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Agenda item 4

PREPARATION OF THE SECOND REPORT ON THE STATE OF THE WORLD'S AQUATIC GENETIC RESOURCES FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

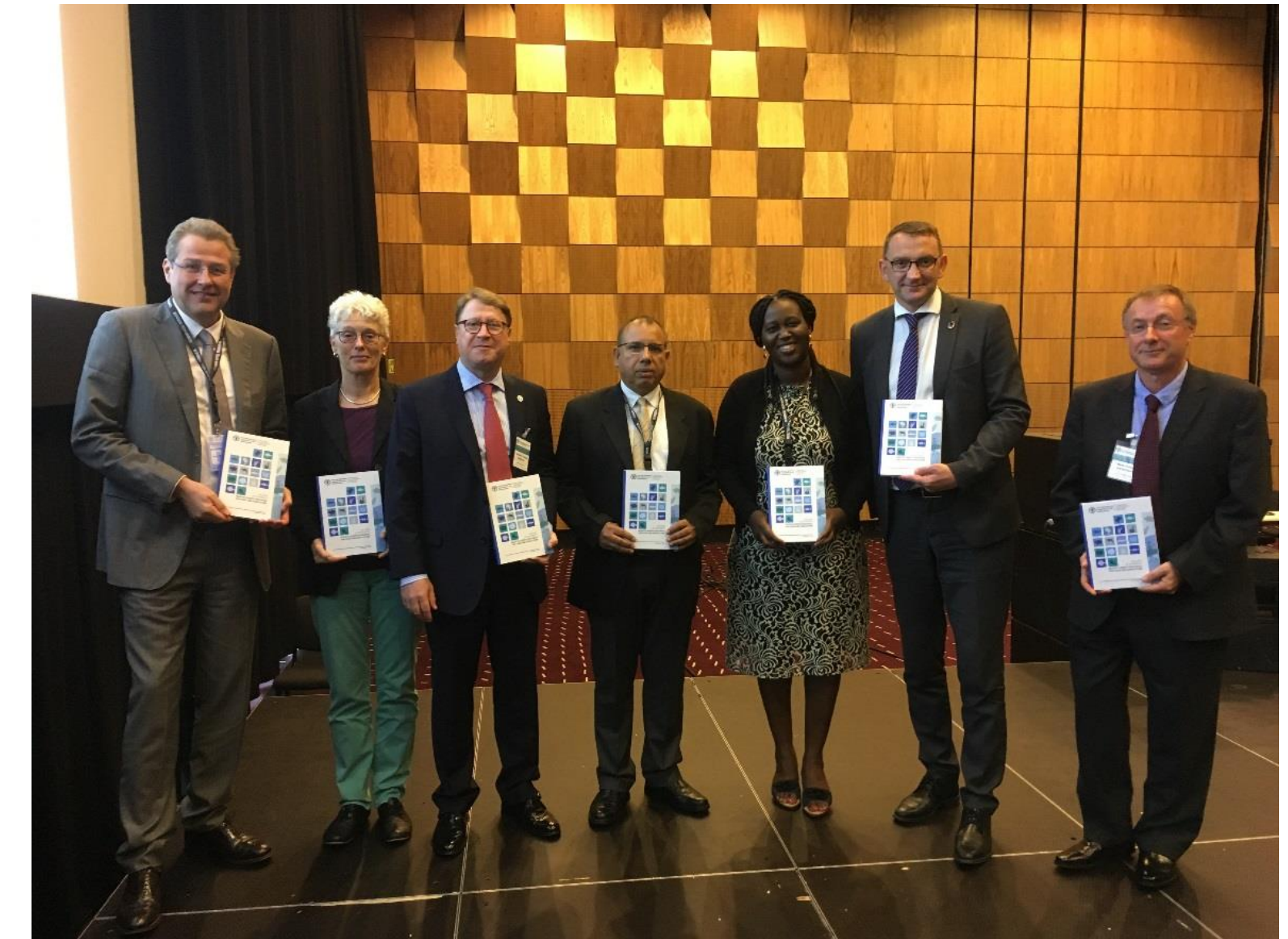
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Introduction

- ✓ FAO published its **first global report** on aquatic genetic resources, *The State of the World's Aquatic Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture* (First Report), in **2019**
- ✓ At its 20th Regular Session, the Commission:
 - **approved** preparation of the Second Report, including the timeline and scope
 - noted the need for sufficient time for testing and development of process indicator questionnaire
 - called upon countries to complete the process indicator questionnaire when invited by FAO



