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**6<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Working Group on the Proposal of the Establishment of  
the Sub-Committee on Fisheries Management (WG 6)**

**10 June 2022**

**Minutes of WG 6**

## **Minutes of the 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Working Group on the Proposal of the Establishment of the Sub-Committee on Fisheries Management (WG 6)**

12:00-13:47 (CEST), Friday, 10 June 2022  
On Zoom

### **Registered Participants: Appendix 1**

#### **Discussion:**

#### **1. Adoption of the Agenda**

The Chairperson opened the meeting by mentioning that this was the last meeting of the WG. The draft Provisional Agenda was adopted without any change as attached in **Appendix 2**.

#### **2. Formulation of a proposal to COFI 35**

- (1) The Chairperson introduced WG 6/1 (Draft Proposal to COFI 35 on the Establishment of the Sub-Committee on Fisheries Management)<sup>1</sup>.
- (2) With regard to the table in Paragraph 2 (2) of the main text, the Representative of European Union inquired if we could have all three Sub-Committees in hybrid mode or in person once all conditions are met. The Chairperson replied that two out of three Sub-Committees will be in person, but one of them must be in virtual modality because of the burden for developing countries, even if all conditions are met. The Representative of Indonesia confirmed its intention to host the 14<sup>th</sup> Session of the Sub-Committee on Aquaculture (SCA) in 2027. The Chairperson proposed to change SCA in 2027 (Between COFI 37 and 38) from “virtual” to “in person” and the Sub-Committee on Fisheries Management (SCFM) in 2027 from “in-person” to “virtual”.

The Representative of Australia underscored the importance of the review process since there has been no agreement on Options yet. The Representative of Cook Islands also expressed the concern about the difficulty for a smaller administration and proposed to establish SCFM in a trial basis or introduce a review process. The Representative of the United States of America mentioned that the review should be conducted in a longer horizon rather than by COFI 36. The Representative of Norway echoed the longer period before the review, e.g., after 2-3 meetings of SCFM. The Representative of Canada also mentioned that it could be too short after two meetings of SCFM and proposed five year operation before the first review. The Representative of the United Kingdom and the Representative of the European Union also supported the longer-term review process. In particular, the Representative of the European Union noted that the new sub-committee is established to improve COFI

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<sup>1</sup> All meeting documents are available on the relevant webpage: <http://www.fao.org/about/meetings/cofi/sub-committee-on-fisheries-management-wg/en/>

efficiency. Its success in achieving this objective can only be assessed after a few COFI meetings. Therefore, to be relevant, the review should be carried out after several COFI meetings. He also proposed that the review should include the review of how the discussion at the SCFM meetings improved efficiency of COFI. The Representative of Canada supported it. The Chairperson proposed that COFI 38 will review the results of the three session of SCFM, including how the SCFM functioned and contributed to COFI 36 and 37, and consider whether SCFM should continue to be held.

With regard to the tables of Appendix 4 and its Attachment, the Chairperson proposed the ones including Members and observers which participated in any of COFI 32, 33 and 34, as attached in **Appendix 3** in order to accommodate the concern expressed by the Representatives of the Southwest Pacific Region. It was agreed to include further participation in the last three sessions of the Sub-Committee on Fish Trade as well into consideration.

With regard to the supporting fund, the Representative of Malaysia proposed to select Members who will receive the support based on a rotation basis in each Regional Group. The Chairperson referred to Paragraph 2 of Appendix 4 and replied that the decision should be made by each Regional Group. The Representative of Argentina supported the Chairperson. The Representative of Indonesia expressed a concern about the reference to “other donors, including companies, stakeholder groups, and NGOs” in Paragraph 2 (9) of the main text. The Representative of Argentina also expressed a concern about the reference to “and other donors” in Paragraph 2 of Appendix 4 and underscored that the fund should be allocated without condition. It was then agreed to insert “no earmarked” before “financial contributions” in Paragraph 2 (9) of the main text as well as delete “and other donors” from Paragraph 2 of Appendix 4.

