

# Aspirations of the Developing States - Indian Ocean

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# IOTC - Developing States Issues

- Recognizes the development needs of the developing states and small island states
- During its 13<sup>th</sup> session adopted a Resolution (09/02) – by 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 2009, CPCs should submit their national fleet development plan for the forthcoming 10 years.
- Fleet development plan to be reviewed annually
- All future fishing effort increases shall be according to those plans
- Countries that have submitted fleet development plans include; EC, France (OT), Iran, Malaysia, Mauritius, Oman, Pakistan, Seychelles, Thailand, Vanuatu, South Africa.

# Characteristics of the IO Tuna Fisheries

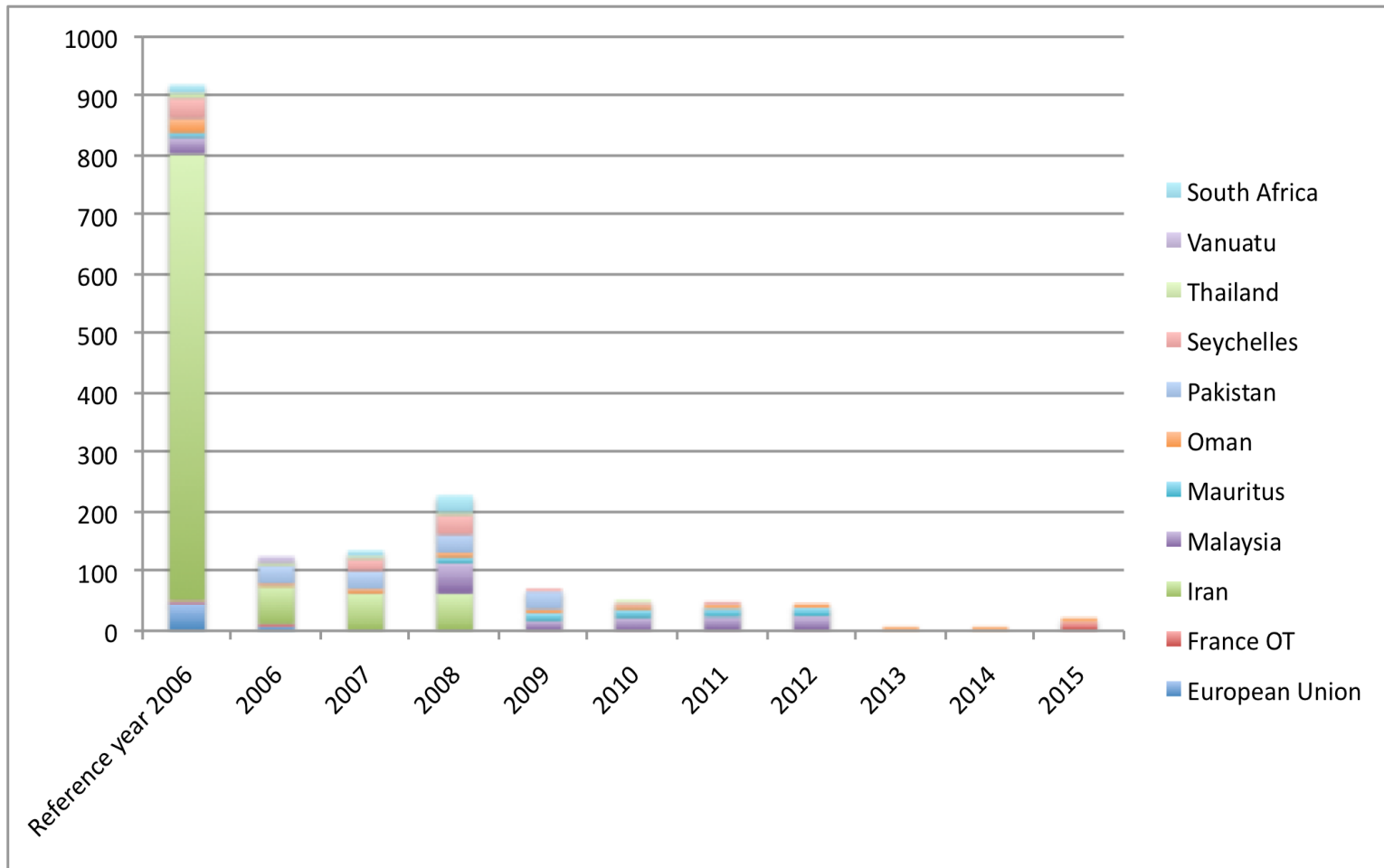
- Combined Catches of tropical Tunas, Albacore and Swordfish : 1950: 15,000 MT, 1980s:200,000 MT, 2006: 1.2 Million MT, 2008: 950,000 MT.
- Artisanal Fisheries – 50% total Indian Ocean Catches
- Industrial – 50% of Indian Ocean Catches
- Artisanal sector poorly covered while the industrial sector has good coverage

