

**Combatting Illegal, Unreported
and Unregulated Fishing
through
Port State Measures and Complementary
Instruments and Mechanisms**

Current Situation of PSMA

- Four instruments of accession were deposited with the Director-General on 6 May 2016 to make the 25th instrument deposited
- Total is now 27
- The Agreement enters into force on 5 June 2016.
- Celebrations planned during COFI

What's next?

- Still many requests from developing countries for assistance in ratifying the PSMA
- Those that have ratified seeking support in implementation
- An umbrella programme for maximum flexibility to handle projects to support the PSMA

FAO Global Capacity Building Programme to Support the Implementation of the Port State Measures Agreement and Complementary Instruments to Combat IUU Fishing

The development outcome of Programme is to achieve the cohesive implementation at national and regional levels of the provisions of the PSMA and complementary instruments to combat IUU fishing

Component 1. Strengthening National and Regional Governance

Strengthening national and regional policy and legislative frameworks to combat IUU fishing by:

- Increasing global, regional and national appreciation of the benefits of implementation of the provisions of the PSMA and complementary international instruments, regional mechanisms and market measures
- Improving capacity of national entities and Regional Fisheries Bodies to develop and adopt appropriate policies and laws consistent with the provisions of the PSMA and complementary international instruments, regional mechanisms and market measures

Component 2. Reinforcing Monitoring, Control and Surveillance

Reinforcing regional and country level means and competencies to carry out coordinated Monitoring Control and Surveillance (MCS) operations to combat IUU fishing through port State measures and complementary MCS tools and measures by:

- Developing norms, procedures, processes and capacities to effectively enforce port State measures and complementary measures to combat IUU fishing, established within relevant national institutions and entities
- Improving regional frameworks for combatting IUU fishing through harmonisation of MCS systems, regional cooperation, coordination and networking

- Developing information systems to support the implementation of international instruments and actions to combat IUU fishing, including:
 - a) Centralised national information systems
 - b) Regionally-managed information networks and databases
 - c) Global information systems for the dissemination of certified consolidated information

- Developing/enhancing knowledge management systems for the implementation of the PSMA and complementary international instruments, regional mechanisms and market measures.

Scope, Cost and Timeframe for Implementation

- The initial phase foresees the inclusion of 20 coastal and small island developing States and relevant Regional Fisheries Bodies. Special attention will be given to countries affected by the EU yellow/red carding scheme
- USD 10 million/20 countries
- 5 years

Thank you

- To follow the signature list please access

http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/user_upload/legal/docs/037s-e.pdf

International Instruments

- United Nations Fish Stocks Agreement (1995) - Binding
- FAO Agreement to Promote Compliance with International Conservation and Management Measures by Fishing Vessels on the High Seas, 1993 (Compliance Agreement) - Binding
- FAO Agreement on Port State Measures to Prevent, Deter and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing – Binding, will enter into force on 5 June 2016
- FAO International Plan of Action to prevent, deter and eliminate Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing (2001) - Voluntary
- FAO Voluntary Guidelines for Flag State Performance (2014) - Voluntary

Complementary Instruments, Mechanisms and Measures

- Regional Fisheries Bodies binding and non-binding measures
- Trade-restriction measures against IUU fishing