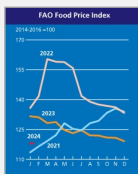


HIGHLIGHTS



Celebrating the power of pulses

Ahead of [World Pulses Day](#) (10 February), [learn more](#) about the nutritional benefits of pulses and their contribution to sustainable food systems and a world without hunger.



FAO Food Price Index

The FAO Food Price Index stood at 118.0 points in January 2024, down 1.2 points from its revised December level, as decreases in the price indices for cereals and meat more than offset an increase in the sugar price index, while those for dairy and vegetable oils only registered slight adjustments.



FAO Cereal Supply and Demand Brief

FAO's forecast for world cereal production in 2023 has been revised upward by 13.2 million tonnes this month and is set to reach a record high of 2 836 million tonnes.

BOOKS

AGRICULTURE



Comprehensive analysis of disaster risk reduction and management system for agriculture in Serbia

Serbia is susceptible to various natural hazards. This report emphasizes the current strengths of the institutional disaster risk reduction (DRR) system for agriculture in Serbia, while identifying existing gaps and capacity needs for further enhancement. It offers recommendations to strengthen the system, including the promotion of further integration of DRR into agriculture sectoral plans, policies and strategies.

(Budapest, 60 pp.)
DOI: <https://doi.org/10.4060/cc9072en>



Fintech innovation for smallholder agriculture – A review of experiences

Many developing and emerging countries have witnessed an exponential rise in the number and variety of fintech start-ups focusing on the agricultural sector. This publication analyses a selection of fintech-generated business models and innovations that have sought to address the common financing constraints associated with small-scale agriculture.

(80 pp.)
DOI: <https://doi.org/10.4060/cc9117en>



Good agricultural practices (GAP) – Groundnut (*Arachis hypogaea* L.)

Groundnut holds untapped potential for increased productivity, quality and market competitiveness through the adoption of improved crop technologies and good agricultural practices (GAP). This publication aims to provide partners and stakeholders with valuable insights into groundnut cultivation practices in the central dry zone of Myanmar.

(Nay Pyi Taw, 96 pp.)
DOI: <https://doi.org/10.4060/cc9413en>

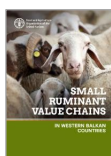


Unleashing the potential of millets – International Year of Millets 2023. Background paper

The diversity and ability of millets to thrive in drylands with minimal inputs make them a valuable contribution to food security, healthy diets and nutrition in many countries. This paper aims to inspire policymakers, farmers, civil society, opinion leaders, research and development agents, and the general public to reconsider the role of millets in diversified and healthy diets.

(80 pp. Russian. Also available in [English](#) and [Spanish](#))
DOI: <https://doi.org/10.4060/cc7484ru>

ANIMAL PRODUCTION AND HEALTH



Small ruminant value chains in Western Balkan countries

This report highlights a decline in the small-ruminant population, especially in Albania. Despite this, Albania remains a leading milk producer and consumer of mutton and goat meat. The main findings emphasize disparities in farm management practices across countries; the challenges faced by farmers, such as limited labour and low product prices; and the need for direct support measures in the region.

(Budapest, 132 pp.)
DOI: <https://doi.org/10.4060/cc9178en>



EVALUATIONS



Evaluación de medio término del proyecto "Aumento de las medidas de resiliencia climática en los agroecosistemas del Corredor Seco de la República de El Salvador (RECLIMA)"

This evaluation identified some challenges in areas of institutional coordination and communication with national partners, along with the need to continue strengthening the capacities of those involved in project implementation. Key challenges include addressing the increased information flow anticipated in the second half of the project.

(96 pp. Spanish. Also available in [English](#)) Project Evaluation Series

DOI: <https://doi.org/10.4060/cc7810es>



Terminal evaluation of the project "Community-based Sustainable Dryland Forest Management"

The evaluation found that, overall, the project was satisfactorily implemented to achieve its objective of "reducing forest degradation in the northern part of the Gambia through the strengthening and expansion of community-forestry and implementation of sustainable forest management practices." However, implementation faced many challenges, including the COVID-19 pandemic.