Launch of First Report, 2019

The Second Report is due in 2029

SCOPE AND STRUCTURE OF THE SECOND REPORT

- ✓ **Scope** limited to aquaculture species and their related farmed types and wild relatives occurring within national jurisdictions (same scope of First Report)
- ✓ At its last session, the Working Group recommended that the Second Report **be a concise document** on the global state of conservation, sustainable use and development of AqGR
- ✓ The **draft structure** (*Appendix I*) is intended to:
 - reflect the information collected from countries through the two questionnaires
 - ensure continuity and consistency with the structure and content of the First Report and the Commission's other assessments
 - reflect, as much as possible, the structure of the Global Plan of Action



Email sent in May to
request feedback **by 25
June 2026**

APPROACH

The preparation of the Second Report will rely on data generated through two sources of information

**Resource indicator
questionnaire**

- ✓ Collects data on the status and diversity of species, farmed types and wild stocks
- ✓ Includes information on:
 - conservation status and trends
 - species origin
 - climate change impact
 - environmental impacts of non-native species
 - culture systems and uses
 - production statistics and trends
 - breeding programmes and genetic technologies
 - characteristics (of farmed types and wild stocks)

**Process indicator
questionnaire**

- ✓ Collects information on national capacities and activities
- ✓ Structured around the Priority Areas of the Global Plan of Action
- ✓ Includes information on:
 - genetic management practices
 - monitoring of wild stocks and farmed types
 - genetic improvement strategies
 - policies, strategies and access and benefit-sharing measures
 - education, training and capacity development

APPROACH

- ✓ The initial strategy envisaged the preparation of **thematic background studies** as additional source of information. However, experience from First Report indicates that they:
 - require significant time and financial resources
 - often generate highly specialized information, not always suitable for a global assessment
- ✓ It is proposed to replace thematic studies with **targeted text boxes** on selected topics, subject to the availability of resources
- ✓ The two questionnaires may be completed by experts other than the National Focal Points.
- ✓ **National Focal Points retain responsibility** for the validation and submission of data to FAO
- ✓ Countries are encouraged to:
 - establish **national task forces** to support coordination
 - engage **relevant stakeholders** across sectors
 - nominate an **Alternate National Focal Point**, as appropriate
- ✓ FAO will support countries in the preparation of the Second Report through a series of regional and subregional virtual workshops, with hands-on learning sessions

TIMELINE

Timeline for the completion of the two questionnaires (*Appendix II*):

- resource indicator questionnaire by 30 September 2027
- process indicator questionnaire by 30 November 2027

Activity	2025				2026				2027				2028				2029			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Resource mobilization																				
Launching of the online process indicator questionnaire																				
Testing of the process indicator questionnaire																				
Training on how to generate process and resources indicator reports																				
Invitation to countries to complete resource and process indicator questionnaire																				
Review of the draft outline for the Second Report by the Working Group																				
Planning and drafting of thematic background studies and text boxes																				
Countries prepare and submit the resource indicator questionnaire																				
Countries prepare and submit the process indicator questionnaire																				
National data analyzed																				
First draft prepared and reviewed by 7th Session of Working Group																				
Final draft prepared and presented to 22nd Regular Session of Commission																				
Second report laid out, published and distributed																				

Required financial resources

- ✓ The 20th Session of the Commission encouraged partners and donors to provide extra-budgetary resources
- ✓ NFI human resources available for AqGR work for the current biennium:
 - Senior Fishery Officer (P5 level – vacant)
 - Fishery Officer (P2 level)
 - Programme Officer (P3 level) – project post
 - General Service staff supporting with communication and organizational arrangements

Estimated budget provided in *Appendix III*

GUIDANCE SOUGHT

✓ The Working Group may wish to:

- a) consider the updated strategy and timeline, and review and revise, as appropriate, the draft structure for the preparation of the Second Report; and
- b) recommend that the Commission, at its next session:
 - (i) express concern over the **insufficient funds available** to date to support the preparation of the Second Report
 - (ii) recommend that FAO, as a matter of urgency, **call upon governments and donors**, in a position to do so, to make financial resources available to support the preparation of the Second Report
 - (iii) recommend that FAO invite countries to **complete the resource indicator questionnaire by 30 September 2027 and the process indicator questionnaire by 30 November 2027**
 - (iv) recommend that FAO invite **regional AqGR networks and relevant organizations** to contribute to the preparation of the Second Report