

Developing States Aspirations

Marine living resources are there for the common use of humanity and none should be prejudiced in the allocation of fishing opportunities thereto.

At the RFMO level and National fisheries 4 levels are apparent in the fisheries sector:

Institutional set up

Resource research

Allocation of fishing

Fishing

Institutional setup of ICCAT

At the Conference of Plenipotentiaries on the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas in Rio de Janeiro in 1966.

The Governments of the following seventeen States were represented:

Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Cuba, Democratic Republic of the Congo, France, Japan, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of South Africa, Senegal, Spain, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela.

8 out of 17 = Developing States

Institutional setup cont...

- **Preamble of basic text**

The Governments whose duly authorized representatives have subscribed hereto, considering their mutual interest in the populations of tuna and tuna-like fishes found in the Atlantic Ocean, and desiring to co-operate in maintaining the populations of these fishes at levels which will permit the maximum sustainable catch for food and other purposes ...

Scientific Research

- **ICCAT compiles** fishery statistics from its members and from all entities fishing for these species in the Atlantic Ocean, **coordinates** research, including stock assessment, on behalf of its members, **develops** scientific-based management advice, **provides** a mechanism for Contracting Parties to agree on management measures, and **produces** relevant publications.
- Science underpins the management decisions made by ICCAT.

Allocation of fishing opportunities

- When resources are in abundance – smoothness, building of capacity
- Resources scarcity – Freezing, reduction, idling capacity, soaring opportunity costs
- Allocation to grow until “equity” attained
- Limited economic alternatives detrimental

Some Stats on fishing

- According to FAO/SOFIA (2008) in 2006, 79% of world fishery production took place in developing countries.
- Their exports represented 49 percent (US\$42.5 billion) of world exports of fish and fishery products in value terms and
- 59 % (31.6 million mt in live weight equivalent) in terms of quantity.

Fishing

- Process of going out to sea and catch fish for economic purposes
- Capital will generate alternative economic activities through Government funding or secondary industry
- Artisanal and sustenance fishery is good for food and localized economic activities-yes

Adherence to measures

- Rights and obligations in fishing
- Obligations have to be adhered to for perpetual rights
- Developing Coastal States ready to follow the measures by “letter”

Special Requirements of Developing Coastal States

- The Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries (1995):

Art. 5- Special requirements of developing countries

5.2- ...the needs of developing countries should be addressed, especially in the areas of financial and technical assistance, technology transfer, training and scientific cooperation and in enhancing their ability to develop their own fisheries as well as to participate in high seas fisheries, including access to such fisheries

Special Requirements of Developing Coastal States

- The United Nations Fish Stocks Agreement (1995):

Part VII- Requirements of developing states

Art. 25- Forms of cooperation with developing States

To enhance their ability:

To conserve and manage straddling and highly migratory fish stocks;

To participate and to develop their own (high seas) fishery for such stocks, including facilitating their access;

To participate in subregional and regional fisheries management organizations and arrangements.

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Art. 25- Forms of cooperation with developing States

2- How to Cooperate ? Through the provision of:

- ✓ financial assistance;**
- ✓ assistance relating to human resources development;**
- ✓ technical assistance**
- ✓ transfer of technology, including through joint venture arrangements;**
- ✓ advisory and consultative services.**

Art. 26- Special assistance in the implementation of this Agreement

↳ Part VII Fund of the 1995 United Nations Fish Stocks Agreement

A serene background image featuring a clear blue sky with wispy white clouds at the top. Below the sky is a vast, deep blue ocean. A bright sun is positioned on the left side of the horizon, creating a shimmering white reflection that extends across the water's surface.

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