



International MCS Network
Business Meeting
Rome, Italy (FAO Headquarters)
July 14, 2016

AGENDA

1. **Opening**
2. **Adoption of Minutes of Last Meeting** (Annex 1)

[*Annotation:* during the last business meeting, in Auckland at the 5th Global Fisheries Enforcement Training Workshop (GFETW), Network Members provided guidance for the Network's draft Business Plan 2016-2018 to be adopted during this meeting. The Auckland business meeting was also open to prospective member countries, three of whom attended.]

3. **Reports on Recent Activities**

- a. 5th Global Fisheries Enforcement Training Workshop (5th GFETW)

[*Annotation:* The 5th GFETW was hosted by New Zealand in Auckland March 7-11, 2016. The Workshop was highly successful in bringing together more than 200 participants from 55 countries, including MCS practitioners from 45 State governments, including 34 developing countries. One regional economic integration organization (the European Union) was represented, and MCS experts of four regional fisheries management organizations (CCAMLR, CCSBT, SPRFMO and WCPFC) also participated in the Workshop. In addition to FAO, other intergovernmental organizations represented at the 5th GFETW included ICPO-INTERPOL, the Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency, and the Indian Ocean Commission.

The Network has submitted a draft of the Report of the 5th GFETW to FAO, which will be published electronically in the coming months. A limited number of copies will be printed as well. The final printed copies of the 4th GFETW Report were distributed at the COFI meeting this week; the Network Secretariat will have a few copies on hand during the business meeting for Members who want one.

With respect to the 6th GFETW, a host nation is still to be confirmed.]

- b. COFI IUU Side Event

[*Annotation:* At lunch on Thursday July 14, 2016 during the COFI meeting, the Network Chair participated in a joint side event on IUU fishing, similar to that in which he participated during the 2014 COFI meeting.]

- c. Safe Ocean Network Planning Meeting

[*Annotation:* A planning meeting for a new global initiative called Safe Ocean Network (formerly called "Sea Scout") was convened in Washington, DC on June 29-30, 2016. The purpose of this initiative is to strengthen and enhance efforts to detect, deter, and eliminate IUU fishing. Countries and other organizations have been asked to join as partners by pledging "pilot projects" to the initiative. Currently the Safe Ocean Network has about 20 country partners as well as intergovernmental organizations (IGOs) and non-governmental organizations (NGOs). Representatives of about 13 countries participated planning session, along with representatives

from INTERPOL, FAO, UNODC and about twelve NGOs. The Network Coordinator attended on behalf of the IMCS Network.

During the session, the U.S. State Department delivered a presentation about the Safe Ocean Network's secure web portal under development, where all of the projects will be uploaded and which will serve as a forum for partners to seek assistance and offer mutual support. Their intention is to launch the web portal at the 3rd Our Ocean conference, which will be held in Washington, DC, September 15-16, 2016.]

d. Common Oceans ABNJ Tuna Project Meeting

[*Annotation:* The Network Executive Director participated in the third meeting of the Project Steering Committee Common Oceans ABNJ Tuna project, July 6-8, 2016. Previously, the Executive Director participated in the second meeting July 28-30, 2015, where the topic of the IMCS Network setting up an MCS sub-network for compliance officers and MCS experts from tuna RFMOs was discussed, especially on the margins of the meeting. As was concluded at the previous Business meeting in Auckland, the Network would further explore and engage in the establishment of a sub-network for compliance officers and MCS experts involved in enforcing the rules established in the framework of t-RFMOs.]

e. MPA MCS/Enforcement Session at IUCN World Conservation Congress

[*Annotation:* The IUCN convenes its World Conservation Congress (WCC) every two years, and this year it will be held in Honolulu, Hawaii, USA, September 1-10, 2016. The WCC is usually focused on environmental protection and conservation issues. This year, the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) initiated an effort to incorporate enforcement issues. The IMCS Network and about five other organizations supported this and have been assisting with preparatory work.

The half-day training session (a “conservation campus” in WCC terms) called “Application of Monitoring, Control and Surveillance (MCS) Tools for Marine Protected Areas (MPAs)” will be conducted on September 2, 2016. Participants in the WCC may register for the session through the session homepage here: <https://portals.iucn.org/congress/session/10303>. The key feature of the four-hour event will be break-out sessions, in which groups of 6-7 participants will work through tabletop exercises based on different types of MPA violation scenarios. At least two break-out groups will be focused on IUU fishing scenarios.]

f. 5th Fisheries Crime Working Group Meeting

[*Annotation:* The 5th annual meeting of INTERPOL's Fisheries Crime Working Group (FCWG) will be held on October 6–8, 2016 in Yogyakarta, Indonesia. In the past, the Chair or a member of the Executive Committee has attended the FCWG meeting in their national capacities, representing the IMCS Network as appropriate, in particular during the sessions related to the Capacity Building and Advocacy Project (CAP), which is one of two main FCWG projects (the other is Intelligence). Last year Bjarne Schultz of Norway represented the Network at this meeting.

With advice of the Membership, the Network will seek a representative of the Executive Committee to participate in the 5th FCWG meeting and related events in Yogyakarta.]

4. Budget and financial arrangements (Annex 2)

[*Annotation:* The Director of Finance of IGSD will explain and answer any questions about the following budgets, which appear as three separate tabs in the spreadsheet attached as Annex 2 and available for download here <http://www.imcsnet.org/network-business-meeting-july-14-2016/>.

