**National and Regional Recommendations from the Workshop to Implement the 2009 FAO Port State Measures Agreement[[1]](#footnote-1)**

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|  | **National Recommendations** | **Regional Recommendations** |
| **General** | * National training and awareness-raising campaigns on PSM involving relevant stakeholders.
* Develop a national strategy to combat IUU / NPOA or equivalent (as per commitment under RPOA).
* Strengthen the understanding of the PSMA through capacity building workshops as part of a national strategy to combat IUU fishing.
* Promote ratification, acceptance or approval of the PSMA through statements at COFI meetings and similar international fora.
* Formulate guidelines on the implementation of PSM.
* Raising awareness about the possible conflicts of interest including corruption.
 | * Convene an FAO Ministerial meeting / high level meeting in the ASEAN region on IUU/PSM.
* Conduct regional workshops to promote the benefits of PSM.
* Set up a regional network to improve bilateral and multilateral cooperation particularly in information-sharing. Support from existing Regional Fisheries Bodies and Arrangements to establish the network is desired.
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| **Legal and Policy** | * Technical advisory input from FAO to promote inter-agency coordination on legal aspects and institutional cooperation for implementing PSMA.
* Formulate new subsidiary legislation or amend the fisheries law and other relevant legislation to accommodate PSM ensuring provisions:
	+ to deny port access if masters do not comply with PSM requirements.
	+ that vessels do not transship or unload until authorization is given.
* Training for legal experts on PSM.
 | * Conduct a regional training programme on the legal interpretation of PSMA for legal experts and high ranking officials.
* Develop an advisory document on preliminary actions that support PSM within existing legislation.
* Promote sub-regional arrangements for cooperation on PSM and combating IUU fishing.
* Seek to harmonise policy and legislation bilaterally and at regional level (possibly through the ASEAN mechanism).
* Seek to include RFMOs in regional policy and IUU fishing related initiatives.
* In preparation for PSMA (Article 6), promote a regional MOU between competent fishery organizations to share and update information on PSM.
	+ Establish a regional database on national PSM regulations.
	+ Develop consolidated information on national procedures for access to ports.
	+ WCPFC, IOTC, CCAMLR and SIOFA could support harmonization on PSM.
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| **Institutional and Capacity Development** | * Establish an inter-departmental task force to strengthen inter-agency and intra-agency coordination.
* Take steps to implement the NPOA-IUU, or a national strategy to combat IUU / NPOA or equivalent.
* Identify the capacity development needs (technical, inspectorate, legal, procedural etc.) for implementing PSM and seek ways to address them through the support of national institutions, RFBs and the international donor community.
* Develop national data collection schemes that support the information needs for implementing PSM and a national integrated database system.
* Assess the port facilities in designated ports to establish that they are adequate for effective inspections and that procedures are in place to take necessary actions.
 | * As part of the recommendation to establish an MOU:
	+ Convene a regional coordination meeting among relevant RFBs to find agreement on the establishment of a regional database and information system, including a record of authorized vessels, IUU vessel list, list of designated ports and port inspection results.
	+ Strengthen the cooperation among existing RFBs, including through the drawing up of formal agreements and other mechanisms, such as coordination meetings, with the possible assistance of FAO.
* As part of regional harmonization activities:
	+ Convene a regional working group from the representatives of each country to establish regional SOPs for port inspections.
	+ FAO and existing regional organizations should support the working group activities.
* Strengthen the implementation of the RPOA-IUU, including securing additional technical and financial resources. In this regard the Secretariat and participating countries are encouraged to secure additional funding.
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| **Operations** | * Determine and notify FAO of the competent authorities for the implementation of PSM and designated ports and period of notification.
* Identify the need for relevant equipment and information guides to support inspection.
	+ SOP to include species ID guide (link to RFMO SOP).
* Develop a training package which would include:
	+ verification of quantity of catch on board.
	+ interviewing masters
	+ species identification / DNA sampling
	+ hold volumetrics
	+ verification of documents
* Develop, as required, relevant procedures to ensure the safety and security for inspectors during their work.
* Establish access to interpreters for use on vessels during inspections and ensure that the cost for this service is borne by the operator.
 | * FAO in conjunction with RFMOs to develop SOPs, species ID guide, language cards and supporting tool kits. Develop and conduct a regional training programme for inspectors including SOP for boarding and inspection in the region.
* FAO to provide guidance on web-based information for inspectors.
* Under a regional MOU referred above:
	+ web-based information / toolkit for inspectors is made available.
	+ establish a scheme for joint and reciprocal inspections
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1. *The following Recommendations are consistent with the RPOA and ASEAN / SEAFDEC resolution and plan of action.* [↑](#footnote-ref-1)