

# The ecosystem approach to fisheries benefits fish, fishers and fishing communities!



## The key principles of EAF

- Ecological relationships between species should be maintained.
- Governance should ensure both human and ecosystem well-being and equity.
- Fisheries should be managed to limit their impact on the ecosystem to an acceptable level.
- Management measures should be compatible across the entire distribution of the resource.
- Precaution in decision-making and action is needed because the knowledge on ecosystems is incomplete.



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