in general agreement with the proposed Rules of Procedure.

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

Madrid, 11-15 July 1994

### PARTICIPANTS

1. The following participated in the *Ad-hoc* Inter-Agency Consultation on Atlantic Fishery Statistics (AHIAC):

R. Bailey	International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES)
D. Cross	Statistical Office of the European Community (Eurostat)
E. de Salas	Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR)
R. Grainger	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) (CWP Secretary)
L. Holmberg	Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)
P. Miyake	International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT)

### OPENING

2. The Secretary of the Coordinating Working Party on Atlantic Fishery Statistics (CWP) explained that the main purposes of the *Ad-hoc* Consultation were (i) to develop a first proposal for revised "Statutes and Rules of Procedure" for the CWP, which would then have to be considered by the participating organizations and (ii) to plan the Sixteenth Session of the CWP which had been postponed until March 1995. It was agreed that Dr. P. M. Miyake of ICCAT would act as Chairman. The agenda shown in Annex 1 was adopted.

### CWP STATUTES AND RULES OF PROCEDURE

#### Current status

3. As requested by the previous AHIAC (Dublin, 21-22 September 1993), the CWP Secretary had prepared a working paper on the role and structure of the CWP. The paper described the background to the establishment of the CWP, its formation, its work and major achievements, and clarified, after consultation with the FAO legal office, the existing Statutes and Rules of Procedure.

4. The CWP has been functioning effectively for many years, making decisions by consensus and with a high level of cooperation among participants. Several fishery organizations concerned with the Atlantic have been established since the Statutes of the CWP were

last modified in 1968 specifying that the CWP will be composed of experts nominated by FAO, ICES and the International Commission for the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries (ICNAF) [reconstituted in 1980 as the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization (NAFO)]. Although the CWP Statutes and Rules of Procedure have not since been modified to accommodate their participation, individual organizations have endorsed their participation in the CWP and their experts have played a full and active role in the work of the CWP.

5. The fact that the Statutes and Rules of Procedure have not been appropriately modified has not hampered the work of CWP as voting has rarely, if ever, been required in order to take decisions. Nevertheless, there is clearly a need to modify the Statutes and Rules of Procedure to provide a sound basis for the CWP so as to ensure that it can effectively coordinate fishery statistical programmes among all relevant organizations in the future. This is particularly important following proposals that CWP should extend its participation to include participating organizations from outside the Atlantic<sup>1</sup>.

### **Proposals for Revision**

6. The Consultation agreed to use the existing Statutes and Rules of Procedure (Annex 2) as a basis for developing the proposal for revision, but to separate the Statutes from the Rules of Procedure. It was also agreed that, rather than try to anticipate any possible extension on the remit of the CWP, it would be appropriate to propose Statutes and Rules of Procedure best suited to its current role in the Atlantic. With appropriate Statutes and Rules of Procedure in place, CWP would be in a more secure position to consider possible extension of its remit. In this regard, CCAMLR reported that it had little institutional contact with regional fishery organizations in areas outside the Atlantic but it believes that this is likely to change, and the establishment of the International Commission for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna, another circum-polar organization, will provide a good opportunity for cooperation which CWP should consider in the future. The proposed new Statutes and draft Rules of Procedure are provided in Annexes 3 and 4.

7. The existing Terms of Reference refer to keeping under review the implementation of the recommendations of the Expert Meeting on Fishery Statistics (Edinburgh, 1959). It was decided to propose new terms of reference which kept the intention and purpose of the existing ones but did not restrict activities to the recommendations from the Edinburgh meeting.

8. It was agreed to propose that the CWP should be composed of experts nominated by intergovernmental organizations which have a competence in fishery statistics and that the participating organizations should include the appropriate organizations which have participated in the CWP in the past. The participation of OECD was considered important in relation to economic statistics. Some doubts were expressed about whether Eurostat meets the criterion of being an intergovernmental organization. However, noting that (i) Eurostat has as a major function in the coordination of the activities of the autonomous statistical

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<sup>1</sup>The CWP at its Fifteenth Session (Dartmouth, Canada, 8-14 July 1992) and the *Ad hoc* Consultation on the Role of Regional Fishery Agencies in Relation to High Seas Fishery Statistics (La Jolla, USA, 13-16 December 1993).

offices of the European Union (EU) Member States, (ii) Eurostat participates with UN agencies and OECD in the Administrative Committee for Coordination's Sub-Committee on Statistical Activities, (iii) some organizations participating in the CWP have through their internal mechanisms already endorsed the participation of Eurostat in the CWP, and (iv) Eurostat has made extensive contributions to the work of the CWP in the past, it was agreed that it is appropriate for Eurostat to participate in the CWP.

