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JOINT EXPERT MEETING ON ADDRESSING
BIODIVERSITY CONCERNS IN SUSTAINABLE
FISHERY
Bergen, Norway, 7-9 December 2011

ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

INTRODUCTION

1. At its tenth meeting, the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity noted an urgent need to further review, in accordance with international law, including the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS),¹ the impacts of unsustainable fishing, such as destructive fishing practices, overfishing, and illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing, on marine and coastal biodiversity and habitats, building upon the initial efforts made in collaboration with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the Fisheries Expert Group (FEG) of the Commission on Ecosystem Management (CEM) of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) (decision X/29, para. 53).
2. The Conference of the Parties then requested the Executive Secretary to collaborate with FAO, UNEP, regional fisheries management organizations (RFMOs), IUCN-CEM-FEG, and other relevant organizations, processes, and scientific groups, on the ad hoc organization of a joint expert meeting to review the extent to which biodiversity concerns, including the impacts on marine and coastal biodiversity of pelagic fisheries of lower trophic levels, are addressed in existing assessments and propose options to address biodiversity concerns and report on the progress of such collaboration at the sixteenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA), scheduled for April 2012.
3. Pursuant to the above request and with financial support from the Governments of Norway and Japan, the Executive Secretary is convening, in collaboration with FAO, UNEP and IUCN-FEG-CEM, the Joint Expert Meeting on Addressing Biodiversity Concerns in Sustainable Fishery, in Bergen, Norway, from 7 to 9 December 2011. The Government of Norway is hosting the meeting and providing technical support, through the Institute of Marine Research of Norway, to the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity in its scientific preparation for the meeting.
4. To further facilitate effective deliberation of the meeting, the Secretariat has commissioned a background study, with financial support from the Government of Japan and in collaboration with FAO, regional fisheries management organizations (RFMOs) and IUCN-FEG-CEM, to review the extent to which biodiversity concerns are addressed in existing assessments. The result of this study is compiled and submitted for consideration to the meeting in a note by the Executive Secretary (UNEP/CBD/JEM.BC-SF/1/2).
5. A list of documents for the meeting is attached as annex I.

¹ http://www.un.org/depts/los/convention_agreements/convention_overview_convention.htm.

6. The Secretariat has issued an information note for participants containing details of logistical arrangements, including information on travel, visa requirements, accommodation and other matters for the meeting. The language of the meeting will be English.

7. Registration of participants will commence at 8.30 a.m. on Wednesday, 7 December 2011.

ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

8. Representatives of the hosting government and the Institute of Marine Research will open the meeting at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, 7 December 2011. The representative of the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity will also welcome the participants.

ITEM 2. ELECTION OF THE MEETING CO-CHAIRS, ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK

9. After a brief self-introduction, the participants will be invited to elect the meeting co-chairs based on proposals from the floor.

10. Participants will then be invited to consider the provisional agenda (UNEP/CBD/JEM.BC-SF/1/1) and the proposed organization of work as contained in annex II, and adopt them following any amendments, if needed.

11. The meeting will be organized in plenary and break-out group sessions. The meeting co-chairs will nominate facilitators and rapporteurs for break-out groups, based on the expertise and experience of the meeting participants and in consultation with the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity.

ITEM 3. REVIEW THE EXTENT TO WHICH BIODIVERSITY CONCERNS ARE ADDRESSED IN EXISTING ASSESSMENTS

12. For the consideration of this item, the meeting will have before it a note by the Executive Secretary (UNEP/CBD/JEM.BC-SF/1/2) containing a background study, as described in paragraph 4 above.

13. The meeting participants will be invited to review, through theme presentation and open plenary discussion, the extent to which biodiversity concerns are addressed in existing assessments.

ITEM 4. REVIEW THE IMPACTS ON MARINE AND COASTAL BIODIVERSITY OF PELAGIC FISHERIES OF LOWER TROPHIC LEVELS

13. For the consideration of this item, the meeting will have before it a note by the Executive Secretary (UNEP/CBD/JEM.BC-SF/1/3) containing a compilation of the scientific information on the impacts of marine and coastal biodiversity of pelagic fisheries of lower trophic levels.

