



Remarks by the Delegation of the Republic of Indonesia

Agenda item 3: Illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing in the context of effective fisheries Management

Chair,
Ladies, and Gentlemen,

Indonesia extends its appreciation to the FAO for the excellent report by the secretariat and in particular Indonesia appreciates the effort being taken by FAO in regards to support in combating IUU Fishing.

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Indonesia has applied very strict measures and zero tolerance for IUU fishing as reflected in our legal framework. Our commitment is demonstrated with the implementation of the Law of The Republic of Indonesia No. 31 Year 2004 as amended by Law of The Republic of Indonesia No. 45 Year 2009 concerning Fisheries and the ratification of Agreement on Port State Measures to Prevent, Deter and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing (PSMA).

Several actions have taken place, such as:

1. During 2023, Indonesia has arrested 269 IUU Fishing Vessel
2. The inspection of 39 foreign fishing vessels to our designated PSMA ports in 2023.
3. Capacity building for authorities on combating IUU fishing through regular training programs as well as for community-based surveillance groups, and coordination forum on fisheries crime investigation.
4. The appointment of Indonesia as the RPOA-IUU regional secretariat. RPOA-IUU has continuously worked on promoting sustainable fishing practices in the region through various activities such as capacity building programs, studies, and information exchange.

5. Active engagement of Indonesia either bilaterally or multilaterally in the international fora, such as Indonesia-Africa Maritime Dialogue, Our Ocean Conference, APEC, ASEAN, SEAFDEC, and RPOA-IUU.
6. Integrated monitoring system by AIS and VMS.

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Indonesia notes the challenges in combating IUUF such as:

1. The transformation and simplification of the licensing system. To this end, Indonesia has, among others, conducted regulation reformation through Omnibus Law for marine and fisheries sector..
2. Classifying illegal fishing in high seas and other economies' waters. Indonesia views the need to strengthen the role of flag state in enacting administrative sanction, among other things.

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Distinguished delegates

Indonesia also would like to share the success of the Fourth Meeting of the Parties to the Agreement on Port State Measures to Prevent, Deter and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing Bali, Indonesia, 8–12 May 2023 under Indonesia's chairmanship.

This meeting was attended by 53 Parties, observers from 21 non-Party FAO Members, 10 intergovernmental organizations (IGOs) and 5 international non-governmental organizations (INGOs).

This meeting has adopted the document called "Bali Strategy" as a tool to provide guidance to the Parties moving forward in strengthening the implementation of the Agreement at national, regional, and global level.

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Indonesia supports the effort of FAO to provide the Global Information Exchange system (GIES) to support the enforcement of combating IUUF. In this system, Indonesia has submitted a national focal point for the GIES and conducted a trial inspection to the foreign fishing vessel.

Indonesia would also thank the FAO's efforts for the assistance and support in the PSMA implementation, particularly in the developing countries through technical meetings and consultations as well as capacity development.

This support has been transformed into the Global Capacity Program in which we received in 2018 and end up in 2022.

In the foreseeable future, we would like to encourage FAO to continuously support the developing countries to implement PSMA under FAO's Global Programme and accelerate the implementation of Bali Strategy.

To that end, Indonesia proposes FAO to develop an inclusive forum for sharing best practices and continue to promote the awareness to combat IUU Fishing on a regional level.

I thank you.