



Committee on Fisheries (COFI) Summary Report

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History: Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nation - Committee on Fisheries

- 35th Session – Met September 5-9th Rome, Italy.
- CCC representation to provide input to the US Delegation.
- COFI Goal - provide periodic global recommendations and policy advice to governments, regional fishery bodies, civil society organizations, and actors from the private sector and international community.
- Foster the development and adoption of several binding and non-binding agreements promoting resource sustainability (including biodiversity conservation).

Key Takeaways:

STATE OF THE WORLD FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE AND PROGRESS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT FOR RESPONSIBLE FISHERIES AND RELATED INSTRUMENTS

- Highlighted and emphasized the vital role of FAO regarding sustainable fisheries and aquaculture and encouraged FAO to continue enhancing the emphasis and visibility of fisheries and aquaculture within and outside the Organization, including through proper resourcing of the Fisheries and Aquaculture Division.

Key Takeaways:

COMBATTING ILLEGAL, UNREPORTED AND UNREGULATED (IUU) FISHING

- Noted the continued efforts by Members to prevent, deter and eliminate IUU fishing, including through the implementation of relevant international agreements and voluntary guidelines, and regional mechanisms, but expressed its concern that IUU fishing is a serious issue in most areas, and called for increased cooperative action and sharing of information at national, regional and global level

Key Takeaways:

THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SUB COMMITTEE ON FISHERIES MANAGEMENT

- Endorsed the proposal for establishing a COFI Sub-Committee on Fisheries Management (SCFM) to allow an in-depth dialogue on essential matters in fisheries management.

Key Takeaways:

ADDRESSING CLIMATE CHANGE IN FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE:

- Acknowledged and supported FAO in addressing climate change impacts on aquatic food systems and the communities they sustain, highlighting the vulnerability of and need for increased support to Small Island Developing States (SIDS) and least developed countries (LDCs).

Key Takeaways:

MAINSTREAMING BIODIVERSITY IN FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE :

- Progress made in the implementation of the FAO Strategy on Mainstreaming Biodiversity across Agricultural Sectors, and support to the process of developing a Global Biodiversity Framework to address area-based management tools in fisheries and aquaculture for biodiversity conservation.

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