



Prospectus

The 1st Workshop on the Assessment of Fishery Stock Status in the South and Southeast Asia

June 16th -19th, 2009
at Jasmine City Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand

1) Background

The state of fishery resources is an essential piece of information for effective fisheries management and policy formulation at the national and global levels. As part of a global effort to improve the information on the state of fishery resources, FAO is planning two workshops in the South and Southeast Asia region in 2009 to review the data and information available and, based on these, identify appropriate methods to carry out assessment of the state of the fishery resources in South and Southeast Asian countries. Methodologies will be explored ranging from conventional stock assessments (in the cases where data availability will allow this) to a combination of alternative assessment methods where detailed information is not available. Assessments will be carried out to test the various methodologies. This activity is expected to result in the identification of methodologies that are better suited and applicable to conditions of high uncertainty and poor data availability, thereby contributing to an improved knowledge base for fisheries management at national level. Furthermore, the results will also have a wider applicability to fisheries outside the region and contribute to FAO's effort to produce global reviews on the state of fishery resources.

This first workshop will be hold from June 16th to 19th, 2009 in Bangkok, Thailand, focusing on the data availability in each country of the region and the management issues that national fishery management authorities like to have addressed, bottom-up expectation from the FAO assessment of the stock status and identification of potential methods that can incorporate auxiliary data/information . The second workshop will take place from October 5th to 9th, 2009 in Bangkok, Thailand and is mainly for testing and application of those methods identified in the first workshop to fisheries of the member countries.

2) Objectives

The workshop is oriented towards identification of data availability, local management issues, and appropriate assessment methods with the following specific objectives:

- Review of the state of fishery resources in each participating country
- Review of data availability, particularly auxiliary data, of major fisheries in the South and Southeast Asia region
- Identification of management and social-economic issues that demand immediate attention and action

- Discussion and determination of the most appropriate methods that can incorporate auxiliary data and improve the assessment of fishery resource status

3) Expected Outputs

- Country reports of participating states that overview the data availability, the state of major fishery resources and national management issues;
- consensus on what data should be used for the assessment of the state of major fishery resources in the region;
- Appropriate methods that can be used to improve the assessment of the fishery resource status.

4) Participants

Participation is by invitation only. FAO, its Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, and the Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center (SEAFDEC) together will select candidates from the countries of the South and Southeast Asia.

5) Language

The workshop will be conducted in English and all the documents distributed during the workshop will also be in English.

6) Venue and Date

The Workshop will take place from June 16th to 19th, 2009 at the Jasmine City Hotel, Sukhumvit 23 Rd., Klongtoey-Nua, Wattana, Bangkok 10110, Thailand

7) Draft Agenda of the workshop

Time	Program	Presenter
June 16		
9:00 - 9:30	Registration	
9:30 - 9:45	Welcome Remark	SEAFDEC and APFIC
	Opening	FAO
	Logistics scope of the workshop	SEAFDEC/FAO
9:45 - 10:45	FAO's assessment of the state of world fisheries resources	FAO
10:45 - 11:15	Coffee break	
11:15 - 11:45	SEAFDEC presentation	SEAFDEC
11:45 - 12:15	FAO RAP presentation	RAP
12:15 - 13:15	Lunch	
13:15 - 13:45	FIRMS presentation	FAO – FIES
13:45 - 14:15	Country report & discussion	Thailand
14:15 - 14:45	Country report & discussion	Malaysia
14:45 - 15:15	Country report & discussion	Cambodia

15:15 – 15:45	Coffee break	
15:45 – 16:15	Country report & discussion	Philippines
16:15 – 16:45	Country report & discussion	Viet Nam
16:45 – 17:15	Country report & discussion	India
June 17		
9:00 – 9:30	Country report & discussion	Bangladesh
9:30 – 10:00	Country report & discussion	Myanmar
10:00– 10:30	Country report & discussion	China
10:30 – 11:00	Country report & discussion	Indonesia
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee break	
11:30 – 12:00	Country report & discussion	Sri Lanka
12:00 – 12:30	World Fish Centre Presentation	World Fish Centre
12:30– 13:30	Lunch	
13:30 – 14:00	Experience on assessing the status of fishery stock in SEA and SA	Australia
14:00 – 15:30	Discussion about fishery data	FAO
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee break	
16:00 – 17:00	Discussion about fishery data	FAO
June 18		
9:00 – 9:30	Overview of potential assessment methodologies	FAO
9:30 – 10:00	Ecosystem-based assessment of stock status	FAO
10:00 – 11:00	General discussion on methodologies	RAP
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee break	
11:30 – 12:30	General discussion on methodologies	RAP
12:30 - 13:30	Lunch	
13:30 – 15:30	General discussion	FAO
15:30 - 16:00	Coffee break	
16:00 – 17:00	General discussion	FAO
June 19		
9:00 – 11:00	Selection of methodologies and auxiliary data	FAO
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee break	
11:30 – 12:30	Selection of methodologies and auxiliary data	RAP
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch	
13:30 – 15:30	Adoption of the methodologies	FAO
18:30 – 21:00	Farewell dinner	SEAFDEC