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Expert Consultation on Aquaculture Development
in the Mediterranean Region convened by the
Government of Greece in cooperation with
FAO/GFCM) and UNEP

Athens, 14 - 18 March 1978

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1. Opening of the consultation

The consultation will begin at 10:00 on Tuesday, 14 March 1978. It will take place at the Scientific Research and Technology Administration of the Ministry of Coordination, V. Constantinou No 48, Athens. The working sessions of the consultation will be preceded by an opening ceremony which will be chaired by the representative of the Greek Government. Brief welcoming statements will be made by the representative of the Greek Government as well as by the representatives of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and FAO (GFCM).

Item 2. Adoption of the Agenda

The consultation will be called upon to adopt the agenda and agree on its working procedures. A provisional agenda is submitted as document UNEP/WG.15/1. The adoption of the agenda should be made in light of the objectives of the consultation which are as follows :

- i) To review the state and potential for development of coastal aquaculture in the Mediterranean region;
- ii) To identify systems of coastal aquaculture that have reached the stage for testing technical and economic viability on a pilot-scale basis;
- iii) To determine areas where conditions are suitable for undertaking pilot-scale production projects based on available know how and technologies developed;

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- iv) To outline an action plan for the implementation of selected pilot projects of regional interest;
- v) To consider other activities aimed at strengthening national capabilities and stimulate cooperation for the development of aquaculture.

Item 3. Review and up-dating of the present state of knowledge on cultivable species in the Mediterranean region

Under this item, participants will be asked to review and comment upon document UNEP/WG.15/3 : Present state of knowledge on cultivable species in the Mediterranean. This document gives an outline of the present state of aquaculture in the Mediterranean area with respect to both research and short-, medium- and long-term commercial development prospects. For this reason the following species have been considered : those which are already of wide practical interest and for which research is necessary to solve specific problems of culture techniques (mussels, oysters, eels); those which, although of mainly scientific interest at present, require an investigation of more practical nature in the near future (bass, shrimp, sole); and, finally, some species for which the possibilities of economically feasible culture are a more distant prospect.

Comments by participants should provide useful additional information for the overall review of the present state of aquaculture in the region.

Item 4. Review of present coastal aquaculture systems for fish and crustaceans in the Mediterranean region and possibilities for future developments

Participants will be asked to review and comment upon document UNEP/WG.15/4 : Coastal aquaculture systems for fish and crustaceans in the Mediterranean. This document gives indications on the possibilities of developing aquaculture in saline or brackish waters of the Mediterranean. To this end, the document has attempted to :

- i) clarify the basic concepts for accurate interpretation of some terms normally used in fish culture;
- ii) describe the features and potential of some types of fish culture;
- iii) review the soundness of various production systems from the commercial angle;
- iv) examine the soundness of these systems in relation to energy;
- v) and present a model aquaculture plant that is sound from the energetic and commercial points of view and can be applied in Mediterranean countries.

Participants comments and the additional information they may provide could be used to improve the proposed model plant or to develop others.

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Item 5. Review of a draft action programme

One of the many objectives of the consultation, if not the most important objective, is to formulate elements which could be used as a basis for a cooperative programme of regional interest for the development of aquaculture in the Mediterranean. Documents UNEP/WG.15/INF.3, UNEP/WG.15/INF.4, UNEP/WG.15/INF.5 and in particular document UNEP/WG.15/INF.6 : Regional activities for the development of aquaculture in the Mediterranean region, contain information and proposals which could serve as a starting point for the formulation of a regional cooperative programme. Furthermore, participants are encouraged to make use of their personal knowledge of the field and their national experiences and others to make proposals relevant to the action programme. It should be stressed that the proposed programme must be of the most specific and concrete nature.

Item 6. Adoption of the report of the consultation including recommendations

The draft report of the consultation will be submitted to the participants for adoption.

Item 7. Closing of the consultation.