

**CENTER FOR MARKETING INFORMATION AND ADVISORY  
SERVICES FOR FISHERY PRODUCTS  
IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN**

**(INFOPESCA)**

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**SCALE OF CONTRIBUTIONS**

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1. Article 6 of the Constitution of the Center for Marketing Information and Advisory Services for Fishery Products in Latin America and the Caribbean (INFOPECSA) provides for two categories of membership to INFOPECSA, namely Member Countries and Associate Members. Furthermore, the Article provides an indication for membership of Countries and organizations from outside the region.

1.1 Member Countries are described in Article 6, Paragraph 2 as:

The Member States shall be the States of Latin America and the Caribbean that have signed the Constitution or that have acceded to said Constitution by depositing an instrument of accession with the Depository, in addition to those States outside the Region that are admitted in accordance with paragraph 5 of this Article.

1.2 According to Article 6, Paragraph 3 of the Constitution, Associate Member status can be granted to:

- a) any international intergovernmental organization that is directly concerned;
- b) any educational or research institute that is involved in fisheries and aquaculture;
- c) any national or regional bank or financial institution that intervenes or may intervene actively in the funding of programs or projects related to fisheries, the fishery industry and to aquaculture;
- d) any regional organization involved in fishery and aquaculture research, technical assistance, financial aid or development;
- e) any juridical person that operates in or is associated with the fisheries and aquaculture sector in Latin America and the Caribbean;
- f) any national or regional, public or private institution with an established involvement in commercial fisheries development.

2. Article 15, Paragraph 3 of the Constitution states:

The Members shall undertake to pay the annual contributions, admission quotas, annual quotas and all sums due to the Center in freely convertible currency.

3. Article 15, Paragraph 6 states:

The General Assembly shall determine the annual and admission quotas for Associate Members in accordance with the classification in Article 6.3. (see Article 1.2 of this document for reference).

4. A classification of the countries of the region was prepared, using FAO statistics of the year 1992, the latest available. The resulting classification is provided in Annex I of this document.

5. In order to maintain the current level of activities and available staff, and to initiate a number of vital new activities as mentioned in the Provisional Program of Activities and Budget Proposal for 1995. Three options of annual contributions for the period 1995–1996 are put to the consideration of the First Ordinary Session of the General Assembly. The General Assembly shall determine which level of country contributions is appropriate to cover the budget requirements.

	<u>OPTION 1</u>	<u>OPTION 2</u>	<u>OPTION 3</u>
Category A:	USD 30 000.–	USD 20 000.–	USD 15 000.–
Category B:	USD 20 000.–	USD 15 000.–	USD 15 000.–
Category C:	USD 10 000.–	USD 10 000.–	USD 10 000.–
Category D:	USD 5 000.–	USD 5 000.–	USD 5 000.–

6. Categories were specified as:

- A More than USD 500 million annually of total value of trade in fishery products
- B USD 250 million – USD 499 million annually of total value of trade in fishery products
- C USD 100 million – USD 249 million annually of total value of trade in fishery products
- D Less than USD 100 million annually of total value of trade in fishery products

The General Assembly adopted Option 2.

7. The annual quotas by Associate Members from the region should be fixed a minimum of USD 2.000 and a maximum of half the Member Country contribution of the respective country. The Executive Committee, which will establish the quotas, will also take into account the objectives and the participation in the fishery sector of the Associate Member.
8. Member Country contributions for countries from outside the region should have a fixed nominal value. An amount of annual contribution of USD 30 000.– is adopted. The same amount should be charged to Associate Members from outside the region.

**ANNEX I**
**Total Value of Exports and Imports of Fishery Products for Latin America and Caribbean Nations**  
 (Source: FAO Fisheries statistics 1992) (in Million U.S.dollar)

<u>Country</u>	<u>Export Value</u>	<u>Import Value</u>	<u>Total Value</u>	<u>Category</u>
Argentina	559.029	48.173	607.202	A
Bahamas	0.053	8.630	8.683	D
Barbados	0.220	6.077	6.297	D
Belize	12.011	0.934	12.945	D
Bolivia	0.282	0.612	0.894	D
Brazil	170.808	133.506	304.314	B
Chile	1.252.363	21.892	1.274.255	A
Costa Rica	74.855	14.427	89.282	D
Colombia	170.807	53.546	224.353	C
Cuba	110.582	11.844	122.426	C
Dominica	-	1415	1.415	D
Dom. Rep.	0.640	32.485	33.125	D
Ecuador	608.830	4.025	612.855	A
El Salvador	23.932	4.778	28.760	D
Grenada	0.120	2.650	2.770	D
Guatemala	21.384	3.890	25.274	D
Guyana	14.300	-	14.300	D
Haití	1.650	3.420	5.070	D
Honduras	38.939	2.313	41.252	D
Jamaica	6.950	27.450	34.400	D
Mexico	316.799	73.646	390.445	B
Nicaragua	24.199	2.650	26.849	D

<u>Country</u>	<u>Export Value</u>	<u>Import Value</u>	<u>Total Value</u>	<u>Category</u>
Panama	82.203	12.776	94.979	C
Paraguay	0.013	0.928	0.941	D
Perú	470.000	0.960	471.860	B
St. Lucía	0.050	3.580	3.630	D
St. Vincent and The Grenadines	2.823	0.840	3.663	D
Suriname	5.500	4.780	10.280	D
Trinidad & Tobago	3.835	3.978	7.813	D
Uruguay (*)	101.500	5.958	107.458	C
Venezuela	70.562	7.024	77.586	D

(\*) host country

Annex II

**Annual Contributions, approved by Member Countries of  
INFOFISH, INFOPECHE and INFOSAMAK**

<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>INFOFISH</b>	<b>INFOPECHE</b>	<b>INFOSAMAK</b>
B	30 000	20 000	35 000
C	20 000	15 000	30 000
D	15 000	10 000	25 000
E	10 000		20 000
F	5 000		15 000
A*	50 000	40 000	50 000

\* Developed Countries/Countries from outside of the region.