

**SEAFDEC acknowledges and commends FAO's critical work towards ending illegal, unreported, and unregulated (IUU) fishing. We support the implementation of key international instruments and encourage robust measures to review and strengthen these efforts. The increase in adherence to the Agreement on Port State Measures is a positive step.**

**SEAFDEC is actively engaged in combating IUU fishing through initiatives such as training fisheries officials in Monitoring, Control, and Surveillance (MCS), Port State Measures (PSM), and risk assessment according to the VMS and AIS data. We have also developed and implemented regional fishing vessel records for registered fishing vessels 24 meters in length and over and created an electronic Catch Documentation System prototype in collaboration with ASEAN member states.**

**We emphasize the importance of the recommendations from the Fifth Meeting of the FAO-IMO-ILO Joint Working Group and the need for tailored technical assistance for developing States. SEAFDEC remains committed to supporting FAO's global capacity development program, crucial for building ASEAN member States' capabilities to combat IUU fishing effectively.**

**We look forward to continued collaboration with FAO and other stakeholders to mitigate IUU fishing and promote sustainable fisheries management in Southeast Asia.**