

Supplementary Information on

**FCR(2012-13)18 : Fisheries Loans and Fish Marketing Organization Loan Fund -
fishing moratorium loan scheme**

for the FC Meeting on 27 April 2012

As requested by the FC Chairman at the pre-meeting briefing with the Administration on 25 April 2012, supplementary information on the above FCai is appended below.

2. The Administration would provide one-off loans under the Fisheries Development Loan Fund to owners of trawlers and fish collectors affected by the trawl ban. Assuming the number of eligible applicants applying for the loans is about 40 each year and according to our data collected from the trade, the average amount of loan is about \$2.2 - \$2.3 million, the annual estimated total loan made would be about \$89 million. As the application period of the one-off loan is around 3 years (from 2012 to 2015), the estimated total amount of loan would be about \$267 million. With the repayment period being 14 years, the total interest forgone is the difference between the amount of interest to be paid at 2.5% p.a. and that to be paid at 1% p.a., which amounts to about \$31 million.

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