14. The meeting participants will be invited to review, through theme presentations and open plenary discussion, the impacts on marine and coastal biodiversity of pelagic fisheries of lower trophic levels.

ITEM 5. PROPOSE OPTIONS TO ADDRESS BIODIVERSITY CONCERNS IN SUSTAINABLE FISHERY MANAGEMENT AND RELATED ASSESSMENTS

15. For the consideration of this item, based on the information notes mentioned above and building on the above presentations and deliberations of the meeting in plenary session, the meeting participants will then split into two or three break-out groups on the subset of core issues/concerns to identify options to address specific biodiversity concerns in sustainable fishery management and related assessments.

16. The results of the break-out groups will be reported at the plenary for consideration. The meeting participants in the plenary session will propose options to address biodiversity concerns in sustainable fishery management and related assessments.

ITEM 6. OTHER MATTERS

18. Under this item, the participants may wish to consider any other matters of relevance raised by the meeting participants.

ITEM 7. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

19. Participants will be invited to consider and adopt the report of the workshop on the basis of a draft report to be prepared and presented by the meeting co-chairs.

ITEM 8. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

20. The meeting is expected to be closed at 5 p.m. on Friday, 9 December 2011.

Annex I

**LIST OF DOCUMENTS FOR THE WESTERN SOUTH PACIFIC REGIONAL WORKSHOP TO
FACILITATE THE DESCRIPTION OF ECOLOGICALLY OR BIOLOGICALLY
SIGNIFICANT MARINE AREAS**

Official Documents	Title
UNEP/CBD/JEM.BC-SF/1/1	Provisional agenda
UNEP/CBD/JEM.BC-SF/1/1/Add.1	Annotations to the provisional agenda
UNEP/CBD/JEM.BC-SF/1/2	Background study to review the extent to which biodiversity concerns are addressed in existing assessments
UNEP/CBD/JEM.BC-SF/1/3	Compilation of the scientific information on the impacts of marine and coastal biodiversity of pelagic fisheries of lower trophic levels
Other Documents	
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/14/INF/6	Report of the FAO/UNEP Expert Meeting on Impacts of Destructive Fishing Practices, Unsustainable Fishing, and Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing on Marine Biodiversity and Habitats (Rome, 23-25 September 2009)

Annex II

PROVISIONAL ORGANIZATION OF WORK

WEDNESDAY 7 DECEMBER 2011

9 a.m. to 9.15 a.m.	Agenda item 1. Opening of the meeting
9.15 a.m. to 9.30 a.m.	Agenda item 2. Election of the meeting co-chairs, adoption of the agenda and organization of work
9.30 a.m. to noon	<p>Agenda item 3. Review the extent to which biodiversity concerns are addressed in existing assessments</p> <p><i>Plenary session</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theme presentation • Plenary discussion
Noon to 1.30 p.m.	<i>Lunch</i>
1.30 p.m. to 5 p.m.	<p>Agenda item 4. Review the impacts on marine and coastal biodiversity of pelagic fisheries of lower trophic levels</p> <p><i>Plenary session</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theme presentations • Plenary discussion

THURSDAY 8 DECEMBER 2011

9 a.m. to noon.	<p>Agenda item 5. Propose options to address biodiversity concerns in sustainable fishery management and related assessments</p> <p><i>Plenary session</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sharing views and suggestions on options <p><i>Break-out group sessions</i></p> <p>Two or three groups will be formed on the sub-set of core issues/concerns identified through plenary discussion</p> <p><i>Plenary session</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reporting of the results of break-out group session • Consideration of options
Noon p.m. to 1.30 p.m.	<i>Lunch</i>
1.30 a.m. to 5 p.m.	Agenda item 5 (<i>continued</i>)

FRIDAY 9 DECEMBER 2011

9 a.m. to noon	Preparation of the draft meeting report by the meeting co-chairs
Noon to 1.30 p.m.	<i>Lunch</i>
1.30 p.m. to 1.45 p.m.	Agenda item 6. Other matters
1.45 p.m. to 5 p.m.	Agenda item 7. Adoption of the report
4.30 p.m. to 5 p.m.	Agenda item 8. Closure of the meeting
