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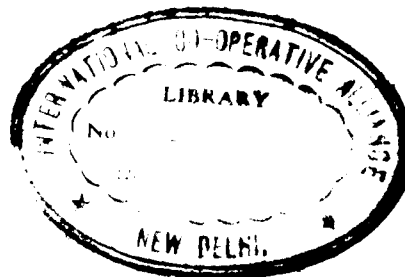
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ICA Fisheries Committee

- Fisheries Executive -

INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATIVE ALLIANCE

FISHERIES COMMITTEE

MEETING OF THE FISHERIES EXECUTIVE TO BE HELD
AT THE WORLD TRADE AND CONVENTION CENTRE IN BASEL, SWITZERLAND
ON MONDAY, 20 OCTOBER, 1986 AT 09:00 HOURS

MEMORANDUM OF THE AGENDA

OPENING AND WELCOME

Mr. J. Saito from Japan, Chairman of the ICA Fisheries Committee, will open the meeting and welcome all participants. The Chairman will then give the opening remarks highlighting the most important topics for deliberation in the meeting.

OBITUARY

The Chairman will announce the decease of the prominent member and vice-chairman of the ICA Fisheries Committee, Mr. Ferenc Bencze, Secretary of the Federation of Fisheries Co-operatives of Hungary, and the Chairman suggests the executives that all participants should pray in silence at the plenary meeting of the Fisheries Committee.

Item 1.

Approval of the Provisional Agenda

The provisional agenda was sent out on 12th September, 1986 (as per Appendix 1).

Item 2.

Approval of the Minutes of the Last Meeting of the Fisheries Executive and the Fisheries Committee Held in Washington D.C., USA on 14th October, 1985

The minutes were sent out on 8th October, 1986 (as per Appendix 2 and Appendix 3).

Item 3.

Approval of the Provisional Agenda for the Plenary Meeting of the Fisheries Committee

The provisional agenda for the plenary meeting of the Fisheries Committee was also sent out on 12th September, 1986 (as per Appendix 1).

refer to memorandum of the agenda for plenary meeting (page 5)

Item 4.

The Chairman's report will be circulated at the meeting (as per Appendix 4).

The report covers the activities carried out during 1985 and the first half of 1986, and the programmes for the latter part of 1986 and 1987.

The report on the activities includes the education and training, preparation on the revision of the rules, establishment of the financial policy, and progress of negotiation between Chairman and the Japanese government on the financial assistance for the Fisheries Co-operative Development Fund.

The programmes contains the education and training. Co-operative Fishermen's Bulletin, and those activities to be covered by the resources of the proposed Fund.

Comments and suggestions from executives are expected on the Chairman's report especially on the programmes.

Item 5.

Revision of the Rules of the Fisheries Committee

In consequence of the amendment on the ICA Rules decided at the 28th ICA Congress held in Hamburg 1984, the Fisheries Committee became the ICA Specialized Committee who should cover the expenses of all activities with its own resources.

According to the change in the ICA Policy, the Fisheries Committee meeting held in Washington D.C. last year decided that the constitution should be revised and a draft of new rules of the Fisheries Committee should be prepared by the secretariat and submitted to this meeting of the Fisheries Committee.

Changes in new rules will be to specify each activity concretely, establish an auditorship within the Fisheries Executive, define regular and associate members, and specify a method of collecting membership fees.

Draft of new rules of the Fisheries Committee was sent out on 8th October, 1986 (as per Appendix 5).

Comments and suggestions from executives are expected.

Item 6.

Membership Fees for the Fisheries Committee

As mentioned in the previous item, the Fisheries Committee should run by its own resources, and the last meeting of the Fisheries Committee held in Washington D.C. also decided that the financial policy and budget of the committee should be established.

Proposed membership fees are included in the draft of new rules of the Fisheries Committee which was sent out on 8th October, 1986 (as per Appendix 7).

Comments and suggestion from executives are expected.

Item 7.

Other Businesses

In connection with the forthcoming revision of the Rules of the Fisheries Committee, the Chairman will propose the following items:

1. Secretariat and secretary general

The Secretariat will be established at Zengyoren (National Federation of Fisheries Cooperative Associations) in Japan, and the Manager of Guidance Department of Zengyoren will function as the Secretary General.

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The matter of nominating and electing auditors will be left to the discretion of the Chairman.

3. Opening of a bank account for the ICA Fisheries Committee

The matter of opening a bank account for the ICA Fisheries Committee will be left to the discretion of the Chairman, who upon opening an account, will immediately notify each member of the names of the bank and the account opened.

Any suggestions and proposals from executive members will be welcome.

Item 8.

Date and Venue of the Next Meeting of the Fisheries Executive

The next meeting of the Fisheries Executive is most likely to held during the next Central Committee meeting before the plenary meeting of the Fisheries Committee, of which the date and place will be in October 1987 in Budapest, Hungary.

ICA Fisheries Committee

-Plenary Meeting-

INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATIVE ALLIANCE

FISHERIES COMMITTEE

PLENARY MEETING OF THE FISHERIES COMMITTEE TO BE HELD
AT THE WORLD TRADE AND CONVENTION CENTRE IN BASEL, SWITZERLAND
ON MONDAY, 20 OCTOBER, 1986 AT 10:30 HOURS

MEMORANDUM OF THE AGENDA

FORMAL OPENING AND WELCOME

Mr. J. Saito from Japan, Chairman of the ICA Fisheries Committee, will open the meeting and ask the representative of the host organization, Co-op Switzerland, to take the floor for welcome.

The Chairman will then give the opening remarks highlighting the most important topics to be discussed in the meeting.

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The Chairman will announce the decease of the prominent member and Vice-Chairman of the committee, Mr. Ferenc Bencze, Secretary of the Federation of Fisheries Co-operatives who is the member of the National Council of Agricultural Co-ops TOT of Hungary, and ask all participants to pray in silence.

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Item 6.

Report on the Activities of the Fisheries Sub-Committee for South-East Asia

A written report on the activities of the Fisheries Sub-Committee for South-East Asia is expected to be circulated at the meeting (as per Appendix 8).

A report is to be made by Datuk Haji Aziz Mohad Ibrahim from Malaysia, Chairman of the Fisheries Sub-Committee for South-East Asia and Vice-Chairman of the Fisheries Committee.

Item 7.

Report on the "Seminar on Fisheries Co-operatives for South-East Asian Countries" Held by Zengyoren

The report on the "Seminar on Fisheries Co-operatives for South-East Asian Countries" will be circulated at the meeting (as per Appendix 9).

The report contains the programmes and results of the seminars organized recently and their follow-up activities.

A report is to be made by the Senior Managing Director of Zengyoren, Mr. Gen Abe.

Item 8.

Report by Each Member Country on her Activities in the Preceding Year

Written reports are expected from each member organization.

Reports are to be comprised of the major and notable activities of fisheries co-operative movements in respective country performed in the preceding year.

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Item 9.

Study on Measures for Stabilizing Fish Prices in Each Country

It will be proposed that studies be made, with the cooperation of each member, on the present measures for stabilizing fish prices being taken in each country. Possibilities will be considered for publishing the results of such studies in the form of a report.

The Chairman will make a proposal and request on the matter.

Suggestions from members are expected.

Item 10.

Cooperation with International Organizations such as FAO (including COPAC) and ILO

It is expected the FAO, COPAC and ILO representatives at this meeting will report on their activities related to the development of fisheries co-operatives.

Item 11.

Any Other Business

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Item 12.

