

Project on Sustainable Fisheries Development in Red Sea and Gulf of Aden (SFISH project)

Regional Training for Trainers Workshop on:

Guidelines for NPOAs-IUU preparation and fish length-frequency data collection & analysis for stock assessment

27th -30th January 2025, PERSGA, Jeddah

Background and Provisional Agenda

Background

1. This regional workshop is organized as part of the building capacity process for the regional component of the project on Sustainable Fisheries Development in the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden (SFISH project), which is supported by the World Bank and executed by PERSGA. The project development objective (PDO) of the regional component is to strengthen capacities and regional collaboration for sustainable development of marine fisheries in Red Sea and Gulf of Aden region.
2. The SFISH regional component focuses specifically on promoting: a) regional database, information system and institutional capacity to support cooperation; b) regional platforms for capacity development and coordination mechanisms; and c) stakeholder engagement through effective communication and awareness strategies for sustainable fisheries and aquaculture development.
3. This regional workshop comes in the framework of implementing two main activities of the project, which focus on supporting regional capacity for a) action planning and control of IUU fishing; and b) fisheries statistics and their effective use in stock assessment.
4. The main objectives of the workshop are to provide guidance and ensure quality outputs related to:
 - 4.1 Preparation of National Plans of Action for IUU fishing (NPOAs), in light of and in harmony with the Regional Plan of Action (RPOA-IUU) and associated guidelines, which have been developed through the previous step of this project activity. Prior to this workshop, national and regional assessments were carried out, assessment reports were prepared to inform preparation of IUU Action Plans.
 - 4.2 Ensure quality control and assurance in collection and analysis of data and information for pilot stock assessment studies using standardized length frequency method. These studies were initiated by the project for selected species.
5. The regional workshop will also provide a platform for sharing experience and knowledge, and coordination and arrangement for the upcoming steps in the preparation of NPOAs and stock assessment activities of the project

Provisional Agenda

Monday, 27 January 2023

Opening session

- 10:00-10:10 Opening Address by PERSGA SG
- 10:10- 10:20 Introduction of the participants
- 10:20- 10:35 Background to the workshop focus and objectives
(*Ahmed Khalil & Maher Amer*)

I. Guidelines for planning and preparation of NPOAs-IUU

- 10:35-11:45 Presentations by IUU National Consultants (10 minutes each)
- Nasser Bakal (Djibouti)*
- Azza Alganaini (Egypt)*
- Marouf Khalaf (Jordan)*
- Feisal Bukhari (Saudi Arabia)*
- Dahir Saeed (Somalia)*
- Mona Almahi (Sudan)*
- Mohamed Saad (Yemen)*

11:45-12:00 Break

- 12:00–12:50 Structure of the RPOA-IUU and links to NPOA-IUU
(*Alec Shepherd*)
- 12:50-13:00 Q & A

13:00–14:00 Lunch Break

- 14:00-14:20 Reminder of the RPOA/NPOA Planning Excel sheets with reference to NPOA Guidelines and final IUU report/ Orientation for the Group Work on Scoring of Actions from a regional perspective
(*Alec Shepherd*)

- 14:20–15:30 Group Work on Scoring of Actions by Country (groups) from a regional perspective using the RPOA-IUU planning excel sheets:
- % done
 - Prioritization
 - Direction
- Completed Excel sheets to be provided by each Country group while making sure that the list of participants and any reservations are included.

- 15:30-16:00 Discussions and conclusion of Day 1

Tuesday, 28 January 2025

10:00-10:15 Role of PERSGA in delivering RPOA-IUU and NPOA-IUU
(Ahmed Khalil)

10:15-10:30 Reminder of the RPOA/NPOA planning excel. Reference to NPOA Guidelines, the draft final RPOA-IUU report/ Orientation for the Group Work on Scoring of Actions by from national perspectives

10:30–11:40 Group Work on Scoring of NPOA-IUU Actions by Country (groups) from national perspectives using the NPOA-IUU planning excel sheets.

- % done
- Prioritization
- Direction

Completed excels to be provided by each Country group. Ensure list of participants and any reservations are included.

11:40- 12:00 Coffee break

12:00 -13:00 Budgeting of NPOA-IUU Actions by Country (groups) from a national perspective using the NPOA-IUU planning excel, NPOA Guidelines, and draft final RPOA-IUU report.

- Guidance (Guidelines development, supervision)
- Legislation (researching, drafting)
- Travel expenses
- Training (workshops)
- Goods/Inputs (major items)
- Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E)
- Cross-Action costing to avoid duplication

Completed excels should be provided by each Country group.

13:00 –14:00 Lunch Break

14:00 –15:00 General discussions and conclusions on NPOA planning

- *Available guidelines and further guidance required*
- *Roadmap and arrangements for national activities to finalize NPOAs*
- *Mobilizing technical and financial assistance for the implementation of the IUU plans*

15:00 – 16:00 Discussion on IUU issues related to fisheries statistics capacity building matters:

- Legal matters
- Reporting matters
- Regulatory matters

Wednesday, 29 January 2025

II. Data collection and analysis for stock assessment using a length-based approach

- 10:00-10:20 SFISH activities on fisheries statistics and their use in stock assessment
(*Maheer Amer*)
- 10:20-11:40 Presentations by stock assessment National Consultants (10 minutes each)
Adam Arbahim (Djibouti)
Sahar Mehanna (Egypt)
Mohamed Zibdeh (Jordan)
Feisal Bukhari (Saudi Arabia)
Abdiaziz Husein (Somalia)
Sheikheldin Elamin (Sudan)
Saif Ali Moqbel (Yemen)
- 11:40-12:00 Coffee Break
- 12:00-12:50 Collection of data and ancillary information required for stock assessment using length-based methods
(*Martin Van der Knaap*)
- 12:50- 13:00 Q & A
- 13:00–14:00 Lunch Break
- 14:00-16:00 Practical training and discussions on QCQA in measurements and data collection based on the current case studies
(*Martin Van der Knaap*)

Thursday, 30 January 2025

- 10:00-11:00 Data analysis and interpretation for stock assessment using length-based methods (I): Theoretical background, available packages, etc.
(*Martin Van der Knaap*)
- 11:00- 11:30 Q & A and panel discussions
- 11:30 - 11:45 Coffee Break
- 11:45-13:00 Data analysis and interpretation for stock assessment using length-based methods (II): on-hand exercise using collected data from current studies
(*Martin Van der Knaap*)
- 13:00 - 14:00 Lunch Break
- 14:00 - 16:00 General discussions, way forward, completion of workshop assessment questionnaire, workshop conclusions