# What is driving the aspirations

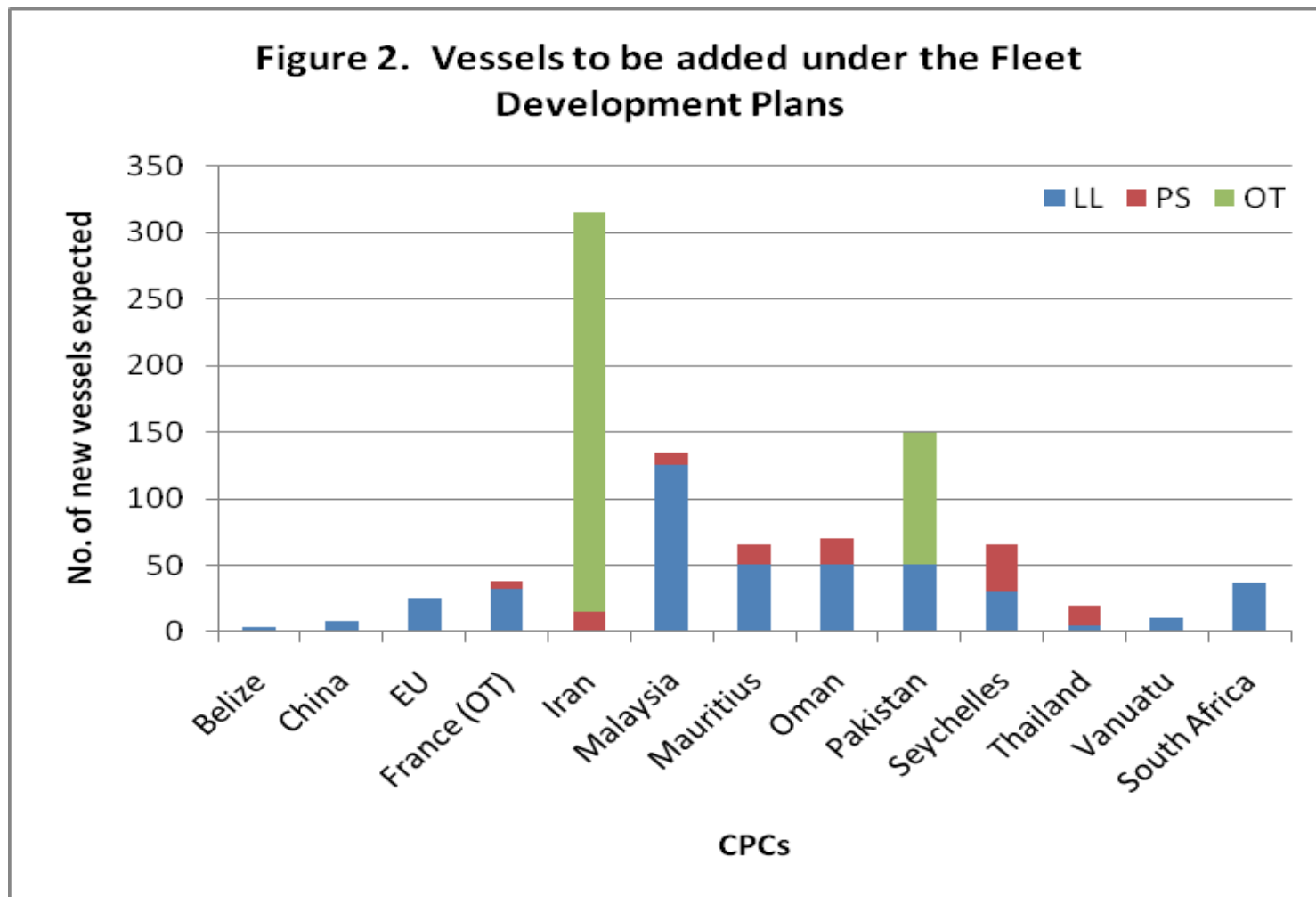
- Economic development – education, health etc.
- Fisheries for a majority of the developing countries and islands states are their main foreign exchange earning sector.
- Access agreements (surplus) not providing the development prospects of the national fisheries and the benefits not visible at local level.
- Growth in awareness by a number of coastal developing countries on the potential of tuna fisheries to their economy
- Food Security pressures
- Tuna fisheries as a social safety net

# Fleet Development Plans

Figure 1: Number of vessels added per year



# What are the Aspirations



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# Fulfilling the Aspirations

- No mechanism that provides a fair balance between the aspirations of the coastal states and the DWFNs.
- Few alternatives to based their economic development
- There seems to be a substantial difference of what the developing states want and what the DWFNs want.
- Governance - 11 out of the 28 IOTC members states are signatories to the UNFSA
- MDG – WSSD commitments
- Depleting stocks
- Overcapacity
- Dealing with vessels fishing < 24 metres.

# Fisheries Management Options

- Setting up of a TAC (should be considered all fisheries (industrial & artisanal fisheries))
- Transferable rights
- Reducing the DWFNs fleet
- Regional coordination – consensus building
- Joint ventures arrangements



Thank You