

**PHILIPPINE INTERVENTION**  
**Agenda Item 10**  
***Mainstreaming biodiversity in fisheries and aquaculture***  
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Our delegation wishes to thank the Secretariat for the update and reference document on mainstreaming biodiversity in fisheries and aquaculture.

The Philippines commends the FAO for its continuous work on Marine Litter, particularly on abandoned, lost, or otherwise discarded fishing gear (ALDFG). The Philippines is one of the Partnering Countries in the FAO-International Maritime Organization- Norway GloLitter Partnership Project. We are hopeful that through this project, the countries will be able to advance their programs and activities to prevent and reduce marine litter from maritime transport and fisheries. Further, the project supports the provisions of FAO-voluntary Guidelines for the Marking of Fishing Gears.

The Philippines respectfully suggests to the Committee consider developing or supporting a global program on the so-called restorative aquaculture systems, that simultaneously produce high-quality, and value farmed aquatic products and provide ecosystems services (e.g. bivalve farming/ranching serves as a carbon sink and build/expand new fish habitats at the same time generates protein-rich food and various industrial products derived from shells).

Thank you.