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The Fisheries Expert Group of IUCN

**CBD Sustainable Ocean Initiative – Fostering dialogue for
the sustainable use of fisheries resources**

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IUCN-CEM Fisheries Expert Group

- A multi-disciplinary Expert Group with global expertise on Ecosystem Approach to fisheries, established in 2008, with following objectives:
 - **To foster the sustainable use of fisheries resources, promoting responsible fisheries management and the conservation of related marine ecosystems;**
 - **To inform fisheries policy and related conservation strategies ;**
 - **To evaluate/propose management methods and tools;**
 - **To facilitate scientific discussion on key issues at the interface between fisheries and conservation.**
- Secretariat provided by EBCD



IUCN-CEM-FEG and CBD SOI

- **Supporting the implementation** towards achieving Aichi Targets 6, 11 and other relevant Targets and relevant SDGs, through:
 - Providing scientific and technical support, knowledge and expertise to the CBD focusing on the interface between fisheries management and marine biodiversity conservation;
 - Linking the fisheries and conservation bodies/communities
 - Facilitating the collaboration among FAO/RFBs, UN Environment, and CBD Secretariat
- **Partnering with the CBD Secretariat**, together with FAO and UN Environment, in the establishment and development of the SOI Global Dialogue.



IUCN-CEM-FEG related activities – Target 6

- **FAO/UNEP/CBD Expert meeting on impacts of destructive fishing practices, unsustainable fishing and illegal unreported and unregulated fishing on marine biodiversity and habitats, Rome, 23–25 September 2009**
- **CBD-FAO-UNEP Joint Expert Meeting addressing biodiversity concerns in sustainable fishery, Bergen, Norway, December 2011**
- **FEG Scientific Workshop on Governance for Fisheries and Marine Conservation: Interactions and Co-evolution, IMR, Bergen 25-27 March 2012**
- **The FAO-CBD-IUCN/CEM/FEG ‘Expert meeting on improving progress in reporting and working towards implementation of Target 6’, Rome February 2016**
 - Contribution to the SBSTTA 20/COP 13 deliberation on indicators
 - Contribution to the FAO questionnaire to COFI members on the implementation of the Code of Conduct for sustainable fisheries.
- **FEG is preparing a synthesis report on the scientific assessment of progress to achieve Target 6 for CBD Secretariat**



Aichi Target 11

- FEG produced a background document for the recent CBD Expert Workshop on MPAs and other effective area based conservation measures for achieving Target 11 in marine and coastal areas held in Montreal February 2018
- The results will be considered by the CBD SBSTTA 22 and COP 14 this year.

Mainstreaming biodiversity in fisheries

- FEG provided scientific and technical contribution to COP 13 consideration on mainstreaming of biodiversity in fisheries.
- A joint FAO FEG publication of a book on this issue is coming out soon.



Concluding remarks

- Collaboration has increased considerably between fisheries and conservation communities, in particular between FAO/RFBs, UN Environment and CBD but still lots to do
- Progress can be faster and concrete only when policies and actions are coherent
- Coherence does not happen by chance – it takes efforts to bridge all different groups under a common vision
- SOI Global Dialogue is the first global initiative of its kind, bringing all relevant regional bodies on environment and fisheries management together
- There is a strong interest from both conservation and fisheries to further enhance existing collaboration/dialogues
- Now it is a time to build a concrete roadmap, identifying priority areas for collaboration and actions on-the-ground.

