

Winner of Sustainable Fishing Award

The Food and Agriculture Organization
of the United Nations

FAO receives the KUNGSFENAN, the Swedish Seafood Award 2004, for Sustainable Fishing

KUNGSFENAN, the Swedish Seafood Award, has the vision of highlighting Sweden as a guiding example when it comes to the future of the fishing industry and the promotion of food based on fish and fish products. Its over-all aim is to promote the development of trade and the fisheries, food production and restaurant industries by highlighting both efforts concerning the future as well as efforts towards increasing knowledge, at all levels, of the sea and lakes as a source of food. The long-term goal is to achieve a consensus on food safety and enjoyment of food in order to ensure that food based on fish and fish products keeps enjoying its excellent reputation in Sweden. The award should contribute towards making such occupations as fishermen, fish farmers, and the vocations within the food production, restaurant and large-scale catering trades more attractive. Since May 2001, the award is being administered through the organization Svensk Fisk. The prize money of 500 000 Swedish kroner is financed by ForeningsSparbanken AB and Sparbanksstiftelserna in western Sweden. The partners for the award are ForeningsSparbanken AB (main partner), SHR Sveriges Hotell-och Restaurangforetagare, Goteborg & Co, Domstein Enghav Sverige AB and ABA Seafood AB.

http://www.svenskfisk.se/eng/kungsfenan_04/jsp/pristagarna_fiskenaring.jsp
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Svensk Fisk

Assistant Director-General, Fisheries Department, FAO, Ichiro Nomura receives the Kungsfenan Award on Sustainable Fishing on behalf of FAO during the awarding ceremony held on 21 October 2004 in Gothenburg Opera

Winners of the Kungsfenan, the Seafood Award 2004.

Sustainable Fishing: FAO

The FAO has been awarded the KUNGSFENAN, the Swedish Seafood Award 2004, as a recognition of the work carried out by the Fisheries Department.

Maritime Gastronomy: Buhre Fisk of Kivik

Buhres fish have come to deserve their award in the best possible way by working towards their goal with commitment and a large measure of perseverance.

Innovator 2004: Lotta Rahme

The "Innovator of the Year" award goes to Lotta Rahme for her work using fish skins that is both creative and steeped in cultural and historical tradition.



Assistant Director-General, Ichiro Nomura (top right and bottom left) with the other winners of Kungsfenan Award 2004.

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations has been awarded the Kungsfenan, The Swedish Seafood Award 2004 as a recognition of the work with the **Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries** and Supporting Technical Guidelines carried out by the Fisheries Department.

The work of FAO, as a technical specialized UN agency for securing sustainable food production and rural development, has become more and more important with the development of fisheries and with the over-exploitation of fish stocks. FAO has, in a number of ways, already elaborated a general framework for the management of fisheries, reaching from the industrial scale to small scale fisheries.

For that reason, a **Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries (CCRF)** has been elaborated during the early 1990 and has been endorsed by the FAO Conference. The Technical Guidelines are concerned with fishing operations (including vessel monitoring systems), precautionary approach to capture fisheries and species introductions, integration of fisheries into coastal area management, fisheries management (including the ecosystem approach to fisheries and conservation and management of sharks), aquaculture (and good aquaculture feed practice), inland fisheries, responsible fish utilization, indicators for sustainable development of marine capture fisheries, a plan of action to prevent, deter

and eliminate illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing. In addition, the FAO Fisheries Department is working on four International Plans of Action (IPOA): the IPOA-seabirds, the International Plan for reducing incidental catch of seabirds in longline fisheries; the IPOA-sharks, the International Plan for the conservation and management of sharks; the IPOA-capacity, the International Plan of fishing capacity. The CCRF has been endorsed by all FAO member countries including those members of the European Union. The Code has been translated into a great number of languages. The Jury of Kungsfenan, the Swedish Seafood Award wants to recognise the excellent work of the Fisheries Department. The CCRF stipulates generally accepted norms of all kind of fisheries and aquaculture practices, at national and regional levels, as well as at small, medium and large scale operations, in inland coastal and marine environments which were needed for a better global and regional cooperation.

The Jury is hoping that the attention of the general public will be focused on the urgent need for all countries to increase their cooperation for a better fishery and aquaculture management. The prize now awarded should give further impulses to the Organization for making the contents of the Code known closer to the people.

The prize consists of a glass sculpture of a Swedish artist, a diploma and the sum of Swedish Kronor 300 000 (approximately US\$44 700.00).