



FISHERIES IN AREAS BEYOND NATIONAL JURISDICTIONS



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Marine biodiversity is the foundation of sustainable fisheries

The BBNJ Agreement is an opportunity to integrate fisheries into the conservation of biodiversity in ABNJ.



FISHERIES IN ABNJ



**SPECIES: TUNAS,
BILLFISHES, SHARKS,
RAYS, SQUIDS,
CUTTLEFISH, KRILL,
CODS, HAKES, CRABS &
OTHER CRUSTACEANS**



**INCREASING TREND
FROM 1950-2006,
RELATIVELY STABLE
SINCE**



**10-15% OF GLOBAL
CAPTURE
PRODUCTION**



**~70% EPIPLAGIC
~30% DEEP-WATER**



FISHERIES BODIES INVOLVED IN ABNJ

- Fishing industry
- National fisheries administrations
- Regional fisheries bodies (RFBs)
- Global fisheries bodies, instruments and frameworks
 - FAO Committee on Fisheries (COFI)
 - Agreements
 - UN Fish Stocks Agreement
 - Port State Measures Agreement
 - Compliance Agreement
 - Voluntary Guidelines

All have a role in managing fishing in ABNJ



INTERSECTION WITH BBNJ

- ABMTs
 - Spatial management a common fisheries management tool
 - Potential implications and benefits
- EIAs
 - “Equivalent” processes in fisheries
 - Info from fisheries will be necessary
- CBTMT
 - Fisheries bodies are contributors and beneficiaries
 - Risk of duplication without cooperation
- MGRs
 - Interface with fisheries research
 - Supporting role for fisheries bodies
- CHM
 - Fisheries collect, hold, analyse and share data and science on biodiversity and activity in ABNJ



RFMOs CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE ABNJ

General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean

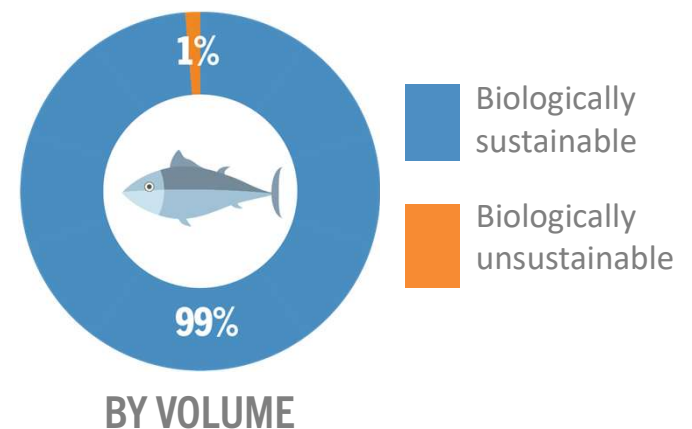
- ✓ Spatial measures cover > 60% of the Mediterranean and Black Sea
- ✓ 30 percent reduction in fishing pressure
- ✓ Doubled sustainably managed stocks

Deep-sea RFMOs

- ✓ protect > 80 % of regulated deep-sea areas from bottom fishing
- ✓ identified and established 182 vulnerable marine ecosystem sites

Tuna RFMOs

- ✓ 87% of tuna stocks sustainably fished
- ✓ Southern Bluefin Tuna recovery



FAO AND BBNJ

- Ocean governance, coherence and coordination
 - Regional Fishery Bodies Secretariats Network (RSN)
 - Committee on Fisheries
- Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture
- International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture
- Data collection and analysis
- FAO Systems and Data Platforms
 - Coordinating Working Party on Fishery Statistics (CWP)
 - Fisheries Global Information System (FIGIS)
 - Fisheries and Resources Monitoring System (FIRMS)
- Technical expertise: Fisheries, Oceans governance, Spatial management, MGRs, CHM





FAO PROJECTS

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CLOSE COLLABORATION WITH UNDOALOS

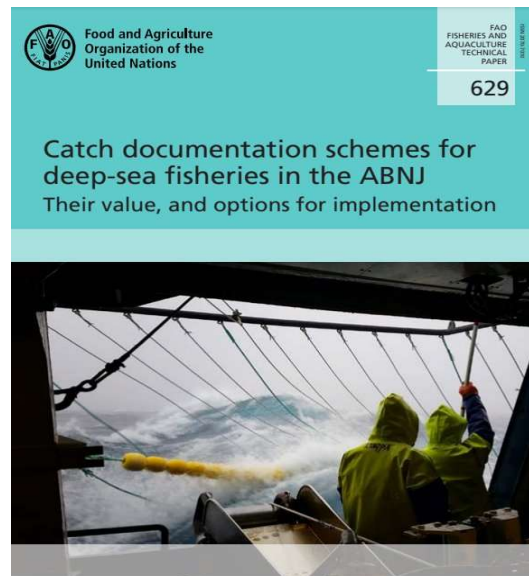
National enabling Activities to Support the ratification and early implementation of the BBNJ Agreement

Global and Regional Support to the BBNJ Agreement Ratification Process and Implementation Readiness

FAO PROJECTS



The EAF-Nansen Programme: science for decision-making



Report on cross-sectoral impacts on deep-sea fisheries in the high seas



COOPERATION AND COLLABORATION

What should cooperation and collaboration look like with Fisheries IFBs?

- Representation and observer roles
- Cooperation, consultation and institutional linkages
- Alignment of standards, thresholds and best practices
- Data, science and knowledge systems



Cooperation mechanisms will need to be tailored, depending on the process, task and relevant IFBs

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