

HIGHLIGHTS



Global assessment of soil carbon in grasslands: From current stock estimates to sequestration potential

Improving management practices in grasslands used for animal grazing can boost the capacity of soil as carbon sink, helping countries reach their climate goals, according to this new report. It shows that assessing the current state of grassland systems and their potential to sequester carbon in the soil is of key importance to understanding the trade-offs between food security, biodiversity conservation and climate mitigation.

(76 pp.) FAO Animal Production and Health Paper
DOI: <https://doi.org/10.4060/cc3981en>



América Latina y el Caribe – Panorama regional de la seguridad alimentaria y nutricional: Estadísticas y tendencias

Around the world, more than three billion people cannot afford even the cheapest healthy diet. The latest regional overview analyses the cost of healthy diets and warns that Latin America and the Caribbean currently has the highest cost of a healthy diet compared to the rest of the world. It also highlights the challenges to improving its affordability and the importance of addressing the high cost of this type of diet to mitigate rising numbers of hunger, food insecurity and malnutrition in all its forms.

(Also available in English) FAO, IFAD, PAHO, UNICEF & WFP | [Full Regional Overview](#)
DOI: <https://doi.org/10.4060/cc2314es>

BOOKS

AGRICULTURE



Handbook on the integrated crop management of rice and paddy for farmer field schools in central dry zone of Myanmar

This handbook outlines integrated pest management (IPM) for the selected crops, including paddy, groundnut, sesame, green gram and chickpea. It introduces environmentally friendly methods of controlling insect pests and diseases, such as biological control.

(Nay Pyi Taw, 196 pp., Burmese. Also available in English)



The State of Land and Water Resources for Food and Agriculture in the Near East and North Africa region – Summary Report

This report, the latest in a series published since 2011, is the most authoritative review of water-related challenges in one of the world's most water-stressed regions. It presents comprehensive, up-to-date data, as well as recommendations for regional water policymaking over the coming decade.

(Cairo, 56 pp., Arabic. Also available in English)
DOI: <https://doi.org/10.4060/cc1173ar>

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT



El foco en la gobernanza para un apoyo normativo y técnico más efectivo

This paper introduces an operational four-phased framework to integrate governance analysis into the formulation and implementation of interventions. These phases are: problem framing, institutional analysis, political economy analysis and priorities for action.

(104 pp. Also available in English and French)
DOI: <https://doi.org/10.4060/cc0240es>



Global lessons learned on sustainable reintegration in rural areas

The COVID-19 pandemic led to a change in mobility patterns, marking the beginning of a reverse migration trend back to rural areas of origin. The aim of this report is to provide a roadmap for collective action in support of returnees in rural areas and communities across a range of development settings, as well as in fragile and conflict-affected areas.

(76 pp.)
DOI: <https://doi.org/10.4060/cc3996en>

EVALUATION



Diagnostic orienté-action du système national d'innovation agricole au Burkina Faso – Rapport consolidé, Janvier 2023

This action-oriented assessment carried out in Burkina Faso, where farming represents some four-fifths of the labour force, aims to identify what promotes and what hinders innovation in the country's agricultural sector. It also pinpoints gaps in the service ecosystem providing support to innovators, and identifies flaws in the political instruments designed to advance innovation in farming.

(132 pp.)
DOI: <https://doi.org/10.4060/cc3624fr>



Evaluation of certain food additives

It is important to be aware of the food additives present in our diets and to understand their potential effects on our health. This report evaluates the safety of various food additives, including flavouring agents, to identify safety concerns and to prepare specifications for the identity and purity of the food additives. It provides advice as a basis for food standards designed to protect the health of consumers and promote trade among all regions and countries.

(120 pp.) WHO & FAO



Evaluation of the project "Supporting emergency needs, early recovery and longer-term resilience in the Syrian Arab Republic's agriculture sector 2017-2020"

This project was a pioneering effort that combined humanitarian aid with longer-term resilience-building activities in the midst of a challenging conflict and economic environment, compounded by the COVID-19 pandemic. This report highlights the humanitarian achievements of the project, but acknowledges the need for more sustained outcomes in resilience-building activities.

(52 pp.) Project Evaluation Series



Impact assessment of the COVID-19 pandemic in relation to food value chains in the Lori and Tavush regions

The COVID-19 pandemic had a significant impact on the agriculture sector in Armenia, disrupting global supply chains and causing challenges in access to agricultural inputs. This report aimed to analyse the situation of the agriculture sector and identify key problems and challenges faced by food value chain actors due to the pandemic.