9. Organizations dealing with Atlantic fishery statistics which had participated in the CWP in the past were listed as participating organizations in item 2 of the Statutes. The North Atlantic Salmon Conservation Organization (NASCO) was contacted during the Consultation to confirm that it wished to be included. Participation of experts from FAO regional bodies such as the Fishery Committee for the Eastern Central Atlantic (CECAF) and the General Fisheries Council for the Mediterranean (GFCM) should be encouraged.

10. In formulating the proposed new Statutes and draft Rules of Procedure, the Consultation endeavoured to provide a sound and secure basis for the effective functioning of the CWP in the Atlantic area, while ensuring that only minor modifications to the Statutes would be required if it is decided at a later stage to extend the remit of the CWP to other areas. It was felt that such a sound and secure basis would allow the CWP to continue to work in an informal way, free of unduly burdensome administrative requirements. This would be in line with the view stated in the Report of the NAFO Scientific Council meeting (8-22 June 1994) and submitted to the Consultation by NAFO.

11. The CWP Secretary was requested to ask FAO, ICES and NAFO to consider for approval as soon as possible the proposed Statutes in accordance with their respective internal procedures. The other participating organizations will be asked to subscribe to the new Statutes.

12. If the Statutes are adopted by FAO, ICES and NAFO prior to the Sixteenth Session of CWP, it will be possible to consider for adoption the draft Rules of Procedure (Annex 4) at the Sixteenth Session.

## **PLANNING OF SIXTEENTH SESSION OF CWP**

### **Agenda**

13. The provisional agenda proposed at the AHIC held in Dublin in September 1993 was reviewed, paying particular attention to the recommendations made at the 15th Session of CWP and to the proposed new Statutes and draft Rules of Procedure.

14. Under "Misreporting/non-reporting of data" a sub-item was added on "catches of vessels flying flags of convenience and vessels of non-contracting parties". It was also proposed that a summary of the OECD Workshop on the Requirements of Fisheries Statistics for Management to be held in September 1994 would be a relevant input to this item.

15. A revised provisional agenda is included in Annex 5.

### **Preparation of documents**

16. A provisional list of documents required for CWP-16 was drawn up indicating the expected contributors (Annex 6). The relevant documents will also be listed in the appropriate parts of the Annotated Agenda which will be prepared by the CWP Secretary.

17. It was decided that many of the other items on the agenda should be explicitly covered in the reports from each participating organization.

### **Logistical arrangements**

18. It was confirmed that the 16th Session will be held in Madrid at the invitation of ICCAT. It was agreed that the duration of the meeting should be six working days and the dates proposed are 13-18 March 1995.

19. Although the number of experts expected to attend is not yet known, arrangements are being made for a meeting of around 20-25 persons. The meeting is to be held in the Hotel Pintor, Calle Goya 79, close to the ICCAT Headquarters. The meeting is expected to start at around 9 a.m. on the first day.

20. In accordance with arrangements for previous meetings, some Participating Organizations intend to nominate a national representative as one of their experts. As described in the report of the AHIC held in September 1993, NAFO intends to nominate a Spanish expert and it is understood that ICES may nominate an expert from Portugal.

### **HIGH SEAS FISHERY STATISTICS**

21. There has been only a very limited follow-up so far to the Report of the *Ad-Hoc* Consultation on the Role of Regional Fishery Agencies in Relation to High Seas Fishery Statistics (HSFS) (La Jolla, USA, 13-16 December 1993). FAO will shortly be submitting a proposal for the format of data transmissions of data on high seas fisheries for the approval of regional agencies. Data preparation has commenced for the production of an atlas of world tuna catches using similar data stratification to that proposed by the HSFS.