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A p p e n d i x

Provisional Agenda at ICA Fisheries Committee Meeting (1986)

Date :October 20 (Mon), 1986

Venue European World Trade and Convention Center in Basel, Switzerland

9:00-10:00 Fisheries Executive Committee meeting

10:30-17:00 Fisheries Committee meeting

1. Agenda which needs resolution

- (1) Approval of provisional agenda
- (2) Approval of the minutes of the Fisheries Committee meeting held in Washington on October 14 (Mon.), 1985
- (3) 1985 activities report
1986 activities plan
1987 activities plan (draft)
- (4) Revision of the rules of the Fisheries Committee
- (5) Membership subscriptions for the Fisheries Committee
- (6) Date and place of the next Fisheries Committee meeting

2. Agenda for discussion and reporting

- (1) Report on the activities of the Southeast Asian Fisheries Sub-Committee
- (2) Report on the "Seminar on Fisheries Cooperatives for South-East Asian Countries" held by Zengyoren
- (3) Report by each member country on their activities in the preceding year
- (4) Fish pricing mechanism, distribution system, and measures for stabilizing fish prices
- (5) Cooperation with international organizations such as FAO (including COPAC) and ILO

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ICA FISHERIES EXECUTIVE
HELD AT THE HYATT REGENCY HOTEL, WASHINGTON D.C.
ON MONDAY, 14 OCTOBER, 1985

PRESENT

JAPAN	Mr. J. Saito	Chairman
	(accompanied by Interpreters, Ms. Fumiko N. Gregg and Ms. Terumi Gale)	
CANADA	Mr. K. Harding	Vice Chairman
ICELAND	Mr. E. Einarsson	Vice Chairman
HUNGARY	Mr. Ferenc Bencze	Vice Chairman
	(accompanied by Interpreter, Ms. Gabriella Koszo)	
MALAYSIA	Datuk Haji Aziz Mohad Ibrahim	Vice Chairman
GHANA	Mr. W. Buckman	Executive
REP. OF KOREA	Mr. Jai Duck Yoo	Executive

IN ATTENDANCE

ICA HQ.	Mr. Alf Carlsson
JAPAN	Mr. K. Nakagawa (Secretary of the Fisheries Committee)
JAPAN	Mr. R. Suzuki (Observer)
REP. OF KOREA	Mr. Ik Hoan Choi (Observer)

OPENING OF THE MEETING

Mr. J. Saito, Chairman of the ICA Fisheries Committee, took the chair and welcomed all vice chairman, executives and others present. Then, the meeting proceeded to the agenda.

AGENDA ITEM 1:

APPROVAL OF THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

The provisional agenda for the meeting was sent out to all member of the ICA Fisheries Executive from the Secretary in Tokyo on 20 September, 1985. The provisional agenda was adopted and approved.

AGENDA ITEM 2:

CONFIRMATION AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FISHERIES EXECUTIVE HELD IN HAMBURG ON FRIDAY, 12 OCTOBER, 1984

The minutes were circulated at the meeting.

Mr. Saito, the Chairman, stated that, though the preparation of the meeting being delayed, it was made in time of the meeting by the cooperation of Zengyoren, and requested all member to approve the draft of the minutes as they were compiled concisely.

The Secretary requested to speak, explaining the cause of delay in preparation of the minutes and thanking Zengyoren for its cooperation. These minutes were unanimously approved.

AGENDA ITEM 3:

APPROVAL OF THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE PLENARY MEETING OF THE ICA FISHERIES COMMITTEE

The Chairman briefed on items of the agenda, especially on the item 5 "Activities' Reports of Member Organizations in the past one year" stating that the reports are to be focussed on "the food problems and mission of fisheries co-operatives", which is to be associated with the main theme "Co-operative Efforts on the World Food Supply" for the meeting of the ICA Central Committee. Needless to say that the food mentioned here means not only fishes but all kind of fishery products, and the Chairman expected the committee to discuss the role of fisheries co-operatives as fishery producers.

He also commented on the item 6 "What the ICA Fisheries Committee should be" which shall be the most important subject to discuss in the plenary meeting. (Original title of the item "On the way the ICA Fisheries Committee should be" was amended as "What the ICA Fisheries Committee should be").

The ICA Rules were amended at the 28th ICA Congress held in Hamburg last year, and the ICA Auxiliary Committees were altered their title as the Specialized Committees. In consequence of such alteration, the Chairman expected and requested comments of the committee members on structure of the Fisheries Committee especially on its finance.

The provisional agenda for the plenary meeting of the ICA Fisheries Committee was adopted and unanimously approved.

**AGENDA ITEM 4:
OTHER SUBJECTS**

- 1) Chairman's Report related to the activities of the ICA Fisheries Committee.

The Chairman's Report was circulated at the meeting as an appendix 3.

The Chairman read the main part of his report.

1. Education and Training.
2. Co-operative Fishermen's Bulletin.
3. Investigation and Research Activities.
4. Establishment of ICA Fisheries Committee Fisheries Co-operative Development Fund.
5. Reference Document.

The Chairman particularly reported that the Fisheries Committee has been provided full support on the secretariat services and financial assistances from Zengyoren, Japan.

- (1) The activities of the ICA Fisheries Committee are carried out within the international cooperation project of Zengyoren.
- (2) While it is mostly desirable that the ICA Fisheries Committee has its own accounts, however it is still impossible at present. The Fisheries Committee is obliged to administer within the international cooperation finance of Zengyoren.
- (3) Therefore, the report on accounts of Zengyoren's international

cooperation project shall be presented to the committee as a reference until the committee be able to run by its own finance.

6. Research on the present conditions of the Asian Fisheries Co-operatives by Mr. Saito.

Mr. Saito, the Chairman, reported the present conditions and problems of fisheries co-operatives in South-East Asia region. He said that, as Dr. Laidlaw wrote in his paper "Co-operative in the year 2000", the most valuable contribution of co-operatives to mankind will be in food and the conquest of world hunger and this should also be applied to fisheries co-operatives. Fisheries co-operatives have important duties as producers and suppliers of fishes and food stuffs.

He emphasized the necessity of development through fisheries co-operatives in developing countries of the world as in the Asian nations in order to produce their food of their own accord.

7. Report of the Fisheries Committee presented to the 28th ICA Congress.
8. Mr. Saito, the Chairman, submitted the report on Portugal fisheries co-operatives based on his visit and study.

Mr. Buckman of Ghana appreciated chairman for his excellent report which reflected the view of all member. However, he made note that, while the financial report of the international cooperation project of Zengyoren was included in th appendices, the report had better described such assistances being given from Zengyoren since it is the chairman's report of the ICA Fisheries Committee.

Mr. Buckman also pointed out that there appeared the description "Especially in Africa, hunger has claimed the lives of a large number of people" in the report. He suggested to make note on such general description "African hunger" since there are many countries in Africa and circumstances vary with countries.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Buckman for his comment and made explanation as follows.

- (a) It was unable to prepare separate report on accounts for the Fisheries Committee, therefore, the report was made on accounts covering the activities of secretariat of ICA Fisheries Committee within the international cooperation project of Zengyoren.
- (b) The note will be made on the variety of circumstances existed in African countries.

Mr. Carlsson of ICA Headquarters wanted to confirm the description appeared in page 6 of the Chairman's Report which was read as "For the implementation of the activities of the ICA Fisheries Committee by sending General Secretary to the ICA Headquarters and employing staff". The Chairman asked the Secretary to make it clear which was made as follows.

