

PART 4

Selected Papers from the 1958 Annual Meeting

I. Collaboration between FAO and ICNAF, 1957-58

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The following notes are a summary of a report to the 1958 Annual Meeting (Doc. no. 27, Serial No. 553) on action taken by FAO Fisheries Division in response to recommendations in the report of the Seventh Annual Meeting of ICNAF and other aspects of the current work of the Division of interest to the Commission.

Two consultants had visited countries of Europe and North America and prepared a report on their survey of their fisheries statistical systems which it was proposed to present to a special meeting of experts in the autumn of 1959. Mr. J. A. Gulland's introductory paper on Sampling problems and methods in fisheries Research had now been published and a start had been made on a comprehensive manual on this subject, also one on methods in population dynamics, the draft of which will be used in the Training Center on Mackerel Research to be held in Bangkok, October-November 1958.

An account was given of the follow-up with respect to the Joint Meetings in Biarritz 1956 and Lisbon 1957, particularly concerning publication of proceedings of the latter meeting and recommendations on mathematical notation, a new International Journal of Fishery Dynamics and the use of high-speed computers.

Plans were announced for the IPFC Symposium on Fish Behaviour (Colombo, December 1958) and the world meeting on the biology of sardines (Rome, September 1959) as well as a further projected series of international meetings. The new monthly Current Bibliography for Fisheries Science was described and copies distributed. Other aspects of the FAO programme briefly reviewed were work on survey, standardization and mechanization of biological research methods, the preparation and co-ordination of synopses of knowledge of limnology and oceanography (by areas) and of fish stocks (by species subjects and areas).