**Brazil Narrative Report**

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**Summary and Context:**

The context was creating awareness of the SSF Guidelines among the small-scale fishers in Brazil. A preparatory meeting to organise the Indigenous Fishers Workshopwas held in Manaus, capital of the state of Amazonas in Brazil, on 7 December 2018. Following this, a prior survey was done on the main conflicts involving fishing and community management initiatives in Amazonas. This helped in defining the working groups most relevant to indigenous communities, based on the actual problems faced by these communities, including land tenure, sport fishing, sale of indigenous products and community based tourism.

The ‘Seminar on Indigenous Fisheries in Amazonas and Guidelines for Securing Sustainable Small-Scale Fisheries’ was held on 27 and 28 March 2019, in Manaus. The event was attended by 25 indigenous fishermen from 16 ethnic groups, including: Apurinã, Baniwa, Baré, Deni, Desano, Kambeba, Kanamari, Kokama, Kulina, Munduruku, Mura, Paumari, Piratapuia, Tenharim, Tikuna and Tukano.

The seminar had a presentation of the organising institutions followed by the presentation on the VG-SSF. Four groups were formed with representatives of several Amazon watershed basins and rivers as part of the seminar. They camefrom the Solimões basin, Rio Negro basin, Juruá River, Purus River, Amazon River, Marmelos River and Madeira River to discuss the problems, opportunities and demands of indigenous peoples in relation to fisheries. On the second day, participants worked in thematic groups around the issues discussed on the first day, including Fisheries Management and Commercialisation, Community Based Tourism and Aquaculture. The plenary was attended by the Fisheries and Aquaculture Secretary of Amazon state as well as the federal-level Secretary of Aquaculture and Fisheries who said that the seminar recommendations would be used in the context of fisheries policies for North Brazil.

The seminar was unique in bringing together a number of indigenous community representatives to learn about the VG-SSF, and for sharing experiences between different groups on aspects of fisheries management as well as others such as family pisciculture in rivers and the regulation of sport fishing. As mentioned above, the participation of the state and federal level officials and their intent to take the recommendations forward was an achievement.

The video about the workshop shows indigenous populations from almost all the Amazon basins, as well as riparian communities and civil society organisations, present their perspectives for the management of aquatic natural resources considering the need to conserve the environment for future generations. The workshop and video have generated considerable interest and a report on the reality of indigenous peoples and the conflicts and demands related to their fishing activities is under preparation.

**Activities carried out during the reporting period**

* A preparatory meeting to organise the Indigenous Fishers Workshop held in Manaus, capital of the State of Amazonas in Brazil, on 7 December 2018.
* Preliminary survey to help in workshop orientation and identification of themes for working groups during the seminar.
* ‘Seminar on Indigenous Fisheries in Amazonas and Guidelines for Securing Sustainable Small-Scale Fisheries’ on 27 and 28 March 2019, in Manaus.
* Video of the seminar proceedings made available: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pGFxr2ly_Wc> (English), <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eiWrw244THU> (Portuguese).

**Difficulties encountered and measures taken to overcome problems**

* Resources sent by FAO were found to be insufficient because the costs to bring the indigenous participants are very high due to distance and isolation.
* The number of participants were more than the numbers invited.
* Assistance from the NGOs – Social-Environmental Institute (ISA), OPAN and International Institute of Education Brazil (IEB), which took care of the passages of several participants – helped in overcoming fund shortage.
* Also, budgeting for the video was found to be higher than required. A request was made to FAO to use the additional budget towards the workshop costs.

**Changes in implementation**

* Activities were carried out as planned
* No change in workshop format

**Achievement/results by using the same objectively verifiable indicators used in the LOA table in performance indicators**

| **S.No.** | **Activity** | **Verified achievement** |
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| 1 | Preparatory meeting in Manaus (Amazonas State) with Brazilian organisations with a trackrecord of working with indigenous groups | Meeting was held on 7 December 2018 and a report of the meeting was submitted |
| 2 | Preparation of a synthesis document to be discussed during the workshop on the main issues of concern and policy measures of interest to indigenous groups based on SSF Guidelines | Synthesis document prepared |
| 3 | Organisation of the workshop | Workshop was held on 27 and 28 March 2019; 25 participants, including indigenous people from 16 ethnic groups, NGOs and governmental entities from the state of Amazonas |
| 4 | Production of audio/visual material covering the workshop proceedings | Video on the seminar proceedings titled ‘Indigenous Fisheries in Amazon’ with Portuguese and English versions |
| 5 | Final report of proceedings and a synthesis document to update the Vital Fisheries strategy | Final report containing all working group discussions and information on the main basins in Amazonas, as well as the ethnic groups living in each basin/ river, land demarcations, protected areas, conflicts and fisheriesrelated problems of the indigenous peoples of the region |