

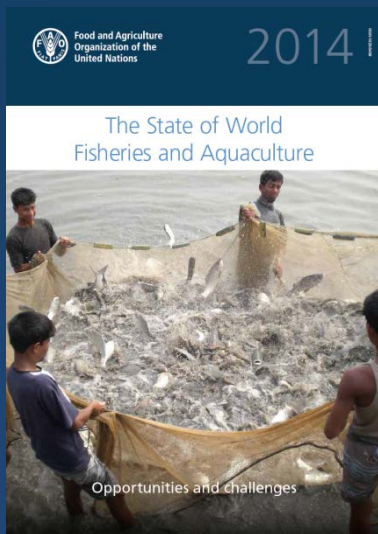


State of world fisheries and aquaculture and progress in the implementation of the Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries and related instruments



Opportunities and challenges

“People have never consumed so much fish or depended so greatly on the sector for their well-being as today.”



SOFIA is also a way to mirror FAO's work with COFI



COFI and FAO

Major achievements & milestones

International instruments

- Compliance Agreement
- Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries
- Port State Measures Agreement

COFI Sub-Committees



The Code and related instruments

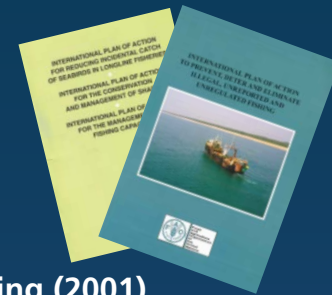
FAO International Plans of Action (IPOAs)

IPOA for reducing the Incidental catch of seabirds in longline fisheries (1999)

IPOA on the management of fishing capacity (1999)

IPOA for the conservation and management of sharks (1999)

IPOA to prevent, deter and eliminate Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing (2001)



FAO Strategies on Information

The Strategy for Improving Information on Status and Trends of Capture Fisheries (2003)

The Strategy for Improving Information on Status and Trends of Aquaculture (2008)

FAO International Guidelines

International Guidelines on Bycatch Management and Reduction of Discards (2011)

International Guidelines for the Management of Deep-Sea Fisheries on the High Seas (2009)

Voluntary Guidelines for Flag State Performance (2013)

Voluntary Guidelines on Small Scale Fisheries



Other FAO Guidelines

Guidelines for the ecolabelling of fish and fishery products from marine capture fisheries (2009)

Guidelines for the ecolabelling of fish and fishery products from inland capture fisheries (2011)

Technical Guidelines on Aquaculture Certification (2011)

Guidelines to reduce sea turtle mortality in fishing operations (2009)



FAO Code Technical Guidelines

FAO has produced 28 detailed Technical Guidelines

Fisheries Management	7
Aquaculture	7
Fishery Operations	3
Inland Fisheries	2
Fish trade and utilization	2
Information and knowledge	1
Implementation of IPOA-IUU	1
Small-scale fisheries	1
Sustainable development	1
Precautionary Approach	1
Coastal area management	1
Recreational fisheries	1



SOFIA Status & Trends

Aquaculture

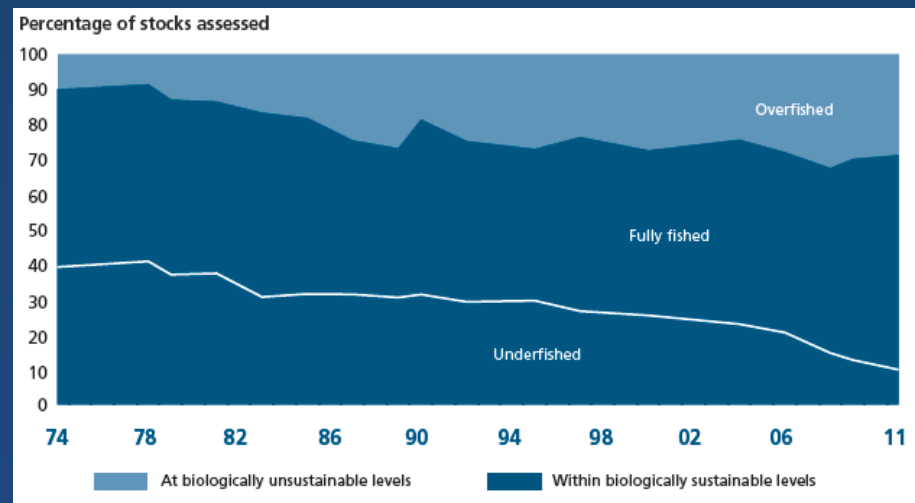
- Continues to grow – all-time high 90.4 million tonnes
- One of the fastest growing food producing sectors
- Provides almost ½ of all fish for human consumption