- (a) The office of Secretary for the Fisheries Committee in the ICA Headquarters has been vacant since 1983 and the Chairman repeatedly requested ICA in 1983 and 1984 to provide secretary services for the committee which is necessary to implement the activities of the committee.
- (b) The Chairman proposed an establishment of the ICA Fisheries Committee Development Fund at the meeting held in Hamburg in 1984, and the plan of activities to be covered by the Fund is presented here by the Chairman. Item 6 of the plan would be a future programme to send a permanent secretary for the committee to the ICA Headquarters, as the committee has so far insisted, of which expenses shall be borne by the committee after its own resources be assured.

The Chairman added that the working group of the research and study on the ICA Fisheries Committee Fisheries Co-operative Development Fund which was decided to organize at the meeting in Hamburg last year, has not yet an opportunity to hold its first meeting. However, at present, Chairman is negotiating with the Japanese government unofficially to obtain financial aids for the ICA Fisheries Committee. The Chairman expressed his intention to discuss this matter furthermore at the plenary meeting of the committee in its agenda item 6.

Mr. Aziz of Malaysia appreciated chairman for his excellent report and made remarks that assistances from other organizations i.e. FAO and ICA Hq. would be needed to implement the plan of activities of the Fund, and that an examination may be required how the member organization of each country could be participated in the Fund.

The Chairman said that cooperations from member organizations as well as from many other organizations are required for an establishment of the Fund, and this subject may also be discussed at the plenary meeting of the committee.

The Chairman's Report then unanimously approved for its submission to the plenary meeting of Fisheries Committee.

2) Date and venue of the next meeting of the Fisheries Executive.

The Chairman proposed to hold next meeting of the Fisheries Executive together with the meeting of the Fisheries Committee during the period of the ICA Central Committee which will be held in Basel, Switzerland in October 1986.

The meeting approved unanimously the chairman's proposal.

The meeting of the Fisheries Executive adjourned at 10:15 hours.

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MALAYSIA	Datuk Haji Aziz Mohad Ibrahim	Vice Chairman
GHANA	Mr. W. Buckman	Executive
REP. OF KOREA	Mr. Jai Duck Yoo	Executive
FRANCE	Mr. A. Chomel	Member
JAPAN	Mr. Gen Abe	Member
TURKEY	Mr. Rasih Demirci (accompanied by Mr. A. Ozer)	Member

OBSERVERS, VISITORS AND GUESTS

CANADA	Mr. Bruce Thordarson (Co-op Union of Canada)
JAPAN	Mr. R. Suzuki (Zengyoren)
USA	Mr. Allie C. Felder (National Co-operative Business Assoc.)
USA	Dr. Fred L. Olson (National Co-operative Business Assoc.)
USA	Mr. Allen Blitstein (Southwest State Univ.)
USA	Mr. Carol James (Food System Assoc.)
USA	Mr. Mattias Lundberg (George Washington Univ.)
USA	Mr. Ted Weile (OCDC)

INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

COPAC	Mr. Jack Shaffer
ILO	Me. Liam Pickett

IN ATTENDANCE

ICA Mr. Alf Carlsson (ICA Headquarters in Geneva)
ICA Mr. R. B. Rajaguru (Regional Director for South-East Asia
 Office)
JAPAN Mr. K. Nakagawa (Secretary of the Fisheries Committee)

OPENING OF THE MEETING

The Chairman, Mr. J. Saito, opened the meeting, greeted all participants and expressed his gratitude to the host organization, National Co-operative Business Association of USA, for the hospitality and arrangements made.

Then he made some remarks related to the most important topics to be discussed in the meeting which included the financial policy of the ICA Fisheries Committee and the role of fisheries co-operatives as food producer and suppliers.

The Chairman gave the floor to Mr. Allie C. Felder, Senior Vice President of the National Co-operative Business Association of USA, who greeted the participants on behalf of the host organization, and introduced Dr. Fred L. Olson for the introductory remarks of fisheries co-operative movements in USA.

Dr. Olson outlined the fisheries co-operative movements in USA: "There are 123 fisheries co-operatives in 18 states including some in Guam and Puerto Rico with an approximately 10,000 membership in total. The most part of tuna landings and a half of landings of other fishes in USA were caught by the members of these fisheries co-operatives. However, the scale of these fisheries co-operatives are comparatively smaller than that of the agriculture co-operatives in the country, the type of their businesses vary widely and the race in their memberships also differ.

The international cooperation in the fisheries co-operative movements in an important aspect, and some in Alaska is now learning the Surimi technology from Japan. It is most important role for fisheries co-operatives to provide

an animal protein food to mankind through the gloval prospect and cooperation in the fishery industry."

The Chairman thanked Mr. Felder and Dr. Olson, and the meeting proceeded to the agenda.

AGENDA ITEM 1:

APPROVAL OF THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

The provisional agenda was approved.

AGENDA ITEM 2:

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ICA FISHERIES COMMITTEE HELD IN HAMBURG ON OCTOBER 12, 1984

The minutes was unanimously approved.

AGENDA ITEM 3:

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT RELATED TO THE ACTIVITIES OF THE FISHERIES COMMITTEE FOR PAST ONE YEAR

The Chairman's Report was circulated at the meeting as an appendix 3. The Chairman briefed the report in the main subjects alone to save time.

1. Education and Training.
2. Co-operative Fishermen's Bulletin.
3. Investigation and Research Activities.
4. Progress report on an establishment of the ICA Fisheries Committee's Fisheries Co-operative Development Fund.

Mr. Aziz of Malaysia was grateful to chairman for his services extended to the Fisheries Committee and appreciated Zengyoren of Japan for its support provided to the committee. And he acknowledged, regarding the Fisheries Co-operative Development Fund, the chairman's effort to insure resources and he

wished all member organizations as well as the ICA Headquarters to participate in Fund. Mr. Aziz then supported the chairman's report.

Chairman's Report was unanimously approved by the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 4:

ACTIVITIES REPORT OF THE SOUTH-EAST ASIA FISHERIES SUB-COMMITTEE

Mr. Aziz, Chairman of the Fisheries Sub-committee for South-East Asia, made the report. In his report, Mr. Aziz thanked the Zengyoren of Japan who had courteously organized the seminars for fisheries co-operatives in South-East Asian Region every year since 1979 which gave great advantage to those 96 leaders of fisheries co-operatives attended the seminars. He represented the seminars were good examples of the assistance for the development of fisheries co-operatives.

Mr. Aziz also appreciated the National Federation of Fisheries Co-operative of Korea who in 1981 organized the seminar in cooperation with the Zengyoren of Japan.

Finally, Mr. Aziz asked member organizations in developed country to provide further aids through the ICA Fisheries Committee.

The Chairman, Mr. Saito, thanked Mr. Aziz for his excellent report.

AGENDA ITEM 5:

REPORT ON THE NOTABLE ACTIVITIES OF MEMBER ORGANIZATION FOR THE PAST ONE YEAR

Mr. Abe of Zengyoren, Japan made report on the experiences of the Japanese fisheries co-operative movements particularly the efforts extended to the fish supply as food. He also mentioned on the struggles of fisheries co-operatives for the prevention of pollution in sea, protection and maintenance of the marine resources, and development of new fishery technology. Mr. Abe

reported the hunger relief campaign for Africa carried by all co-operative movement in Japan, the fisheries co-operatives in the whole country in cooperation with the agriculture and forestry co-operatives developed the money raising campaign named "Your One Fish Help" and donated more than 200 million Yen to Africa through WFP.

Mr. Einarsson of Iceland reported on the fisheries co-operative movements in Iceland who have been suffered from reduction of marine resources, and he pointed out that such shortage in marine resources is very important since 65% of the foreign currency income of Iceland made up from the export of fishery products. Now the shortage of raw material for sea food products is covering by the import of fish from Denmark, Canada, Korea or South America. Mr. Einarsson presented new project of Samband, national federation of co-operatives of Iceland, which is the aquaculture of Atlantic salmons jointly developing with Norway from 1984. In closing his report, Mr. Einarsson thanked Mr. Saito, the Chairman, for his works in the committee without which the representative of Iceland unable to participate in the committee.

