

D-8 Working Group on Marine Affairs and Fisheries (WGMAF)

Indonesia prepared the proposed the Draft for Terms of Reference (TOR), as being the Secretariat of D-8 Working Group on Marine Affairs and Fisheries and submitted it to the Member Countries.

The First Senior Officials Meeting, aimed to be organized in line with D-8 Cooperation Kuala Lumpur Initiative which was held in Cairo/EGYPT, in 2010. Due to the Meeting's agenda, a presentation, headlined as "Turkish Fisheries, Opportunities and Challenges", was made by the head of the department of aquaculture, Erkan GÖZGÖZOĞLU, in order to brief about the current situation of aquaculture and fisheries sector of our country.

The Second Meeting of the meeting mentioned above was held in Tehran/IRAN, in 2011. Erkan GÖZGÖZOĞLU, head of the department of aquaculture, attended the meeting to represent our country.

Proposed Draft of Terms of Reference, which is prepared by Indonesia, in 2009, was revised in July, 2011 and was re-submitted to the member countries, to discuss at working group meetings before the Third D-8 Ministers of Agriculture Meeting on Food Security which was planned to be held in 2012.

The General Directorate expressed our opinions about the Terms of Reference of D-8 Working Group on Marine Affairs and Fisheries as, creating a working plan and fund resource for working group under the title of "Working Plan and Funding" and discussing it during the meeting in 2012 and found it proper to prepare a draft working plan for discussing during the meeting and preparing the related budget before the meeting in 2012.

Opinions of Pakistan Agricultural Research Council on the Proposed Draft of Terms of Reference have been analyzed by the General Directorate. The Proposal of "Intensifying of Aquaculture" was found appropriate and positive.

Opinions of Bangladesh and Malaysia on the Draft were submitted to the General Directorate. Our assessments after the examination are presented in the annex.

Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Livestock

Opinions on the Terms of Reference of D-8 Working Group on Marine Affairs and Fisheries

D. Scope of Works

Article 3 – Marine and Fisheries Promotion

In indent (II), under the title of promoting eco-tourism, taking the sentence which says “D-8 countries can emphasize the introduction development of ecotourism” out is assessed to be appropriate.

Article 7 – Other Matters

It is assessed and found appropriate by the Ministry that the indent A can be put under article 3.

It is assessed that the indent B can be added to Article 7 as paragraph 7.

PERFORMABLE WORKS ON AQUACULTURE WITH D-8 COUNTRIES

Improving the collaboration opportunities with our country's fishermen about fisheries activities of D-8 countries and in this regard, doing activities about open sea fisheries, protection and marketing of captured and farmed products, organization of fishermen and improving of welfare level,

Improvement of resource management, detecting a common aquaculture strategy and collaboration opportunities between D-8 countries,

Technical collaboration about constituting and operating an aquaculture information system between our country and D-8 countries,

Constituting a Ship Tracking System between our country and D-8 countries; technical collaboration and information sharing between our experts and officials of D-8 countries about the efficiency of the system and tracking,

Organizing seminars in D-8 countries about capturing, farming, protecting and controlling of aquaculture resources,

Collaborating with D-8 countries about open sea fisheries, doing studies about constituting multi-national companies that have similar capitals and exporting aquaculture products by supporting aquaculture private sector, developing a system to enter World fish market with D-8 countries,

In parallel with the growth of World food sector, local foods are gaining importance. In consideration of these developments, studies about processing to export aquaculture products multi-nationally between D-8 countries, gradual assistance on studies such as education, varying support forms by detecting the ones that could possibly have more success,

Working for organizing international expositions and exhibitions and increasing the shares of the market by forming working groups for market research with D-8 countries,

Giving technical and financial funds to small-scaled aquaculture projects by forming little funds to establish a cultural unification between D-8 country citizens, gaining sympathy of D-8 country citizens by contributing promising projects that people can get benefits as European Union did and creating a positive effect on consuming habits of our products,

Organizing an educational program once a year hosted by all the member countries, providing short term educations, like we did in CACFISH, to member countries that have interest in sector,