(Yerevan, 88 pp.)

DOI: <https://doi.org/10.4060/cc0477en>

FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE



Informe de la consulta técnica sobre las Directrices voluntarias para los transbordos - Roma, 30 de mayo-3 de junio, y 7 de julio de 2022

The Voluntary Guidelines aim to provide assistance for developing new transshipment regulations, revising existing regulations, and integrating these within the broader regulatory framework. The Technical Consultation successfully completed the review of the draft and adopted it.

(40 pp. Also available in [Arabic](#), [Chinese](#), [English](#), [French](#) and [Russian](#)) FAO Fisheries and Aquaculture Report

DOI: <https://doi.org/10.4060/cc1964es>



Legal report on the ecosystem approach to fisheries in Liberia - An analysis of the ecosystem approach to fisheries in selected national policy and legal instruments of Liberia

Legislation provides a framework for the implementation of the ecosystem approach to fisheries (EAF), ensuring that its principles are applied in a consistent and enforceable manner, leading to better-managed and sustainable fisheries. Legislating for the EAF is complex, due to its holistic nature. With the involvement of the national competent authorities of Liberia, this report provides a comprehensive analysis of the ecosystem approach to marine fisheries management considering the impacts of climate change and pollution.

(52 pp.) EAF-Nansen Programme

DOI: <https://doi.org/10.4060/cc4140en>



Report of the Thirty-fifth Session of the Committee on Fisheries

This report examines and summarizes the recommendations and decisions made by the Committee on Fisheries (COFI) during the meeting. Significant outcomes of the meeting include: endorsement of the new FAO Voluntary Guidelines for Transshipment; a commitment to continued emphasis on small-scale fisheries (SSF), including the activities related to the International Year of Artisanal Fisheries and Aquaculture (IYAF); and the recommendation for an SSF summit to be conducted biennially before COFI.

(84 pp., Russian. Also available in [Arabic](#), [Chinese](#), [English](#), [French](#) and [Spanish](#)) FAO Fisheries and Aquaculture Report

DOI: <https://doi.org/10.4060/cc3652ru>

VOLUNTARY GUIDELINES ON THE MARKING OF FISHING GEAR

Modern fishing gear used in capture fisheries is primarily made of synthetic materials (mainly plastics), which can cause long-term plastic pollution in the ocean and inland waters if the gear becomes abandoned, lost or otherwise discarded (ALDFG). Gear marking is considered an important tool to reduce ALDFG. These documents are technical manuals to assist fisheries managers, fishing gear manufacturers and the fisheries sector in general to meet the relevant international, regional or national obligations for gear marking.



Voluntary Guidelines on the Marking of Fishing Gear - A framework for conducting a risk assessment for a system on the marking of fishing gear. Suppl. 1

(84 pp.)

DOI: <https://doi.org/10.4060/cc4084en>



Voluntary Guidelines on the Marking of Fishing Gear - Manual for the marking of fishing gear - Suppl. 2

(84 pp.)

DOI: <https://doi.org/10.4060/cc4251en>

FOOD SAFETY



Safety and quality of water use and reuse in the production and processing of dairy products

Water is used for a wide range of activities in the dairy sector, which consumes a substantial volume of first-use drinking water for production processes, cleaning and disinfection. There is great potential to exploit possible sources of reusable water. This report provides information relevant to the various steps in matching potential reusable water sources with fit-for-purpose applications in dairy operations.

(204 pp.) FAO & WHO - Microbiological Risk Assessment Series

DOI: <https://doi.org/10.4060/cc4081en>



RECENT RELEASES FROM OTHER UN AGENCIES AND IGOs

UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME - UNDP



Women Entrepreneurs as Drivers of Business Integrity: A Practical Approach

The paper explores various points of intersection between gender equality and anti-corruption to promote a new narrative on the role women entrepreneurs and women-led businesses can play in fostering fair business practices. It also provides the opportunity to present first-hand experiences of women entrepreneurs engaged with the FairBiz project.

(Bangkok, 32 pp.) UNDP

UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION - UNESCO



Ready to learn and thrive: School health and nutrition around the world

Nearly every country around the world is investing in its children and adolescents through school health and nutrition programmes. Governments recognize that these programmes are a smart investment. This ground-breaking report brings together, for the first time, multiple data sources to provide a global overview of school health and nutrition policies and programmes, showing that these are a practical and affordable way to support learners' well-being and development.

(Paris, 164 pp.) FAO, UNESCO, UNICEF, WFP, GPE & WHO