Mr. Yoo of the Republic of Korea made report on the development of Korea fisheries co-operative movements. He mentioned the production was steadily increased as a result of various development projects implemented since 1960 of which landings was recorded as 2.9 million tons in 1983. He also reported the activities of fisheries co-operatives in Korea which include the extension service, collective purchasing, marketing, thrift and credit, and mutual insurance.

Mr. Bencze of Hungary made report on fishery and fisheries co-operative movements in Hungary. He outlined the difficulties of fishery in Hungary of which most important is the contamination of river water affected by fertilizer and insecticide. He also mentioned that the report on the experiences and results of the Hungarian co-operative movements regarding the food supply to the ICA Central Committee.

Mr. Buckman of Ghana made a report on the fisheries co-operative movements in Ghana. There are 156 fisheries co-operatives with 42,000 membership

affiliated in the Ghana Co-operative Fisheries Association Ltd. The problems of fishermen in Ghana are in lack of fishing gears and knowledge, and he expected the possible aids from members of the committee to overcome these problems. However, the association is now constructing the ice making facility of which construction may be completed in 1986. For the education and training, Mr. Buckman wished the ICA Fisheries Committee to organize seminars in Africa similar to those in South-East Asia.

Regarding the financial matter of the committee, Mr. Buckman pointed out the fact that the committee fully depended on the assistances from Zengyoren and he suggested members to request their boards and governments to provide the support for the ICA Fisheries Committee. Mr. Buckman strongly commented that when the chairmanship of Zengyoren terminated and the other country take it, the activities of the Fisheries Committee will be ceased without fail.

AGENDA ITEM 6:

WHAT THE ICA FISHERIES COMMITTEE SHOULD BE - MANAGEMENT OF THE FISHERIES COMMITTEE

- (1) Policy of the ICA Executive on the administration of the specialized committees.

The Chairman gave the introduction to the item of agenda. Due to the amendment on the ICA Rules was made, the Fisheries Committee became the specialized committee which should run by its own budget according to the remarks made by the ICA Executive Committee. And he expressed his intention to discuss this matter in the meeting, and gave the floor to Mr. Alf Carlsson of ICA Headquarters for the ICA financial policy of the specialized committees.

Mr. Carlsson greeted the participants on behalf of the ICA President, and explained the changes made in the ICA Rules and policies. The assistance in the co-operative development was committed to all specialized committees, and

the assistance from the ICA will be limited in the field of the administration. And the finance of the specialized committees should be covered by their own resources while the ICA would provide the clerical supports for committees though limited. In closing his explanation, Mr. Carlsson conveyed the ICA's appreciation for the works of the Fisheries Committee who took the initiative in various field of the fisheries co-operative movements in the world especially in South-East Asia.

(2) Review of Organization, Business and Finance of the Fisheries Committee

The Chairman circulated the current constitution and activities, and directory of the ICA Fisheries Committee as references.

Mr. Aziz of Malaysia requested to revise and circulate the Directory every year, and the Chairman accepted his offer.

For the amendment of the Constitution and Activities, Mr. Abe of Japan made comment that an amendment on the principal aim of the committee is not necessary though it is abstract and comprehensive. Mr. Aziz of Malaysia proposed to add separate paragraphs stating the objective and activities of the committee concretely, and asked the Secretary to prepare a draft. Mr. Einarsson of Iceland was convinced that the aim covers all important aspect including the mutual trade between co-operatives.

Regarding to the budget of the committee, Mr. Einarsson expressed the shame of the committee which fully depends on the great burden of merely one member organization, and referred to the assistance projects of Iceland in cooperation with its government which may be possible to implement through the channel of the Fisheries Committee. He also mentioned his wishes to contribute some money for the committee from Iceland. Mr. Buckman of Ghana proposed that the share of the ICA subscription paid by member organizations of each specialized committee should be allocated to the committee, and that the donation of members from the advance countries should be considered.

The Chairman proposed that the proposal of secretariat on the matter will be prepared in consultation with the ICA Headquarters and presented to the next meeting of the committee.

Mr. Aziz supported the Chairman's proposal which was unanimously seconded by the meeting.

The chairman added his comment on the subject stating that while the Zengyoren of Japan is providing as a provisional measure the secretariat services and financial assistances for the committee which was amounted at 23 million Yen (US\$100 thousand) in 1985, this situation is not desirable for co-operative movements which should run by the fair contribution of constituent members, therefore the finance of the committee should be reviewed in consequence of the changes in the ICA Rules.

Mr. Harding explained the situation in Canada that while the Co-operative Union of Canada many times participated in the international co-operative development project which were the co-operative assistance to the national project of Canada, at present, Canadian co-operative organization is unable to assist directly the ICA, since those assistances mentioned earlier are the unique ways of support.

Mr. Thordarson of the Co-operative Union of Canada supported the remarks of Mr. Harding, and mentioned the possibility of participation in the ICA development programmes in future.

(3) ICA Fisheries Committee's Co-operative Development Fund.

The Chairman reminded the members of the proposal and decision made in the meeting of the Fisheries Committee held in Hamburg last year which were the establishment of Fisheries Co-operative Development Fund and the formation of working-group for the study of an establishment of such fund. However, the working-group had no opportunity to hold its first meeting yet.

The Chairman then reported that unofficial talks held so far between Chairman and the Japanese Government in cooperation with Zengyoren to

obtain official assistance for the fund. Chairman proposed the activities to be carried out with the fund which included the training, information exchange, survey and research activities, technical guidance, personnel exchange between fisheries co-operatives, and management of the Secretariat of the ICA Fisheries Committee.

As for the publication of "Co-operative Fishermen's Bulletin" for the information exchange, Chairman stated that the publication was now suspended because the problem on collection of subscription had not yet been solved. However, the Chairman hoped to increase the publication of the Bulletin which had been quarterly, and to substantiate other types of information activities once the Fund being established to make the Committee to be the centre of information for fishery industry and fisheries co-operatives of the world.

Chairman asked the members to refer the paragraph 4 of the Chairman's Report which covers the programme in detail.

Mr. Buckman of Ghana suggested Chairman to make an announcement to FAO, ILO and other organizations for their support on the Fund.

Mr. Aziz of Malaysia reminded all members of the deliberation and decision made in the last meeting. He said that the meeting decided to have each member to make further study on the matter. He then suggested the committee to establish a trust fund. And he convinced that many fishery advanced countries including the FAO would participate and provide assistances once the Fund being established. Finally Mr. Aziz greatly appreciated Chairman for his efforts to obtain an official support to the Fund from Japanese Government who likely indicated its agreement.

Chairman called all member's attention that he only made the progress report and an assistance from Japanese government has not yet been agree, and he asked members not to expect excessively. In the course of the preliminary talks between Chairman and the government, he said, the options were discussed with respect to the appropriate form of the assistance. Whether it

shall be the direct assistance to the ICA Fisheries Committee, in the form of contribution as a reserve fund; year-by-year subsidies, subsidies through Zengyoren, or subsidies to cover the project expenses of the committee.

Then, Chairman requested all members to examine the possibility of assistance to be provided by member organizations of each country once the financial aids to the Fund by Japanese government agreed and determined.

The Chairman's proposal and request was unanimously seconded.

AGENDA ITEM 7:

COLLABORATION WITH THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION

Chairman mentioned the importance of collaboration and cooperation with the international organizations, and gave the floor to Mr. Jack Shaffer of COPAC for his report.