22. Annex 1 of the revised Negotiating Text resulting from the UN Conference on Straddling Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in March 1994 outlines the minimum standards for data requirements for the conservation and management of straddling fish stocks and highly migratory fish stocks. It is hoped that later versions of the text will take greater account of the recommendations of the HSFS.

23. If the anticipated flow of acceptances is realised, the Agreement to Promote Compliance with Internationally Agreed Conservation and Management Measures by Fishing Vessels on the High Seas should enter into force in early 1995. FAO has conducted preparatory work on the development of the necessary database to hold the record of vessels authorised to fish on the high seas, and expects to be demonstrating the database at the meeting of FAO's Committee for Fisheries in March 1995. It may also be possible to demonstrate it at the Sixteenth Session of CWP.

## **STATLANT ISSUES**

24. Eurostat commented on the difficulties it was experiencing in processing the STATLANT 27A data received from the six fisheries authorities of the United Kingdom and suggested that FAO check that the data it extracted from FISHSTAT NS1 questionnaires were compatible with the STATLANT 27A data.

## **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

25. FAO said that national authorities have recently been requested to submit conversion factors on the FISHSTAT CF questionnaires to up-date the information received in 1985 and 1988. The intention was to request explanations from these authorities where the factors submitted differed significantly from those in the two expert studies commissioned by FAO. Although national authorities have been requested to indicate the basis for the establishment of the factors, few of the submissions so far received contained such information.

26. FAO stated that an Expert Consultation to advise on the draft Code of Conduct for Responsible Fishing would be held in September 1994. Data collection is one of the topics included in the draft code.

## **ADOPTION OF THE REPORT**

27. The report was adopted.

## **CLOSING**

28. The participants expressed their thanks to Dr P. Miyake for chairing the Consultation and to the Executive Secretary of ICCAT for hosting the Consultation.

ANNEX 1

***Ad Hoc* Inter-Agency Consultation on Atlantic Fishery Statistics  
(AHIAC)**

Madrid, 11-15 July 1994

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  - 6.1 Initial follow-up actions in response to the Report of the *Ad-hoc* Consultation on the Role of Regional Fishery Agencies in Relation to High Seas Fishery Statistics (La Jolla, USA, 13-16 December 1993);
  - 6.2 Brief review of the UN Conference on High Migratory Fish Stocks and Straddling Fish Stocks (New York, March 1994);
  - 6.3 Initial follow-up actions in response to the Agreement to Promote Compliance with Internationally Agreed Conservation and Management Measures by Fishing Vessels on the High Seas.
6. STATLANT ISSUES
- 7 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

## ANNEX 2

### COORDINATING WORKING PARTY ON ATLANTIC FISHERY STATISTICS

#### STATUTES AND RULES OF PROCEDURE

1. **TERMS OF REFERENCE.** The Coordinating Working Party on Atlantic Fishery Statistics is established, in accordance with Resolution No. 23/59 adopted by the Tenth Session of the Conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations. It is to keep under continuous review the progress made in the implementation of the recommendations of the Expert Meeting on Fishery Statistics in the North Atlantic Area, Edinburgh, 1959, consult with the officers of governments and of international organizations with respect to difficulties encountered and, keeping in mind the actual state of fishery statistical services in the different countries, make suggestions for further national and international action in its field to governments and international organizations as appropriate.
2. **MEMBERSHIP.** The Working Party shall be composed of experts, with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea, and the International Commission for the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries each appointing up to four experts in accordance with their respective constitutional procedures.
3. **OFFICERS.** The Working Party shall elect a Chairman and Vice-Chairman from among its members at the beginning of each session; they shall remain in office until the election of the new Chairman and new Vice-Chairman at the next session. The outgoing Chairman and Vice-Chairman shall be eligible for re-election. The Secretary shall be appointed by the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and shall be responsible to him.
4. **SESSIONS.** The Working Party shall meet when convenient at the call of the Secretary. Any member of the working Party may suggest to the Secretary that a meeting be held.
5. **AGENDA.** A provisional agenda for each session shall be prepared by the Secretary and shall be distributed to members before or at the beginning of each session. The first item on the provisional agenda shall be the adoption of the agenda.
6. **VOTING.** Each country and each International Organization represented in the Working Party shall have one vote. Decisions of the Working Party shall be taken by a majority of votes cast.
7. **OBSERVERS.** Any Member or Associate Member of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea or the International Commission for the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries having



a special interest in the work of the Working Party may nominate an expert or experts who, upon request communicated to the Secretary, may attend the Working Party sessions as observers, subject to the relevant provisions adopted by the Conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea or the International Commission for the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries. Observers may submit memoranda and may participate without vote in the discussions.