With regard to Appendix 3, the Representative of the United States of America proposed to change “at least two weeks” to “at least four weeks” before the meeting in Paragraph 2 as well as expressed that this consideration on the administrative difficulty should be applied not only for SCFM but also other two Sub-Committees. The Representative of the United Kingdom appreciated the change from “two” to “four” weeks and further pointed out that the time conflict could happen other meetings beyond fisheries.

### **3. Identification of any further work**

It was agreed that the Chairperson would circulate the revised draft proposal to the registered participants for their final confirmation.

### **4. Any other matters**

No other matter was proposed to be discussed.

(APPENDIX 1)

**List of Registered Participants in the 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Working Group on the Proposal of the Establishment of the Sub-Committee on Fisheries Management (WG 6)**

12:00-15:00 (CEST), Friday, 10 June 2022

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Names of countries	Registered Participants
Angola	Mr Carlos Amaral
Argentina	Ms Gabriela Navarro, Mr Guillermo Rodolico
Australia	Mr Adam Camilleri, Ms Sally Truong
Brazil	Ms Catarina Cardoso de Melo, Mr Yoshiaki Nogueira Miyazaki, Mr Fabio Meira de Oliveira Dias, Mr Diogenes Lemainski
Canada	Ms Renée Sauvé, Mr Benny Guttman, Ms Julie Edmond, Ms Rose Labreche, Ms Zoe Tupling
Chile	Ms Patricia Jacqueline Araya, Ms Katherine Bernal, Mr Salvador Vega, Ms Monica Rojas, Mr Hector Bacigalupo Falcon, Ms Venessa Pohl Revillard, Ms Jacqueline Salas, Mr Julio Jorquera
Colombia	Ms Sara Zafra Murcia, Ms Ximena Guzman Romero, Mr Juan Carlos Gutierrez Mejia, Mr Leonel Arturo Bohorquez Rueda, Mr Santiago Avila Venegas
Congo	Mr Bienvenu Ntsouanva
Cook Islands	Ms Kerrie Robertson, Ms Alexis Wolfgramm
Czechia	Mr Jakub Moricky
Dominican Republic	Ms Berioska Morrison, Ms Larissa Veloz
Ecuador	Mr Patricio Troya, Ms Celilia Arboleda, Mr Juan Fernando Tinoco
Egypt	Ms Doaa Hammam, Mr Atif Megaed, Mr Abdel Razek Mohamed, Mr Fatimah Elzahraa Mohamed
European Union	Ms Aurore Maillet, Mr Marc Richir, Mr Jorg Roos
Germany	Ms Anne Loos
Ghana	Ms Phyllis Mends, Mr Michel Arthur-Dadzie
Hungary	Mr Peter Lengyel
Indonesia	Ms Sitti Hamdiyah, Ms Anindita Laksmiwati, Mr/Ms Djoko Arye Prasetyo, Mr/Ms Sofyan Rahman, Mr Muhammad Febrianoer, Mr/Ms Andreas Mahardika, Ms Novi Dwi Ratnasari, Ms Fathia Maryam Perdata, Mr Caka A. Awal, Ms Nona Gae Luna, Ms Ida Ayu Ratih, Mr/Ms Purna Cita Nugraha
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Mr Morteza Azadi
Italy	Mr Mauro Bertelletti, Mr Massimo Ruggiero, Ms Ilaria Ferraro
Japan	Mr Shingo Ota, Mr Kengo Tanaka, Mr Yuki Morita, Mr Kyutaro Yasumoto, Ms Sayako Takeda
Kenya	Ms Lucy Obungu, Mr Rodrick Kundu, Mr Jared Agano, Ms Christine Adhiambo, Mr Mwaka Barabara, Mr Christoper Nyaga