Mr. Shaffer said that though he is not staff of FAO, he would make report on behalf of FAO as he was commissioned to do so and as COPAC is the member of FAO.

He first mentioned the COPAC has completed a comparative study on fisheries co-operatives titled "Small-scale Fisheries Co-operatives -Some Lessons for the Future" which was presented to the FAO meeting in Rome, and distributed to all member of the Fisheries Committee at its meeting held in Hamburg last year. And he hoped the committee would contact the COPAC experts for future activities.

Mr. Shaffer reported that the strategy and action programme with regard to the fishery management were presented to the World Fishery Commission of FAO and some of them has already been implemented. Though time is not mature to estimate their results, FAO is convinced of the contribution on the fishery economics in participating countries. FAO allocated US\$50 million for improvement of fisheries and fishermen's communities in developing countries including the development of fisheries co-operatives.

Mr. Shaffer referred to three particular projects of FAO in regard to the fisheries co-operative development. The first is the Fish Marketing Co-operative Development Project in the Philippines which has been executed by FAO in cooperation with the Canadian government. The second is the fishery development project of UNDP in Benin of which main component is the aquaculture to increase production and 35 fisheries co-operatives has so far been developed including the one with only women's members for fish processing. The third is the fisheries co-operative project under the technical co-operative programme in Barbados of Caribbean Sea of which development will start from 1986.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Shaffer for his report, and gave the floor to Mr. Pickett of ILO.

Mr. Pickett reported that ILO is supporting the fisheries co-operatives through training programmes to improve the management capacity of co-operatives. He also referred to the special programme which provide training material for developing countries. The material is translated to native languages of each developing country in which problems of co-operative management are indicated.

Mr. Pickett introduced the special project of ILO in Mali which assisted small-scale producers to aimed the self-sustenance in food including the fish production.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Pickett for his report.

AGENDA ITEM 8:

OTHERS

No proposal or suggestion was made.

AGENDA ITEM 9:

DATE AND VENUE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE FISHERIES COMMITTEE

The chairman proposed to hold the next meeting of the Fisheries Committee at the same time and the same place of the ICA Central Committee meeting in October, 1986 in Basel, Switzerland.

Chairman's proposal was unanimously agreed.

The Chairman closed the meeting looking forward to meet again in Basel next year.



INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATIVE ALLIANCE

FISHERIES COMMITTEE

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

ON THE ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMMES OF THE FISHERIES COMMITTEE
BASEL, SWITZERLAND, ON MONDAY, 20 OCTOBER, 1986

I should like to present this report on the activities of the Fisheries Committee carried out during 1985 and the first half of 1986, and on the programmes of the Fisheries Committee prearranged for the latter part of 1986 and 1987.

I. Report on the Activities Carried Out during 1986 and the First Half of 1986

1. Meetings

The Fisheries Committee met in Washington D.C., USA on Monday, 20 October, 1985 after the meeting of the Fisheries Executive with 28 participants including guests from the host organization and the international organizations, COPAC and ILO, of which list of participants and details of deliberation and decision are described in the attached Minutes of the Fisheries Committee (as per Appendix 3).

The Fisheries Executive also met in Washington D.C. on Monday, 20 October, 1985 before the plenary meeting of the Fisheries Committee with 14 participants including the representative from the ICA Headquarters of which list of participants and details of discussion, decision and recommendation are shown in the attached Minutes of the Fisheries Executive (as per Appendix 2).

There was no meeting of the ICA Fisheries Sub-Committee for South-East Asia held during 1985.

2. Education and Training

In response to the request of the ICA Fisheries Committee, Zengyoren of Japan, National Federation of Fisheries Co-operative Associations, kindly organized the 7th Seminar on Fisheries Co-operatives for South-East Asian Countries in Tokyo from 22 August to 4 September, 1985 with 11 participants from 6 countries in the region. In the participants, one of the staff of the FAO-executed Fish Marketing Co-operative Development Project in the Philippines was included, forming a part of the collaboration of the Fisheries Committee with the international organizations.

During the period of the Seminar, Zengyoren organized a study tour for participants visiting various fisheries co-operatives in the Wakayama-Prefecture, southern coast in the central part of Honshu, main island, where the participants were warmly received by chairmen, directors and members of those co-operatives.

In 1986, Zengyoren also organized the 8th Seminar on Fisheries Co-operatives for South-East Asian Countries in Tokyo from 28 August 9 September, 1986 with 12 participants from 7 countries in the region. The study tour was also organized for participants visiting the Kagawa-Prefecture in Shikoku, south-western island from Honshu where the participants observed various activities and facilities of fisheries co-operatives there.

Since 1979, Zengyoren of Japan has given an assistance on the education and training activity of the Fisheries Committee organizing 8 seminars on fisheries co-operatives for South-East Asian countries of which participants were amounted at 108 persons from 11 countries in total.

Beside the seminars, Zengyoren sent a team of experts to Sri Lanka and Indonesia in February 1986 for the follow-up work of the seminars. The team met representatives of fisheries co-operative organizations of those countries as well as the participants of the past seminars, to confirm results of seminars and to identify the requirements for the seminar in future.

Report of the seminars for fisheries co-operatives for South-East Asian countries organized by Zengyoren in detail with their follow-up visits will be made in the item 7 of the Agenda (as per Appendix 9).

3. Co-operative Fishermen's Bulletin

As I announced in the meeting of the Fisheries Committee held in Washington D.C. in October 1985, the publication of the Co-operative Fishermen's has been suspended throughout the year of 1985 and 1986 due to the question of membership subscription being unsettled.

The Co-operative Fishermen's Bulletin had presented articles related to valuable experiences of not only fisheries co-operatives but also fishery industries mostly in advance nations in the world which for sure contributed to the development of fisheries co-operative movements in developing countries, however, costs of editing, translating, printing and mailing have already reached to an amount which cannot be disregarded.

Once the proposal on the membership subscription which will be discussed in the item 5 of the Agenda shall be accepted by the committee, the reissue of the Co-operative Fishermen's Bulletin will be discussed.

4. Revision of the Constitution of the Fisheries Committee, and an Establishment of New Rules of the Fisheries Committee

The Fisheries Committee discussed the question of the subject "What the ICA Fisheries Committee should be" in consequence of an amendment of the ICA Rules which was decided at the 28th ICA Congress held in Hamburg 1984, and decided that;

- a) the constitution of the Fisheries Committee should be revised according to the amended ICA Rules,
- b) a draft of new Rules of the Fisheries Committee should be prepared by the Secretariat and be submitted to the next meeting of the committee for its adoption, and
- c) the financial policy and budget of the Fisheries Committee should be established.

Therefore, I visited the ICA Headquarters, accompanied by Mr. Nakagawa, Secretary of the ICA Fisheries Committee, in Geneva in March 1986, and met Mr. Robert Beasley, Managing Director, Mr. Bruce Thordarson, Associate Director and Director for Development, and Mr. Lazos Varadi, Liaison Officer for Specialized Committee and Research, to discuss new Rules of the Fisheries Committee Rules and the financial policy of the committee.

Based on the discussions made with the officials of the ICA Headquarters in March, Secretariat of the committee in Tokyo prepared a draft of new Rules of the ICA Fisheries Committee with its new financial policy which is submitted to the meeting of the Fisheries Committee for discussion and adoption in the items 4 and 5 of the agenda (as per Appendix 5 and 7).

Major changes in new Rules of the Fisheries Committee are that;

- a) Separate its area provided to specify each activities of the committee concretely,
- b) full membership and associate membership will be established,
- c) the auditorship is to be established,
- d) the provisions for the membership subscription and contribution are to be laid down, and
- e) financial year of the Fisheries Committee is to be established.