8. **RECORDS AND REPORTS.** At each session the Working Party shall approve a report and shall decide on its distribution. The reports shall be transmitted by the Secretary to the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization, the Secretary-General of the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea and the Executive Secretary of the International Commission for the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries.
9. **EXPENSES.** Expenses incurred by the Members of the Working Party, their alternates or advisers and by observers, when attending sessions of the Working Party, shall be borne by the respective nominating governments or organizations.
10. **LANGUAGES.** English and French shall be the official languages of the Working Party. English shall be used as working language.
11. **AMENDMENT OF STATUTES AND RULES AND SUSPENSION OF RULES.** Amendments of the Statutes and Rules and suspensions of these Rules may be adopted by the Working Party by a two-thirds majority of the votes cast, provided that 24 hours' notice of the proposal for the amendment or suspension is given. Amendments or additions to these Statutes and Rules shall come into force upon approval by the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization, the Secretary-General of the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea and the Executive Secretary of the International Commission for the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries.

EX 3

## COORDINATING WORKING PARTY ON ATLANTIC<sup>1</sup> FISHERY STATISTICS

### PROPOSED STATUTES

TERMS OF REFERENCE. The Coordinating Working Party on Atlantic<sup>1</sup> Fishery Statistics (CWP) shall:

- (i) keep under continuous review the requirements for Atlantic<sup>1</sup> fishery statistics (including aquaculture) for the purposes of research, policy-making and management, taking into account inter alia<sup>2</sup> their purposes, usefulness, cost, burden in collection and collation, timeliness, quality, confidentiality needs and regional differences;
- (ii) agree standard concepts, definitions, classifications and methodologies for the collection and collation of fishery statistics;
- (iii) make proposals and recommendations for action in relation to the collection, collation and dissemination of fishery statistics, recognising the need to coordinate activities so as to avoid duplication.

COMPOSITION. The Working Party shall be composed of experts nominated by intergovernmental organizations which have a competence in fishery statistics. The following shall be the participating organizations initially:

Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR)  
Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)  
International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT)  
International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES)  
North Atlantic Salmon Conservation Organization (NASCO)  
Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization (NAFO)  
Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)  
Statistical Office of the European Communities (EU/Eurostat)

Participating organizations may admit other intergovernmental organizations having competence in fishery statistics. Participating organizations may withdraw from the Working Party.

Each of the participating organizations may nominate up to five experts in accordance with their respective internal procedures.

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3. SECRETARY. The Secretary to the Working Party shall be appointed by the Director General of FAO and shall be administratively responsible to him.
4. RULES OF PROCEDURE. The Working Party will<sup>3</sup> adopt its own Rules of Procedure and amendments thereto which shall come into force unless any participating organization objects within three months of the adoption.
5. AMENDMENTS OF STATUTES. Proposals for amendments to the Statutes shall be submitted to the CWP Secretary by one or more participating organizations or shall be recommended by the Working Party. Amendments shall come into force upon receipt by the CWP Secretary of notification of approval by all of the participating organizations in accordance with their respective internal procedures.

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<sup>3</sup> "Party may adopt" changed to read "Party will adopt."

