

Remarks by the Delegation of the Republic of Indonesia

Agenda Item 10

Developments in global and regional processes related to fisheries and aquaculture

Mr. Chair,

Indonesia encourages FAO to continue its cooperation and partnership with relevant global and regional organizations, including ASEAN. In this regard, Indonesia, in collaboration with ASEAN and SEAFDEC, as follow-up of the ASEAN Fisheries Consultative Forum (AFCF) work plan of 2016-2020, has hosted the Regional Workshop on Assessing the Needs of ASEAN member states (AMS) in implementing the SSF Guidelines to Support Access to Markets, last year.

Indonesia would like to share some of the key recommendations and way forward resulting from the workshop, as follows:

- acknowledge the role of Small-Scale Aquaculture (SSA) in the regional level for food security and poverty eradication;
- develop regional strategies to encourage the implementation of FAO SSF Guidelines; and
- encourage AMS to develop collective initiatives and activities related Small-Scale Aquaculture in the ASEAN Region.

This regional initiative will hopefully pave the way to global initiatives on SSA.

Mr. Chair,

Apart from Indonesia limited resource and capacity to explore high seas, Indonesia views the importance to actively participate in the discussions for a new international legally binding instrument under the UNCLOS for the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity beyond national jurisdiction (BBNJ). In this regard, Indonesia fully recommends FAO to actively participate in the BBNJ negotiation session.

As we may all aware that the very subject of the BBNJ are biological resources which many or most of them are our food sources, which both fish and other organisms. Hence, Indonesia highlights the importance of maintaining sustainability of the food resources as well as their accessibility.^[P]_[SEP]

Mr. Chair,

Indonesia appreciates FAO's tireless work and commitment on sustainability fisheries resources. Referring to previous Intersessional Working Group on the Review of the STCW-F Convention, London (ISWG), 10-14 February 2020, Indonesia supports FAO's proposal for amendment in sustainable fisheries training for all fishing vessel personnel in the STCW-F chapter III to be discussed in HTW-7. Furthermore, Indonesia proposes the guideline should follow personal safety and social responsibility standard.