5. Progress of the Negotiation between Chairman and Japanese Government for Financial Assistances in Regard to the Proposed Fisheries Co-operative Development Fund

As I already reported at the meeting of the Fisheries Committee held in Washington D.C., I have been negotiating with the Japanese government in cooperation with Zengyoren to obtain an official financial assistance for the Fisheries Committee to establish the proposed Fisheries Co-operative Development Fund.

In the course of the preliminary talks held so far between myself and the Japanese government, the following options have been discussed in respect of the appropriate form of such assistance.

- Direct assistance to the ICA Fisheries Committee.
- An Assistance to be provided via another international organization
- An Assistance to be provided as subsidies for Zengyoren.

It has also been discussed whether an assistance should be in a form of contribution as a reserve fund or year-to-year subsidies based on each year's budget without being reserved.

The proposed Fisheries Co-operative Development Fund remains to be studied. The committee has discussed the issue to create the fund in a form of contribution from the Japanese government without being reserved.

II. Programmes for the Latter Part of 1986

1. Meetings

The ICA Fisheries Sub-Committee for South-East Asia will hold its 15th Meeting on 26th and 27th November, 1986 in Penang, Malaysia under the chairmanship of Datuk Haji Aziz bin Mohd. Ibrahim of Malaysia. At the meeting, the sub-committee will discuss fully the special themes of the conference—production and sales of fisheries goods, and a "strategy of co-operative development". Coordination between the committee and the sub-committee is necessary.

At the meeting, the sub-committee will put its emphasis on a discussion of production and marketing of fish, and strategy for development of fisheries co-operative which are to be the special themes of the meeting.

2. Secretariat Works

Based on decisions, resolutions and recommendations of the Fisheries Committee be passed at this meeting in Basel, the Secretariat in Tokyo will concentrate its work upon a preparation of relevant papers and documentations of the Fisheries Committee meeting of 1986 i.e. minutes, revised new rules and financial policy, etc.

III. Programmes for 1987

1. Encouragement of New Member to Join the Fisheries Committee

Invitation campaign will be developed in order to encourage new ordinary and associate members to join the Fisheries Committee based on new Rules of the committee.

2. Publication of "Co-operative Fishermen's Bulletin"

Co-operative Fishermen's Bulletin will be published and distributed among members twice during the year in order to develop the mutual exchange between members of the committee in connection with the activity of the previous article 1.

3. Research and Study on the Measures for Stabilization of Fish Prices

An appropriate research and study will be carried out in cooperation with the member organizations in order to secure the actual state of measures and schemes for the stabilization of fish prices in each country.

The country in which the research to be taken place at present shall be Canada, EC, Iceland, Japan Rep. of Korea, Norway and USA.

4. Development and Strengthening of Fisheries Co-operative organizations

Seminars will be organized for fisheries co-operative leaders of those countries where the member organizations of the committee are located in order to encourage the development and strengthening of fisheries co-

operative movements and to contribute to the further development of fishery industry in member countries.

5. Administration of Secretariat of the Fisheries Committee

Secretariat of this committee will have its office in the Guidance Department of Zengyoren, National Federation of Fisheries Co-operative Associations of Japanese, and shall implement the appropriate activities, executing those described in the articles 1 to 4 above as well as holding meetings of the Fisheries Executive and the Fisheries Committee.

Draft budget of ICA Fisheries Committee for 1987

1. Revenue

In yen: 1 Swiss franc=100 yen

Item	Amount	Notes
Revenue from membership fees	1,000,000	21 Members 22 Associate members
Total	1,000,000	

2. Expenditure

Unit: yen ISF=100 yen

Projects Item	Encouragement of new member to join the Fisheries Committee	Research and study on the measures for stabilization of prices	Administration of Secretariat of the ICA Fisheries Committee	Total
Travelling expenses				
Convention expenses	30,000		50,000	80,000
Translation and interpretation expenses	50,000	60,000	50,000	160,000
Recompenses				
Printing and publication expenses	50,000	50,000	200,000	300,000
Communication expenses	150,000	70,000	100,000	320,000
Sundry expenses	20,000	20,000	100,000	140,000
Total	300,000	200,000	500,000	1,000,000

Note 1: The budget for fisheries co-operative promotion projects will be announced after the Japanese government compiles its budget for fiscal 1987.

Note 2: Publication of "Co-operative ICA fishermen's Bulletin will be assisted by Zengyoren in its international cooperation Activities (approximately 2Million Yen).

For your information: Zengyoren Budget for Fiscal 1986 on International cooperation Activities

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Item	ICA Fisheries Committee	ICA S-E Asian seminar	Short-term training	Cooperation/ Guidance	Total
Total Revenues	10,000,000	10,500,000	500,000	1,505,000	22,505,000
Expenditures					
Travel	3,780,000	5,000,000	200,000	605,000	9,585,000
Conferences	300,000			300,000	600,000
Communication	760,000				760,000
Printing/ bookbinding	1,400,000	900,000	100,000	100,000	2,500,000
Honorarium		300,000			300,000
Translation/ interpretation	3,000,000	2,300,000	150,000	300,000	5,750,000
Part-time personel cost	500,000				500,000
Training expenses		1,900,000			1,900,000
Miscellaneous	260,000	100,000	50,000	200,000	610,000
Total	10,000,000	10,500,000	500,000	1,505,000	22,505,000

100Yen = 1SF

RULES OF THE ICA FISHERIES COMMITTEE (DRAFT)

CHAPTER 1 GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1 (Name)

Based upon Article 30 of the rules of International Co-operative Alliance, a committee of fisheries will be established as an international specialized organization in the field of fisheries cooperatives. The name of this Committee shall be ICA FISHERIES COMMITTEE.

Article 2 (Objects)

The objects of the Committee shall be to contribute toward improving the living standards of fishermen and developing fisheries cooperatives in each of the Committee member's countries through conducting research and studies on various problems concerning fisheries cooperative organizations and promoting a better mutual understanding and economic cooperation as well as other desirable relations between fisheries cooperatives.

Article 3 (Activities)

The Committee may be engaged in the following activities with a view to attaining its objects as stipulated in the preceding Article:

- (1) To organize seminars and conferences on specific subjects for the advancement of mutual interests of the member countries;
- (2) To promote fisheries cooperative movements in developing countries through such activities as guidance and assistance for the establishment and management of fisheries cooperatives as well as training of their future leaders;

- (3) To study problems concerning the fisheries cooperatives in each member country and ensures publicity of study results;
- (4) To promote exchange of information and human resources and to further economic relations between fisheries cooperatives around the world for encouraging cooperation amongst cooperative organizations in general;
- (5) To gather and provide information on fisheries and fisheries cooperatives;
- (6) To carry out other activities which might accompany those of the preceding items.

Article 4 (Membership)

Membership of the Committee shall consist of those organizations which come under any of the following items and have been accepted by the Executive Committee:

- (1) Regular member
 - (a) Those national or regional organizations of fisheries cooperatives in each country which are direct members of the ICA;
 - (b) Those national or regional organizations which are not direct members of the ICA but can be deemed as similar thereto.
 - (2) Associate member
Those national or regional organizations, government agencies, research institutes, international organizations, etc. other than regular members which support the Committee in its objects and activities.
2. Each regular member shall have one vote.
 3. Each member shall pay annual membership fees for the management of the Committee activities.