Kuwait	Mr Sultan Alotaibi, Mr Salah Al Bazzaz
Latvia	Ms Santa Jansone
Madagascar	Mr Ed. Ranaivo
Malaysia	Ms Yeo Moi Eim, Ms Nur Fadhlina Chan binti Mahadie Chan, Ms Lim Ai Gaik
Malta	Mr Angelico Baldacchino
Mexico	Mr Edgar Edmundo Lanz Sánchez, Ms Isabel Cristina Reyes Robles, Mr José de Jesús Dosal Cruz, Mr José Luis Delgado Crespo, Mr Noemí Itzel Zamora García
Morocco	Mr Mohamed Yassine El Aroussi, Ms Ilham Teto, Mr Nabil Anwari
New Zealand	Mr Don Syme
Norway	Mr Krisoffer Bjoiklund, Mr Alf Hakon Hoel, Ms Ann Kristin Westberg
Peru	Mr Alejandro José Velásquez Barrionuevo, Mr Omar Ricardo Rios Bravo de Rueda, Mr Ever Arboleda Ludeña, Mr Víctor Manuel Narro Alberca, Mr Edson Apaza Mamani, Ms Sharon Dale Gonzales, Ms Patricia Iliushka Villasante Meza, Mr Oscar Eduardo Diaz Mendoza, Ms Rosa Ramírez Ontaneda, Mr Walter Hiram Barrera Lozada, Mr Johnny Gonzales Carmen, Mr Juan Camilo Ríos Horna, Ms María Antonieta Paliza Huerta
Philippines	Ms Drusila Bayate, Ms Joeren Yleana, Ms Janice Cubo
Portugal	Ms Fernanda Guia
Russian Federation	Mr Vyacheslav V. Nikulin, Mr Bekyashev Damir, Ms Laeva Anna, Ms Podolyan Anastasia
Senegal	Mr Diene Ndiaye
South Africa	Ms Michelle Pretorius, Ms Fatima Daya, Mr Belemare Semoli
Spain	Ms Carmen Paz Martí, Mr Juan Prieto, Mr Gonzalo Eiriz
Thailand	Mr Thanawat Tiensin, Ms Supajit Sriariyawat, Mr Choltisak Chawpaknum, Mr Ratthanin Sangsayan
Uganda	Mr Tom Mukasa
United Kingdom	Mr Richard Parsons
United States of America	Ms Rebecca Wintering, Ms Cheri McCarty, Ms Deirdre Warner-Kramer, Ms Silvia Givanazzi
Viet Nam	Ms Bang Tam, Ms Nguyen Mai Huong, Mr Vu Duyen Hai, Ms Nguyen Thi Phuong Dung
Zambia	Mr Evans Mutanuka

(APPENDIX 2)

**Provisional Agenda for 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Working Group on the Proposal of the  
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12:00-15:00 (CEST), Friday, 10 June 2022  
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4. Any other matters

## (APPENDIX 3)

**The number of developing Members receiving support**

(including Members and observers which participated in any of COFI 32, 33 and 34).

Region	# of developing COFI Members and observers	20% of COFI Members and observers	# of COFI developing Members receiving the support
Africa	42(10)	8.4	9(2)
Asia	14	2.8	3
Europe	6(4)	1.2	2(1)
GRULAC	22(3)	4.4	5(1)
Near East	10(2)	2.0	2
Southwest Pacific	6(5)	1.2	2(1)
Total	100		23

(Figures in parentheses are the number of countries which attended COFI as Members but lost membership thereafter and countries which attended as observers)

Region	COFI Developing Members and observers	# of Members and observers
Africa	Algeria, Angola, Burkina Faso, Cabo Verde, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Congo, Cote d'Ivoire, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Gabon, Ghana, Guinea, Kenya, Liberia, Madagascar, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Nigeria, Senegal, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Burundi*, Comoros†, Gambia†, Guinea-Bissau†, Lesotho†, Malawi†, Rwanda†, Sao Tome Principe†, South Sudan†, Tunisia†	42
Asia	Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, DPRK, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Maldives, Myanmar, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Viet Nam	14
Europa	Azerbaijan, Turkey, Belarus†, Montenegro†, Serbia†, Ukraine†	6
GRULAC	Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Venezuela, Belize†, Grenada†, Suriname†	22
Near East	Afghanistan, Egypt, Iran, Jordan, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Yemen, Djibouti†, Lebanon†	10
Southwest Pacific	Fiji, Micronesia*, Tonga*, Marshall Islands†, Papua New Guinea†, Vanuatu†	6

1. Countries with \* are currently non-Member of COFI.
2. Countries with † are countries which attended COFI as observers.