(144 pp.) Project Evaluation Series

DOI: <https://doi.org/10.4060/cc9267en>



Evaluation of the project "Implementing the 2030 Agenda for Water Efficiency/Productivity & Water Sustainability in the Near East and North Africa"

This evaluation concluded that the project was highly relevant and responsive to the needs and priorities of participating countries. It enhanced knowledge and capacities in water accounting, water governance and water productivity. It also developed and tested a water–food–energy–food nexus methodology, promoting an integrated approach to water resource management.

(92 pp.) Project Evaluation Series

DOI: <https://doi.org/10.4060/cc9346en>



Terminal evaluation of the project "Conservation and Sustainable Management of Türkiye's Steppe Ecosystems"

The evaluation findings indicate significant achievements in building capacity and raising awareness among national- and provincial-level stakeholders regarding the importance of the biodiversity conservation agenda and sustainable management of steppe ecosystems in the country. The project facilitated the creation of methodological and technical documents and guidelines, as well as strategic and action plans.

(120 pp.) Project Evaluation Series

DOI: <https://doi.org/10.4060/cc9352en>

FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE



Applying the Illuminating Hidden Harvests approach – Compiling data on the contributions of small-scale fisheries to sustainable development

This handbook supports practitioners and researchers in compiling national and subnational data and assesses the contributions and impacts of small-scale fisheries (SSF) relevant to sustainable development. It focuses on the environmental, economic and social dimensions of sustainable development, as well as the governance of SSF.

(120 pp.) FAO, Duke University & WorldFish

DOI: <https://doi.org/10.4060/cc9005en>



Review of biological data, spatial distribution of the stocks and ecological connectivity between areas beyond national jurisdiction and the exclusive economic zones in the Western Central Atlantic Fishery Commission region

This review describes a group of selected species considered important to Member States of the Western Central Atlantic Fishery Commission. It classifies them into transboundary and straddling/highly migratory stocks, offering insights into their respective fisheries. The review also provides information on the current state of exploitation for these selected species.

(260 pp.)

DOI: <https://doi.org/10.4060/cc9103en>



Report of the Second Meeting of the Regional Fisheries Data and Statistics Working Group (FDSWG) – Virtual Meeting, 12–16 October 2020, 25–28 May 2021 and 10 March 2022

The meeting reviewed the working group's intersessional work and consensus development, and identified remaining tasks for technical session topics. It also reviewed country updates on national data collection systems, vessel registries, and ongoing challenges and needs.

(128 pp.) FAO Fisheries and Aquaculture Report

DOI: <https://doi.org/10.4060/cc8896en>



Report of the third meeting of the Agreement on Port State Measures (PSMA) Open-Ended Technical Working Group on Information Exchange, Rome, 13–14 December 2022

The Technical Working Group on Information Exchange commended the advances made in the development of the Global Information Exchange System (GIES), provided recommendations for the refinement of the system, and advised that GIES be operationalized in 2023 following the approval of Parties at their fourth meeting.

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

DOI: <https://doi.org/10.4060/cc7783ru>

INVESTMENT



The design and implementation of Technical Assistance Facilities to unlock agribusiness investment – Taking stock of recent experiences

This study provides insights derived from analysis of case studies on successful facilities in developing and emerging contexts. It showcases key constraints, advantages and opportunities associated with operating agri-focused technical assistance facilities.

(48 pp.)

DOI: <https://doi.org/10.4060/cc9219en>

STATISTICS



Sampling and estimation guide for SDG Indicator 2.4.1: Version 1.0

This guide outlines the estimation process for Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) Indicator 2.4.1, focusing on agricultural sustainability and considering its subindicators. It addresses various levels of disaggregation within a country and serves as a complement to FAO's 2021 Sampling guidance for SDG Indicator 2.4.1.

(36 pp. Also available in [Spanish](#)) FAO Statistics Working Paper Series

DOI: <https://doi.org/10.4060/cc9386en>