

Thailand's Intervention
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AGENDA 3: Addressing illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing in the context of effective fisheries management
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<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Firstly, Thailand would like to express its gratitude to FAO for providing the technical support regarding the exchange of fishing vessel data. FAO will send experts to introduce the PSMA Global Information Exchange System or GIES and review operations to strengthen compliance with Port State Measure Agreement between 24-25 January 2024 in Thailand, including the experts will visit the relevant agencies and interview officials with related missions such as Thai Customs, Marine Department, Immigration Bureau, Thai Maritime Enforcement Command Center and Bangkok Fisheries Port. Then, Thailand has prepared staff and place for this event.● For the operations against IUU fishing, Thailand has continually placed importance on ensuring the sustainability of fisheries resources. Thailand would like to request additional support from FAO in capacity building of law enforcement officials to carry out their duties in accordance with the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea or UNCLOS related to the patrol vessels which surveillance and patrol in the conflict areas of the sea.● Finally, regarding the challenges' issues in combating IUU fishing within the context of effective fisheries management, Thailand would like to request FAO to share knowledge in developing a real-time electronic catch control system to track catch volumes which will be the crucial tools to alert fishers about their remaining catch. Since Thailand currently uses a system to control the number of fishing's days and has mostly multi-species fishing gears. These are challenges to apply with the fish stock controlling system in Thailand.