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**Comments on revised draft of the Terms of Reference (ToR) of the D-8
working Group on Marine and Fisheries (WGMAF)**

Marine Fisheries Office, Department of Fisheries, Bangladesh agree with the revised draft of the Terms of Reference (ToR) of the D-8 working Group on Marine and Fisheries (WGMAF) and in addition some points can be included-

1. Promotion of ecotourism:

It is the combination of fishery, popular science education, tourism, sight seeing, fitness, entertainment and recreation: it extends and develops fisheries operational function. D-8 countries can emphasize the introduction development of ecotourism.

2. Fisheries stock enhancement:

Due to rapid economic development in the coastal area, discharge of industrial waste water and domestic sewage and also with the building of dams that blocked river flows, as well as reclamation of tidal flats and serious over fishing, marine and fisheries resources have been seriously depleted and the environment damaged. In order to protect ecological environment and recover fishery resources, release of fry and fingerlings of fishes, shrimps and shellfishes in coastal bay water could be started.

3. Develop database:

Establish a common format matrix through which various information and data could be collected and facilitate for access to member countries.

4. Establishment of modern processing industry:

Need to develop fish processing industry to produce value added product and a common marketing system within the member countries.