

Remarks by the Delegation of the Republic of Indonesia

Agenda Item 8

Supporting Small-Scale and Artisanal Fisheries

Indonesia is pleased to see the continued recognition of the role of small-scale fisheries in improving local livelihoods and addressing food security in the context of the Agenda 2030. Indonesia is committed to supporting sustainable fishing practices and the local livelihoods of small-scale fishers and fish workers in coastal communities through our policies and programs.

In connection with this agenda item, we would like to seek better clarification from FAO regarding the separation of the term “artisanal fisheries” from “small-scale fisheries”, since we believe that artisanal fisheries are part of small-scaled fisheries.

Indonesia underlines the role of the SSF Guidelines as a tool to achieve the SDGs and supports the FAO activities in encouraging the implementation of the SSF Guidelines.

As a Friend of the SSF Guidelines, Indonesia has initiated activities at all levels to promote the implementation of the SSF Guidelines. As an implementation tool, we enacted the Law Number 7 of 2016 on the Protection and Empowerment of Fishers, Fish Farmers, and Salt Farmers and the Government Regulation Number 50 of 2015 on the Empowerment of Small-Scale Fishers and Small-Scale Fish Farmers. At the regional level, we have also held a workshop on assessing the needs of ASEAN member states in implementing the SSF Guidelines to support access to markets, last August.

Indonesia supports the development of an international instrument for small-scale aquaculture, since 70 to 80 percent of actors involved in fish farming worldwide are considered small-scale. Indonesia calls FAO and its members to acknowledge the role of small-scale aquaculture at the regional level for food security and poverty eradication and to improve aquaculture methods that are resilient to climate change. In this regard, Indonesia proposes FAO to develop regional strategies and collective initiatives and activities on small-scale aquaculture, together with ASEAN member states.

Indonesia looks forward to the celebration of International Year of Artisanal Fisheries and Aquaculture (IYAFA) 2022 and stands ready to engage in the discussion as a member of its International Steering Committee. On the IYAFA’s draft road map, Indonesia encourages FAO to discuss the need of business facilitation and diversification for small-scale fisheries to promote their livelihood and resilience.

Indonesia underlines the importance of the IYAFA activities to present best practices and lessons learned of developing countries in dealing with the impacts of Covid-19 pandemic. The activities should also take into account the diversity nature of small-scale fisheries and aquaculture practices, as well as promote the importance of technical assistance and capacity building for small-scale fishers, especially in post-harvesting process.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.