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Side event

**Towards sustainable fisheries:  
mainstreaming biodiversity – what are  
our commitments and how do we deliver**

Friday, 13 July 2018 – 12:45-14:15

Austria Room C237

*Side-event organized in collaboration by FAO, CBD Secretariat, IUCN-CEM-Fisheries Expert Group, EBCD and Spain*

*Lunch Provided*

**BACKGROUND**

The importance of sustainable fisheries to the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity is unquestioned and measured under a number of country-led international commitments under Convention on Biological Diversity. Specifically, Aichi Targets 6 (on sustainable fisheries) and 11 (on other effective area-based conservation measures, OECMs) are of critical relevance to fisheries and management and conservation of commercial aquatic species.

The side-event will provide an overview of various international 2020 commitments, and our current understanding of the linkages between fisheries and biodiversity in delivering against these commitments, including: (1) Historical and current approaches by fisheries to mainstream biodiversity considerations into the policy and practices of fisheries; (2) The what and how of assessing progress towards the achievement of Aichi Biodiversity Target 6; and (3) Considering contributions of area-based fisheries management measures to Aichi Biodiversity Target 11.

This side event will also offer an opportunity for discussion of potential ways and means to achieve these international country commitments, will outline the challenges that we still face, and opportunities for further enhancement of collaboration and cooperation to support the delivery of frameworks and information.

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# AGENDA

Friday 13 July	
	<b>Towards sustainable fisheries: mainstreaming biodiversity – what are our commitments and how do we deliver?</b>
12:45-12:55	Ms. Despina Symons (EBCD) welcome to the side event Ms. Vera Agostini (FAO) introduction and description of the side event
12:55-13:10	Aichi Biodiversity Targets —Work under the CBD to support countries in progressing towards, and reporting on, global goals for biodiversity Mr. Joseph Appiott (SCBD)
13:10-13:30	IUCN-CEM-FEG: Fisheries sustainability and impact mitigation: Challenges and opportunities presented by Target 6 and 11 Mr. Serge M. Garcia and Mr. Jake Rice (IUCN-CEM-FEG)
13:30-13:40	Regional context and country perspective on the use of spatial conservation management Ms. Silvia Revenga Martinez de Pasos (Spain)
13:40-13:50	The Food and Agriculture Organizations activity and outlook for assisting its Members on mainstreaming of biodiversity considerations in fisheries Mr Kim Friedman (FAO)
13:50-14:15	Open Discussion and Wrap Up

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