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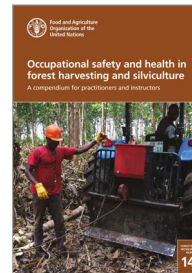
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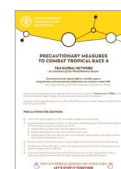
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(152 pp., Arabic. Also available in [English](#), [French](#) and [Spanish](#)) Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture

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An evidence-based overview of the ecology of the epidemic in northern and eastern Europe, this book advocates collaboration across all stakeholders in communities dealing with outbreaks of the disease.

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Report of the Forty-third Session of the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (GFCM) – Athens, Greece, 4–8 November 2019

Eight binding recommendations were made during the session; these include the use of anchored fish-aggregating devices in common dolphinfish fisheries in the Mediterranean Sea and the establishment of a list of vessels presumed to have carried out illegal fishing activities. (204 pp.) General fisheries commission for the Mediterranean

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Report of the Seventeenth Session of the Sub-Committee on Fish Trade of the Committee on Fisheries. Vigo, Spain, 25–29 November 2019

This Session took note of the market outlook for international trade of fish and fishery products, particularly involving current global themes, the work of FAO with other international organizations, and market access issues within the overall framework of international trade as an important tool to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). (68 pp. Trilingual in English, French and Spanish) FAO fisheries and aquaculture report

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Southwest Indian Ocean Fisheries Commission: Report of the Ninth Working Party on Collaboration and Cooperation in Tuna Fisheries, Maldives, 29 September 2019

The Working Party discussed building a common, harmonized vision and strategy for the sustainable management of tuna and other highly migratory resources in order to optimize their social and economic benefits. (Maputo, 68 pp. Bilingual in English and French) FAO fisheries and aquaculture report

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