CHAPTER 2 EXECUTIVE MEMBERS, AUDITORS, AND EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE

Article 5 (Executive Members and Auditors)

- (1) The Committee shall have eight or less executive members and a few auditors. Executive members and auditors shall be elected from amongst regular members at a general meeting.
- (2) Executive members and auditors shall hold office for a period of four years, as a rule, between two consecutive ICA Congresses. In case any vacancy is caused in the course of the above period, the activities of the vacant post shall be carried out by a person appointed by the organization to which the vacating executive member or auditor belongs, and such appointment shall be subject to official approval at the next general meeting of the Committee.
- (3) The Executive Committee shall elect from amongst its own members a Chairman and four Vice Chairmen.
- (4) The Chairman shall represent the ICA Fisheries Committee. The Chairman shall preside at Executive Committee meetings. The Chairman shall be a member of the ICA Central Committee on behalf of the ICA Fisheries Committee.
- (5) The Vice Chairmen shall assist the Chairman, and in his absence, shall act for the Chairman.
- (6) Auditors shall audit the businesses and accounts of the Committee and make a report thereon at a general meeting. Auditors may participate in Executive Committee meetings and state their opinions.
- (7) The Chairman may convene Executive Committee meetings as necessary. Matters which may be transacted at Executive Committee meetings shall be as follows:
 - 1) Matters to be transacted at general meetings;

- 2) Acceptance of new members and withdrawal of members;
 - 3) Determination of official languages other than English to be used at meetings;
 - 4) Other matters recognized by the Chairman to be necessary for the management of the Committee.
- (8) Matters transacted at Executive Committee meetings shall be decided upon by a majority of the executive members present.

CHAPTER 3 GENERAL MEETINGS

Article 6 (General Meetings)

The Chairman shall convene one general meeting of the Committee each year. Special general meetings, in cases where they are deemed to be necessary by the Chairman or Executive Committee, shall be convened by the Chairman.

2. The Chairman shall preside at general meetings.

3. (1) The following matters shall be put to vote at general meetings.

- 1) Amendment of the Rules;
- 2) Election of executive members and auditors;
- 3) Approval of annual activity reports and settlement of accounts;
- 4) Determination of annual activity plans and budgets;
- 5) Determination of the amount of membership fees and their collection methods;
- 6) Establishment of regional fisheries sub-committees and approval of their activity plans;
- 7) Dissolution of the Committee;
- 8) Other necessary matters.

(2) 1) Transacted matters shall be decided upon by a majority of the members present. In the case of an equality of votes, the Chairman shall have a casting vote.

CHAPTER 4 ACCOUNT

Article 7 (Finance)

The revenues of the Committee shall be as follows:

- (1) Membership fees;
- (2) Grants;
- (3) Contributions;
- (4) Other revenues.

2. The fiscal year shall start on January 1 and end on December 31 each year.

CHAPTER 5 SECRETARIAT

Article 8 (Secretariat and Secretary General)

The Secretariat for the Committee shall be established, as a rule, at the ICA Headquarters. The Chairman may establish the Secretariat at other places as necessary, subject to the consent of the Executive Committee. The Chairman shall appoint a Secretary General to have him manage the affairs of the Committee, and the appointed Secretary General shall be approved by the Executive Committee.

CHAPTER 6 SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS

Supplementary Provisions

1. The Rules of the ICA Fisheries Committee shall come into force as from October 20, 1986. Provided, that the Rules shall be approved by the ICA Executive Committee.
2. Any matter not stipulated in the Rules shall be referred by the Chairman to the Executive Committee and decided upon by the same Committee.

INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATIVE ALLIANCE

ICA Fisheries Committee
CONSTITUTION AND ACTIVITIES

1. National Fishermen's Co-operative Organisation which are members of the ICA either directly or through their national co-operative unions may be admitted as members of the Fisheries Committee of the ICA.

In agreement with paragraph, any organisation consisting of fishermen co-operators founded on the co-operative principles defined by the ICA and whose aim is the improvement of the economic and social position of its members, principally through the promotion of one or more of business activities and training concerning fisheries, shall be considered as a fishermen's co-operative organisation and for the purpose of membership of the ICA Fisheries Committee whatever its legal constitution.

2. Each Fishermen's Co-operative Organisation admitted to membership may appoint one representative to the committee, who is directly concerned with the question of Fishermen's Co-operation.

3. The Committee shall elect a Chairman and four Vice-Chairman from amongst its members; also three members to act with Chairman and Vice-Chairman as a Fisheries Executive. The life of the Fisheries Executive shall be from Congress to Congress for a period of four years, with the retiring members being eligible for re-election.

4. The meeting of the Fisheries Committee shall be convened, wherever possible, at the same time and place as the meetings of the Central Committee.

5. Meetings of the Fisheries Executive shall be convened, as the circumstances demand, and whenever possible, at the same time and place as the meetings of the Central Committee.

6. The ICA may be represented at all meetings of the Fisheries Committee and of the Fisheries Executive by the President or the Director, who shall be ex-officio members.

7. Special working groups may be appointed by the Fisheries Committee whenever this is found necessary, either on a permanent or temporary basis. They shall in all cases be answerable back to the Fisheries Executive.

8. The committee may, if necessary, establish a Budget for its work based upon subscriptions from its constituent organisation.

9. The principal aim of the Committee shall be to promote in every country good understanding and economic agreement between fishermen's co-operatives and other co-operative organisations and in the international sphere to promote economic relations between the fishermen's co-operatives of different countries and between them and other co-operative organisations.

Imposition and Collection of Membership Fees for Fiscal 1987

(Draft)

1. Imposition and collection of membership fees in accordance with the provisions of Article 6 paragraph 2 item (1) 5) of the Rules of the ICA Fisheries Committee
The unit of fees shall be 100 SF or more for each member.
2. Opening of a Bank Account
A bank account shall be opened in the name of the ICA Fisheries Committee. The matter of opening a bank account shall be left to the discretion of the Chairman, who upon opening an account, shall immediately notify each member of the names of the bank and the account opened.
3. Each member shall remit its membership fees for fiscal 1987 by the end of February 1987, to the bank account of the ICA Fisheries Committee as notified by the Chairman.

International Co-operative Alliance

ICA Fisheries Sub-Committee for South-East Asia

Report on the Activities of the Fisheries Sub-Committee
for South-East Asia

Observation and Suggestion

The Fisheries Cooperatives from Member Countries of ICA in the Region need better training facilities including advice in their programme of improving the Fishermen livelihood especially for the rural community.

The ICA was only acting as an advisory capacity wherever and whenever necessary to the members.

To implement cooperatives business activities, it is very necessary that the ICA should always look to propose programme like having greater training programme such as in education and study schemes and also teaching advance method of fishing for our fishermen.

For this proposal the ICA at International level as well as at the Regional office at New Delhi, India should seek the help from Developed Countries who are advanced in the Fisheries Sector to help members in the Developing Countries in a proper organized annual programme for study and training of Fishermen Leaders.

In this case, I would like to point out an example like Japan where their Fisheries Cooperatives Association 'Zengyoren' agreed to support this type of programme which all of us in the ICA Fisheries Sector complemented and had given our appreciation to their organization which was first organized in 1979 and continued annually till this year 1986.

The ICA Regional Office should look into the possibility of requesting other Developed Countries in Cooperative Movement dealing with fishing industry to sponsor and support such programme beside Japan.

The ICA Regional Office should propose and work together with the ICA Headquarters Office and the ICA Fisheries Committee to implement such programme annually with the help of funds from some known agencies to support the development of members in the fisheries sector.

Study Tour and Seminar by 'Zengyoren' Japan

Another successful annual project was organized by 'Zengyoren' Japan for the fisheries sector in the South-East Asia Region which was from 2nd week of August to the 1st week of September this year in Tokyo, Japan.