ANNEX 4

**COORDINATING WORKING PARTY ON ATLANTIC FISHERY STATISTICS**

**DRAFT RULES OF PROCEDURE**

1. **SESSIONS.** Unless contrary to the views of the majority of participating organizations, the interval between successive sessions of the Coordinating Working Party on Atlantic Fishery Statistics (CWP) shall not exceed three years. The Working Party shall meet on announcement by the CWP Secretary who shall respect the wishes of the majority of participating organizations. The announcement shall generally be made at least six months before the session starts.
2. **AGENDA.** A provisional agenda for each session shall be prepared by the CWP Secretary in collaboration with the secretariats of the participating organizations. The first item on the provisional agenda shall be the adoption of the agenda. The agenda shall be distributed with the announcement of the session.
3. **NOMINATION OF EXPERTS.** Participating organizations should, where possible, notify the CWP Secretary of the names and affiliations of their nominated experts at least four months before the session.
4. **DOCUMENTATION.** Documents for each session should, if possible, be distributed to all participating organizations and nominated experts at least two months before the session. Each participating organization shall be responsible for the timely distribution of its documents in accordance with the mailing list supplied by the CWP Secretary.
5. **OFFICERS.** At the start of the Session, the Chairman or Vice-Chairman appointed at the previous session shall call the session to order. In their absence, the CWP Secretary will call the session to order. Following adoption of the agenda, the Working Party shall elect a Chairman and Vice-Chairman from among its members; they shall remain in office until the election of the new Chairman and new Vice-Chairman at the next session. The outgoing Chairman and Vice-Chairman shall be eligible for re-election.
6. **EXPENSES.** The expenses incurred by experts attending sessions of the Working Party shall be borne by the nominating organization or as otherwise arranged between the experts and the respective nominating organizations.
7. **WORKING LANGUAGE.** English shall be the working language of the Working Party.
8. **VOTING.** A majority of the participating organizations shall constitute a quorum. Each participating organization is entitled to one vote. Decisions of the Working Party shall be taken by a simple majority of votes cast by those present at the session. When necessary, the Chairman may exercise a casting vote.
9. **REPORTS.** At each session the Working Party shall adopt a report of the session which will include *inter alia* all decisions and recommendations. The report shall be distributed by the CWP Secretary to the participating organizations and nominated experts, and to other individuals or organizations as requested by the Working Party. FAO should make the report available as widely as possible.

10. **MONITORING OF RECOMMENDATIONS.** Although recommendations and decisions of the Working Party are not binding on participating organizations, the Working Party shall monitor and report on the implementation of recommendations and decisions.
11. **INTERSESSIONAL ACTIVITIES.** The Working Party may arrange such intersessional activities as are required for its effective functioning, including *inter alia* holding informal preparatory meetings, holding meetings of regional or subject groups, preparation of working papers, and communication by correspondence.
12. **SUSPENSION OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE.** Suspension of the Rules of Procedure may be adopted by the Working Party by a two thirds majority of the votes cast, provided that 24 hours' notice of the proposal for the suspension had been given to the Working Party.
13. **AMENDMENT TO THE RULES OF PROCEDURE.** Amendments to the Rules of Procedure may be adopted by the Working Party by a two thirds majority of the participating organizations provided that three months notice of the proposal for the amendment had been given to all participating organizations. An amendment shall come into force unless any objection is received by the CWP Secretary from any participating organization within three months of being adopted.
14. **NEW PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS.** An intergovernmental organization having competence in fishery statistics may become a participating organization of the Working Party if it is so decided by a two thirds majority of the participating organizations provided that three months notice of the proposed admission had been given to all participating organizations.
15. **WITHDRAWAL OF PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS.** Any participating organization may withdraw from the Working Party after giving three months' notice to the CWP Secretary who will inform other participating organizations. If a participating organization does not provide any experts for three consecutive sessions without notification, it will be deemed to have withdrawn.

