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APFIC 2021-2023 WORK PLAN

1. The 2021-2023 workplan for the Commission is driven largely by the restrictions imposed by the inability to convene face to face meetings under the current COVID-19 pandemic.
2. The workplan is therefore primarily based around the scenario of virtual meetings and workshops coupled to supporting analytical products.
3. The workplan thematic areas are based on the recommendations from the 35th Session of APFIC, the 77th Executive Committee, and informed by the 2018-2023 APFIC Strategic Plan (APFIC/21/INF 05).
4. These also align with the forthcoming FAO Strategic Framework, the recommendations of the 34th session of the FAO Committee on Fisheries and the 35th Session of the FAO Regional Conference for Asia and the Pacific.
5. The proposed workplan includes the statutory regular meetings of the APFIC, a number of thematic workshops and coordination and support to regional- and national-level projects.

ADDITIONAL CONTINUING ACTIVITIES THROUGH THE BIENNIUM

Information collection and dissemination, publications and the APFIC Web site

6. The APFIC Secretariat will continue to collate regional information on specific issues and themes identified and prioritized by the Commission. Some of these are indicated in the APFIC work plan above, including specific reviews fulfil information needs to conduct the APFIC regional consultative workshops.
7. The Secretariat will continue to maintain the APFIC web site within the FAO domain (<http://www.fao.org/apfic/en/>).

Table 1: Proposed Commission activities through 2021-2023

Activity	Tentative time	Source of funding
APFIC meetings		
Revision of APFIC website	1st phase completed 2021 with updates foreseen 2022	FAO RP
78 th Session of the APFIC Executive Committee	February 2022	FAO-RP and chair country co-funding
APFIC Secretariat takes part in the 35 th COFI Session and participates in the 9 th Meeting of the Network of Secretariats of Regional Fisheries Bodies (RSN) (physical/virtual)	February 2023	FAO RP
8 th Regional Consultative Forum Meeting or technical webinars (physical-virtual hybrid or virtual)	May 2023 January-May 2023 in case of virtual webinars)	FAO RP and host co-funding
37 th Session of APFIC (physical-virtual hybrid or virtual)	May 2023	FAO RP and host co-funding
Preparation of the regional report card on fisheries and aquaculture 2022	June-December 2022	FAO RP
FAO supported meetings and consultations		
Coordinate the development of a regional capacity building programme for fishery stock assessment (to support regional fishery reporting and fisheries management planning)	December 2021	FAO RP/NFI RP
Asia regional workshop on SDG 14.b and its associated indicator 14.b.1	July 2021	FAO RP/trustfund
Virtual training: AMR surveillance and monitoring	March 2021	FAO RP & FAO TCP
Virtual workshop: AMU and AMR awareness raising and policy dialogue	August 2021	FAO RP & FAO TCP
Secretariat support to regional organizations and networks (as part of function of FAO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific)		
APFIC Secretariat will continue to support and collaborate with international and regional fisheries and aquaculture bodies.	2021-2023	FAO RP
APFIC Secretariat takes part in the COFI Subcommittee for Aquaculture	2021-2023	FAO RP
APFIC Secretariat takes part in the Governing Council Meeting, Programme Steering Committee and Technical Advisory Committee Meetings of NACA, SEAFDEC, MRC, BOBIGO and other regional fisheries and aquaculture bodies	2021-2023	FAO RP
APFIC Secretariat technically supports regional events organized by regional fisheries and aquaculture bodies	2021-2023	FAO RP

Advice to members

8. APFIC Secretariat will continue to provide direct advice to members, through workshops, meetings and projects (including backstopping of country and regional projects).

Collaboration with internationals/regional bodies

9. Promotion of awareness of APFIC activities and improved communication and coordination with other RFBs and arrangements in the Asian subregion is one of the advantages of APFIC's structure and linkage with FAO. The APFIC Secretariat will continue to collaborate with other international/regional bodies as appropriate and seek regular contact to share information on emerging issues and opportunities for collaboration.

APFIC BUDGET AND FINANCE

10. Funding for the fisheries and aquaculture work programme of the FAO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific must be generated from income from projects serviced by staff. This includes the costs of the APFIC Secretariat and the convening of APFIC meetings and workshops.

11. The 2021-2023 proposed budget is provided below.

Activity	Estimated Cost (US\$)
Thirty-sixth Session of APFIC May 2021 (virtual)	5,000
The 8th RCFM – now reformatted as webinars (virtual through 2021)	5,000
78 th Session of the APFIC Executive Committee (2022)	20,000
APFIC Secretariat participates in 35 th Session of COFI and Regional Secretariat's Meeting (2023)	8,000
Revision of APFIC website (2021-2022)	2,000
Preparation of the regional report card on fisheries and aquaculture (2022)	30,000
Coordinate the development of a regional capacity building programme for fishery stock assessment (to support regional fishery reporting and fisheries management planning) (2021-2022)	30,000
Total	108,000
Complementary activities supported under FAO regular and field programmes	
Development of RAP aquaculture platform (2021-2023)	-
Technical support to the adaptation and roll-out of Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries (EAF), including inland fisheries; Aquaculture (EAA)	-
Coordination of regional cooperation in marine and inland fisheries large marine ecosystems (GEF-IW regional projects BOBLME, ISLME, GOTFISH)	-
Technical support to integrate best practices in Inland fisheries with water/landscape management (GEF IW-BD, Australian Water Partnership)	-
Ad hoc technical support to strengthen and support regional and national actions to combat IUU fishing and support to regional networks that combat IUU fishing	-
Coordination of technical support to climate change adaptation and resilience	-
Coordination of technical support to enhance capacity for value chain development in aquaculture and capture fisheries	-
Cooperate with Regional AMR initiatives to consolidate knowledge and provide capacity building on AMR in Aquaculture	-

12. As per the recommendations of the APFIC strategy and in line with FAO policy on support to the Article XIV bodies, the Secretariat proposes that the Commission consider options to support the core work of the Commission. These may include the establishment of a voluntary trust fund, direct financial support/co-financing to APFIC activities, such as technical reports and regional consultations, or in-kind human resources to support the APFIC Secretariat respond to Members' needs.

SUGGESTED ACTION BY THE COMMISSION

13. The Commission is requested to consider the proposed work plan and regular activities for the APFIC biennium spanning 2021-2023 and to endorse the plan with recommended modifications and suggestions as to priority areas as appropriate to support the implementation of the APFIC 2018-2023 Strategic Plan.

14. The Commission is also requested to comment on how APFIC could improve its financial situation, including the potential for the establishment of an APFIC Secretariat trust fund, direct financial support to APFIC activities or in-kind human resources to support the Secretariat.