



# TECHNICAL CONSULTATION ON SEA TURTLES CONSERVATION AND FISHERIES

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Following the recommendation of the Twenty-fifth session of the Committee on Fisheries ([COFI, 2003](#)), the Technical Consultation on Sea Turtles Conservation and Fisheries is convened by FAO to look into how fisheries administrations can better address sea turtle conservation concerns and in particular to:

- Ø review the available information on the current status of sea turtle conservation including both incidental and direct catches, their impacts on the populations and other factors affecting the mortality of sea turtles;
- Ø review the new development of fishing gears and techniques to reduce sea turtle mortality by incidental catches and other techniques to improve sea turtle conservation;
- Ø produce, if appropriate, guidelines to reduce sea turtle mortality in fishing operations, and
- Ø consider desirable assistance to Members of developing countries for the conservation of sea turtles.

As part of the preparation for the Technical Consultation, an [Expert Consultation on “Interactions between Sea Turtles and Fisheries in the Ecosystem Context”](#) (Rome, 9 to 12 March 2004) was convened by FAO to provide technical inputs on various aspects of sea turtle conservation and fisheries including overviews of sea turtle status, fisheries impacts, possible managerial solutions, socio-economic aspects and recommendations for future work and actions.

In addition to considering the results and recommendations of the Expert Consultation, the Technical Consultation will examine the relevant working documents and report, and is expected to give particular attention to possible actions and alternatives for fisheries to contribute to the conservation of sea turtles, in line with the [FAO Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries](#) and the [Reykjavik Declaration on Responsible Fisheries in the Marine Ecosystem](#).

The Technical Consultation will be held at the [United Nations Conference Centre](#) in Bangkok, Thailand, from 29 November to 2 December 2004. Invitations are being sent to all FAO member nations, as well as all organizations with an observer status with FAO.

The [meeting documents](#) for this Technical Consultation are also available.

Links to other related FAO documentation:

[Ø](#) [Helping Sea Turtles off the Hook](#)

New technologies and the ecosystem approach to fisheries can help protect endangered marine species

[Ø](#) [Sea Turtles of the World](#)

Volume 11 An annotated and illustrated catalogue of sea turtle species known to date

[Ø](#) [The Living Marine Resources of the Western Central Atlantic](#)

Volume 3 Bony fishes part 2 (Opistognathidae to Molidae), sea turtles and marine mammals

[Ø](#) [The Living Marine Resources of the Western Central Pacific](#)

Volume 6 Bony fishes part 4 (Labridae to Latimeriidae), estuarine crocodiles, sea turtles, sea snakes and marine mammals

[Ø](#) [Report of the Reykjavik Conference on Responsible Fisheries in the Marine Ecosystem](#)

Reykjavik, Iceland, 1–4 October 2001

[Ø](#) [Other documents of the Reykjavik Conference on Responsible Fisheries in the Marine Ecosystem](#)

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