- Budget of the 4th GFETW held from February 17-21, 2014 in San José, Costa Rica
- Budget of the 5th GFETW held from March 7-11, 2016 in Auckland, New Zealand
- Budget of the International MCS Network]

5. Draft Business Plan 2016-2018 (Annex 3)

[*Annotation:* A new Business Plan was drafted for 2016-2018 based on inputs of Members at the last business meeting in Auckland during the 5th GFETW. The Members agreed that main Network activities listed in the 2013-2015 Business Plan should be continued and generally supported the addition of one capacity building activity.

The draft Business Plan 2016-2018 was circulated to Network Members on June 24, 2016, and is available to view or download as PDF or as a Microsoft Word document in English, Spanish and French here: <http://www.imcsnet.org/network-business-meeting-july-14-2016/>.

Starting with the previous Business Plan, some factual and other changes have been made to every section except “Mission and Vision.” The Executive Director will introduce each section, at which time questions or comments are welcomed.]

a. Part I - Introduction

[*Annotation:* Factual updates made to this section.]

b. Part II – History

[*Annotation:* The History section contains some revision based on review of official Minutes of Network meetings in 2000 and 2001. If any Members have further inputs as to the official history of the IMCS Network or questions in this regard, please make a comment or send via email to the Secretariat.]

c. Part III - Mission and Vision

[*Annotation:* Unchanged from 2013-2015 Business Plan.]

d. Part IV – Membership

[*Annotation:* Factual updates made to this section including adding to list new Members since 2013: Cambodia, CCSBT (the second RFMO to join), Costa Rica, Colombia, Costa Rica, Denmark, the Gambia, Greenland, Korea, Nigeria, Solomon Islands, Timor-Leste, Uganda, and Uruguay.]

e. Part V – Structure and Organization

[*Annotation:* Factual updates made to this section, pertaining mainly to some changes at IGSD, the not-for-profit that serves as the legal entity and fiscal sponsor of the Network, rather than the Network itself.]

f. Part VI – Financial and In Kind Support

[*Annotation:* Factual updates made, including to budgets, as was discussed under the previous Agenda item 4.]

g. Part VII – A Facilitate Cooperation and Raise Awareness

[*Annotation:* The Communications Strategy of the Network remains mostly the same, but some factual updates made here, including reference to efforts being made to overhaul the website and create a web portal that will be useful to Members.]

h. Part VII-B – Organize GFETW

[*Annotation:* Factual updates about 5th GFETW but no proposed changes to Workshop planning or structure.]

i. Part VII-C – Organize Stop IUU Fishing Award contest

[*Annotation:* Factual updates as to outcome of second contest, but no proposed changes to conduct of the third contest, which will be run in parallel with preparation for the 6th GFETW.]

j. Part VII-D&D(i) – Capacity Building Activities: (Introductory sections)

[*Annotation:* Introductory language about capacity building activities remains mostly the same; small changes made for consistency with some rearrangement of the sub-sections.]

k. Part VII-D(i)(a) – Capacity Building Activity: Register of Vetted Experts

[*Annotation:* This section has been updated to reflect proposed expansion of the Register of Vetted MCS Experts, in particular adding experts from diverse regions who speak different languages and explore listing more experts still employed by national authorities.]

l. Part VII-D(i)(b) – Capacity Building Activity: Equipment Exchange

[*Annotation:* This section contains factual updates about equipment donations that the Network has helped facilitate in the last three years, primarily of spare mesh gauges.]

m. Part VII-D(i)(c) – Capacity Building Activity: T-RFMO MCS Sub-Network

[*Annotation:* Further to the report delivered by the Executive Director about the Common Oceans ABNJ Tuna meeting in which he participated last week, setting up the tuna RFMO MCS Sub-Network is a new activity that members indicated the Director should continue to explore.]

n. Part VII-D(i)(d) – Capacity Building Activity: Options for Research

[*Annotation:* This section was carried over from the 2013-2015 Business Plan. As the Network Secretariat develops the new website, opportunities to fulfill this activity will be explored.]

o. Part VII-D(ii) – Capacity Building: Collaboration

[*Annotation:* Collaboration with INTERPOL's FCWG Capacity Building and Advocacy Project (CAP) reiterated, and note added to the effect of the Network will assist and support international projects such as the Safe Ocean Network that are intended to boost collaboration.]

6. Update on 6th GFETW and 3rd Stop IUU Fishing Award Contest

[*Annotation:* As noted above, a host nation for the 6th GFETW is yet to be confirmed. The 3rd Stop IUU Fishing Award contest will be launched as soon as the host nation and approximate date of the 6th GFETW are confirmed. The Network will request all Members to help promote the 6th GFETW and the contest at that time.]

7. Election of the Chair

[Annotation: Under the Governing Framework of the IMCS Network, elections for Chair should be held every four years, and individuals may hold two consecutive terms. The current Chair, Cephas Ralph, Director of Marine Scotland is prepared to serve for another term, and no other candidates have been nominated. Therefore, if the Membership is in agreement, the current Chair's mandate will be extended to a new term.]

The current Vice-Chair Todd Dubois from the United States (NOAA Office of Law Enforcement) was elected Vice-Chair in 2013, and will be eligible for re-election to a second term at next year's business meeting.]

8. Election of Executive Committee Members

[Annotation: In line with the e-mail of May 17, 2016, members of the Executive Committee for the next three years must also be confirmed. Therefore, we would kindly request Members interested in serving on the Executive Committee to notify the Network Secretariat. Note, all current Executive Committee members are eligible to continue serving.]

9. Any Other Business