## ANNEX 5

## COORDINATING WORKING PARTY ON ATLANTIC FISHERY STATISTICS

## Sixteenth Session

13-18 March 1995, Madrid, Spain

## PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening of Session and Adoption of Agenda
2. Appointment of Chairman
3. Status of Statutes and Rules of Procedure
4. Review of Recommendations from CWP-15
5. Modifications to Agency Programmes in Relation to Fishery Statistics
6. International Initiatives of Relevance to the CWP:
  - (a) Follow-up actions in response to the Report of the *Ad-hoc* Consultation on the Role of Regional Fishery Agencies in Relation to High Seas Fishery Statistics (La Jolla, USA, 13-16 December 1993);
  - (b) Review of the UN Conference on High Migratory Fish Stocks and Straddling Fish Stocks;
  - (c) Follow-up actions in response to the Agreement to Promote Compliance with Internationally Agreed Conservation and Management Measures by Fishing Vessels on the High Seas.
  - (d) Code of Conduct for Responsible Fishing
7. Modifications to STATLANT questionnaires
8. Discrepancies among Agency Databases
9. Misreporting/Non-reporting of Data:
  - (a) Consequences and extent of problem
  - (b) Catches of vessels flying flags of convenience
  - (c) Improvement of reliability of statistics
10. Bycatch and Discard Data
11. Recreational and Subsistence Fishery Statistics

12. Fleet Statistics
13. Aquaculture:
  - (a) Definition of aquaculture
  - (b) FISHSTAT AQ questionnaire
14. Conversion Factors
15. Handbook of Fishery Statistics
16. Country and Nationality Issues
17. The CWP and its Functions
18. Any Other Business
20. Arrangements for the 17th Session of CWP
19. Adoption of the report

ANNEX 6

COORDINATING WORKING PARTY ON ATLANTIC  
FISHERY STATISTICS

Sixteenth Session

Madrid, Spain, 13-18 March 1995

PROVISIONAL LIST OF DOCUMENTS

Document  
Number

CWP-16/A	FAO	General Announcement
B	FAO	Provisional Agenda
C	FAO	Provisional Annotated Agenda
D	FAO	Provisional List of Documents
E	FAO	Provisional List of Participants
F	FAO	CWP Sessions: Dates, venues, etc.
G	FAO	List of Acronyms
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CWP-16/1	FAO	Report of the 15th Session of the CWP (Dartmouth, Canada, 8-14 July 1992)
2	FAO	Report of the <i>Ad-hoc</i> Inter-Agency Consultation on Atlantic Fishery Statistics (Dublin, 21-22 September 1993)
3	FAO	Report of the <i>Ad-hoc</i> Inter-Agency Consultation on Atlantic Fishery Statistics (Madrid, 11-15 July 1994)
4	FAO	Review of Recommendations from CWP-15
5	All Agencies	Modifications to Agency Programmes in Relation to Fishery Statistics
6	FAO	Report of the <i>Ad-hoc</i> Consultation on the Role of Regional Fishery Agencies in Relation to High Seas Fishery Statistics (La Jolla, California, 13-16 December 1993)



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| 7  | FAO                             | Follow-up actions in response to the <i>Ad-hoc</i> Consultation on the Role of Regional Fishery Agencies in Relation to High Seas Fishery Statistics (La Jolla, USA, 13-16 December 1993) |
| 8  | FAO                             | Review of the UN Conference on Highly Migratory Fish Stocks and Straddling Fish Stocks (New York, 12-30 July 1993) (Annexed: Negotiating Text prepared by the Chairman of the Conference) |
| 9  | FAO                             | Agreement to Promote Compliance with International Conservation and Management Measures by Fishing Vessels on the High Seas   |
| 10 | FAO                             | Follow-up actions in response to the Agreement to Promote Compliance with Internationally Agreed Conservation and Management Measures by Fishing Vessels on the High Seas.                |
| 11 | FAO                             | Review of the development of the Code of Conduct for Responsible Fishing with respect to fishery statistics   |
| 12 | ICES, NAFO, FAO                 | Modifications to STATLANT Questionnaires  |
| 13 | NAFO, FAO                       | Discrepancies among Agency Databases  |
| 14 | ICCAT, ICES, NAFO, OECD, CCAMLR | Misreporting/Non-reporting of Data  |
| 15 | FAO, ICCAT                      | Bycatch and Discard Data  |
| 16 | FAO                             | Recreational and Subsistence Fishery Statistics   |
| 17 | FAO, Eurostat                   | Fleet Statistics  |
| 18 | FAO                             | Aquaculture   |
| 19 | FAO                             | Conversion Factors  |
| 20 | FAO, Eurostat                   | Handbook of Fishery Statistics  |
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| 22 | FAO                             | The Role and Structure of the CWP   |
| 23 | FAO                             | The CWP and its Functions   |