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# 34<sup>th</sup> Committee on Fisheries (COFI34)

Briefing for CCC Meeting  
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# COFI34

- **Report included in briefing materials**
- **Sub-committee on fisheries management proposed**
- **COFI35 will be held September 5-9, 2022.**
- **COFI34 Report Pending**
- **Council was interested in International Workshop on Area-Based Management in Blue Water fisheries used as guidelines for Area-Based Management Tools (ABMTs) use in waters beyond national jurisdiction**

# Outcomes at a glance

- **Draft voluntary guidelines for the regulation, monitoring, and control of transshipment will be developed through an expert consultation and then a negotiation process.**
- **FAO will continue working on its estimation of the magnitude of IUU fishing**
- **FAO will work with relevant Agencies to develop an FAO Action Plan on Antimicrobial Resistance for 2021–2025.**
- **Voluntary Guidelines for Sustainable Aquaculture will be developed**

# Outcomes at a glance

- **FAO will develop fisheries and aquaculture specific voluntary, non-binding practical guidance on social responsibility in the fisheries value.**
- **FAO Secretariat was directed to work with the IMO and ILO to revise the Terms of Reference and develop Rules of Procedure for the FAO/IMO/ILO Joint Working Group on IUU Fishing.**
- **FAO will enhance technical guidance on mainstreaming climate adaptation and mitigation in fisheries management and aquaculture development.**

# Area-Based Management Issues

- ➔ Under item 11.1 “Mainstreaming Biodiversity”
- ➔ **FAO Report on Other Effective Area-Based Conservation Measures (OECMs)**
- ➔ **Calls for expertise consultation and “regional learning events”**
- ➔ **FAO acknowledged criticism of ABMT and MPA implementation**
- ➔ **Proposed by Canada for FAO to continue work on regional implementation**

# Area-Based Management Issues

- ➔ FAO Workplan
- ➔ Host and participate in shared learning events in Asia-Pacific, Africa, and Latin America and the Caribbean. The goal of these events will be
  - ➔ 1) to bring stakeholders, experts and governments together and help guide countries in the identification, establishment, monitoring, evaluation and reporting of area-based management tools (ABMTs) that can contribute to marine biodiversity conservation and
  - ➔ 2) to learn from countries' experience in using area-based management tools in the marine context... Such workshops are envisioned to include staff from fishery related agencies....

# Area-Based Management Issues

## ➔ FAO Workplan

- ➔ **Build general awareness on the use of spatial management tools and their benefits to fisheries and biodiversity, both at global and regional levels through advisory processes and communications materials**
- ➔ **Support FAO Members in applying the guidance to ABFM in their national waters with the intent of assisting countries meet global area-based management targets while increasing food security and nutrition.**
- ➔ **Assist FAO Members in developing social, economic and environmental indicators that can be used to monitor MPA and other ABMTs (including OECMs) performance so that they effectively contribute to fishery and biodiversity conservation, food security and meeting the SDGs.**