

COMMITTEE ON FISHERIES

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Agenda 7:

Contribution of fisheries and aquaculture to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

Intervention Notes:

As a Member State of the United Nations, Malaysia shows full commitment to implementing Sustainable Development Goal 14 (SDG14) for a sustainable ocean by the year 2030. The SDG14 (Life Below Water) is part of 17 global goals for Sustainable Development established by the United Nations General Assembly in 2015. The SDG14 is underpinned by targets for the conservation and sustainable use of the oceans, seas, and marine resources for sustainable development.

Malaysia places great importance to achieving the 2030 Agenda by integrating it into the Eleventh Malaysia Plan as well as incorporated into our long-term development plan – Shared Prosperity Vision 2030. These commitments have also been translated into our forthcoming National Agrofood Policy 2.0 (2021-2030). Our government so far has aligned its implementation with the strategies and initiatives to holistically support conservation and sustainable use of ocean and marine resources.

As far as achievement goes, the country has protected 5.3% of our national waters. We are also in the midst of finalizing our fisheries management plans to ensure sustainable use of our precious resources. We are also committed in addressing the issue of IUU and is in process of strengthening our legal mechanisms as well as monitoring, control and surveillance capabilities. Malaysia will also be working closely with APEC communities in sharing best practices on gear marking to address abandoned, lost or otherwise discarded fishing gears (ALDFG) which is one source of marine debris as well as a cause that depletes our resources. The government, through Department of Fisheries Malaysia will continue to work closely with research institutions and civil societies in ensuring resilience of our marine biodiversity as well as addressing anthropogenic impacts through continuous research, monitoring, and adaptive management regimes involving local communities.