Delegates from member countries in the Region were selected from several Fishermen Cooperatives to participate in this year's programme.

This type of training and study programme implemented by 'Zengyoren' Japan for our fishermen leaders had been very useful.

We would request that the ICA working together with 'Zengyoren' will continue this project annually as in the past years.

Fish Farming/Aquaculture Programme

To my knowledge and information, several Fisheries Cooperatives in the Region are now taking part in expending their knowledge in Fish Farming and Prawn Breeding schemes other than going out to sea.

This project should need more advice from ICA efforts in getting to know this type of knowledge which can bring greater income to our fisherman who do and plan to do Fish Farming Activities.

ICA Fisheries Sub-Committee Meeting South-East Asia Resion

As Chairman, I have suggested that the ICA Fisheries Sub-Committee Meeting for South-East Asia Region to be held in Penang, Malaysia on 26th & 27th November, 1986 at the Palm Beach Hotel, Batu Ferringhi, Penang, Malaysia (a tourist holiday resort on Penang Island).

Dr. J.M. Rana the new Secretary for ICA Fisheries Sub-Committee at the ICA New Delhi Office had consulted me in Penang recently reference to this subject and agreed to my proposal.

Participants from Member Countries in the region in the Fisheries Sector will be invited to send their representatives to this coming meeting.

The funds will come from a self-financial basis where participants or their own organization they represent will pay for their expenses like air travel and accommodation.

Formation of National Fishermen Association Malaysia

The National Fishermen Association of Malaysia was formed recently organized under the fisheries authority of the country. Fisheries Cooperatives were encouraged to join the association and support the movement.

DATUK HAJI AZIZ MOHD. IBRAHIM

Chairman, ICA Fisheries Sub-Committee
for South-East Asia
Vice-Chairman
ICA Fisheries Executive Committee

INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATIVE ALLIANCE

FISHERIES COMMITTEE

PLENARY MEETING OF THE FISHERIES COMMITTEE TO BE HELD
AT THE WORLD TRADE AND CONVENTION CENTRE IN BASEL, SWITZERLAND
ON MONDAY, 20 OCTOBER, 1986 AT 10:30 HOURS

REPORT ON THE SEMINARS ON FISHERIES CO-OPERATIVE FOR SOUTH-
EAST ASIAN COUNTRIES

1. 7th Seminar on Fisheries Co-operative for South-East Asian Countries

Zengyoren, National Federation of Fisheries Co-operative Associations of Japan, organized 7th Seminar on Fisheries Co-operative for South-East Asian Countries in the period of 14 days from 22 August to 4 September, 1985 with 11 participants from Indonesia, Rep. of Korea, Malaysia, the Philippines, Thailand and Sri Lanka.

The seminar was divided into three major parts. The first part was intensive lectures on general information and experiences of Japanese fisheries co-operatives movements. This part was also designed to heighten effects of the following field study tour.

The second part was the field study tour which was the most important part of the seminar. Participants learned the experiences of Japanese fisheries co-operative movements directly from leaders and members of local fisheries co-operatives and their federations. In this seminar, the field study tour was organized to visit various fisheries co-operatives in Wakayama-prefecture, southern coast of the central Honshu - main island.

In the final part of the seminar, participants received the further lectures on each business of fisheries co-operative organizations based on the knowledge gained from field study tour, and then the discussion on the theme "What should be the most important to develop fisheries co-operatives in the participating countries" was taken place between participants, lecturers and officers of Zengyoren before closing the final session of the seminar.

The discussion was centered in differences between fisheries co-operatives in each country and Japan, and the necessity and importance of strengthening of the thrift and credit business was stressed following the experiences in the progress of Japanese fisheries co-operative movements. In the discussion, participants also confirmed the role of fishery as producers and suppliers of foods for their own nations.

2. 8th Seminar on Fisheries Co-operative for South-East Countries

In response to the request from the ICA Fisheries Committee, the Zengyoren of Japan continuously held the 8th Seminar on Fisheries Co-operative for South-East Asian Countries in the period of 14 days from 27 August to 9 September, 1986 with 12 participants from India, Indonesia, Rep. of Korea, Malaysia, the Philippines, Sri Lanka and Thailand.

In the first session of the seminar, participants, following the introductory remarks of the Zengyoren was given, presented reports on fisheries co-operative movements in the respective countries. Lectures on the fisheries co-operative organizations in Japan, their thrift and credit business, and collective purchasing business were given by the officers of the Zengyoren. In the last day of the first session, participants visited Tokyo Central Fish Wholesale Market in Tsukiji.

In this seminar, the field study tour was arranged to visit Kagawa-prefecture, south-western island from Honshu where participants visited various fisheries co-operative societies having discussions with leaders and member fishermen of those societies, and observed their activities as well as their facilities. Participants also visited the mariculture center of the prefecture and the culturing sites of Kuruma-prawn.

After returning to Tokyo from the field study tour, the participants received further in-depth lectures on co-operative business in fisheries. In the closing session of the seminar, lectures were also given on the activities of the ICA Fisheries Committee.

3. Follow-up Research of the Seminars

Following the first follow-up research carried out in 1983, the Zengyoren sent a team of experts to Sri Lanka and Indonesia in February 1986 for the follow-up research of seminars on fisheries co-operative for south-east Asian countries.

The team met representatives of fisheries co-operative organizations as well as participants of past seminars in both countries, and discussed the courses of the seminars for further improvement.

From these discussions, the team confirmed the results of the seminars and reached conclusions that;

- the seminars have been highly appreciated by countries in the region more than the Zengyoren expected,
- all participants who have completed the courses of the seminars reported their study results in the meetings of co-operatives they affiliated,

- lectures given in the course of the seminars were too sophisticated comparing with the actual level of fisheries co-operative activities in the region,
- though the official language of the seminar was limited only to English and Japanese, use of native languages of participants is to be desirable, and
- while the qualification of participants are limited only to members of co-operative and eliminated government officers, this restriction have to be re-considered since there are many government officers who take part in the fisheries co-operatives for assistances.

Giving due consideration to the above-mentioned points. We will further improve seminars to be held in future.

4. The Results of the Seminars

Since 1979, the Zengyoren of Japan has organized eight seminar so far for 108 participants from 11 countries in the south-east Asia region in total.

All participants attended the seminars reported their study results in the meetings of their respective organizations upon return to the home country, and extremely favourable propagation effects are being reported to Zengyoren.

- (1) Establishment of women's group within the Sri Lanka fisheries co-operatives

The activities of women's group in fisheries co-operatives of Japan were reported by Sri Lanka participants to the seminar and as a result, women's group has been organized in the fisheries co-

operative movements in Sri Lanka. The future activity of the women's group is expected to improve the social status of women as well as to support co-operative movements in fisheries in Sri Lanka.

(2) The campaign of establishing the marine products co-operative law in Thailand

At present, Thailand has no law concerning fisheries co-operatives. However, based on the studies in the seminars in Japan, Thailand has already started to take necessary steps for enactment of new law on the marine products co-operative in order to organize this co-operatives in fishery industry, and a draft of this new law has already been prepared.

Furthermore, an amendment of the fishery law has been considered based on the Japanese experiences studied in the seminars in order to introduce proper marine resource management.

These drifts in the legislation of fisheries in Thailand would be evaluated as one of the effects led by the seminars in Japan.

(3) Organizing the national federation of fisheries co-operatives in Malaysia

There was no national organization of fisheries co-operatives in Malaysia. However, actions have already been taken to organize a national federation of fisheries co-operatives by those participants attended the seminars in Japan.