Capture fisheries

- Total global capture production 93.7 million tonnes
- Overall catch levelling off

State of marine stocks

- 71.2 % within biologically sustainable levels
- 28.8% at biologically unsustainable levels



SOFIA Status & Trends

Nutrition & consumption

- 17% of intake of animal protein
- Over 19 kg per person in 2012
- Essential fatty acids & micronutrients

Livelihoods & employment

- Employment outpacing world population
- 58.3 million in primary sector in 2012 – 15% women assures livelihoods of 10-12% world population

Trade

- Among most traded food commodities
- US\$129.2 billion in 2012
- 61% of exports (by quantity) from developing countries – net export revenues US\$35.3 billion



SOFIA Impact & influence

- Increasing media coverage – top-tier & international news market
- Broadening audience – NGOs, research institutes, academia
- Rising number citations

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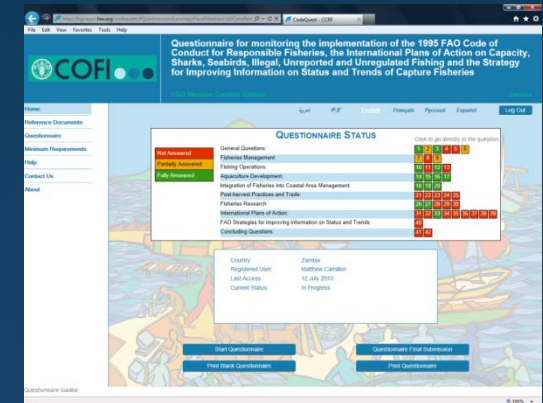
the guardian



Monitoring the implementation of the Code

COFI Secretariat developed web-based questionnaire, in 6 official languages, for Members, RFBs and NGOs

- Questionnaire completed / submitted by:
 - 96 Members (71% increase*)
 - 24 RFBs (60% increase*)
 - 11 NGOs (175% increase*)
- 9 countries submitting for 1st time
- 8 countries reporting for 1st time since 2002



*Since last submission in 2012

Progress in implementing the Code

Member States

- Most have fisheries policy/legislation in full or partial conformity with the Code
- Fishery management plans for marine and inland fisheries
- Control within EEZs stronger than for ABNJ - stronger commitment to VMS
- EAF taking hold
- Food safety and quality assurance firmly in place

FAO

- Committed to more strategic and prioritized development and support



Combatting IUU fishing

2009 FAO Port State Measures Agreement

FAO has strengthened its global capacity development programme on port State measures

- 10 Members have become Party to the Agreement
- Voluntary Guidelines for Flag State Performance to prevent, deter and eliminate IUU fishing concluded in 2013
- IMO Sub-Committee on Implementation of IMO Instruments has a standing agenda item on IUU fishing
- FAO developing Global Record



Safety at sea in the fisheries sector

Safety at sea

- FAO provides practical guidelines for fisheries managers on how they can help to make fishing safer.
- Increased cooperation between IMO, ILO and FAO on the safety at in the fisheries sector
- Cape Town Agreement

Counter piracy measures

- Joint Commitments between IMO and other UN agencies, including FAO



Bycatch Management and Discard Reduction

FAO with support from GEF, FAO Members & others is implementing the Guidelines

Project approach:

Reducing ecosystem impacts of fishing, building partnerships, developing and implementing best practices

Issues:

- Last global discard estimate from 2005
- Discards only part of food loss and waste in supply chain
- Guidelines apply to all fisheries and gear types
- How to accelerate implementation



The Blue Growth Initiative

A golden opportunity

The sustainable contribution of living renewable resources in the marine and fresh water ecosystems, as well as adjacent coastal and inland ecosystems, to food and nutrition security and poverty alleviation.



The way forward

Fisheries & aquaculture sector should

- Support implementation of the Code
- Invest for food security
- Recognize importance of small-scale fisheries, including equitable rights
- Strengthen regional governance
- Forge strategic partnerships

