Global fisheries information exchange at FAO

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FAO’s fisheries work areas relevant to UN/CEFACT and FLUX

1. Global fisheries statistics and information
   - Supporting fisheries management

2. Trade and supply chain
   - Traceability of fishery products

3. Conservation and sustainable exploitation (FS, PS, CS, MS)
   - Combatting illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing:
     - Global Record of Fishing Vessels, Refrigerated Transport Vessels & Supply Vessels
     - Agreement on Port State Measures – Global Information Exchange System
   - Implementation of other instruments
     - Compliance Agreement
     - UN Fish Stocks Agreement
Combatting IUU fishing - Flag State

- FAO Global Record of Fishing Vessels, Refrigerated Transport Vessels and Supply Vessels (Global Record)
  - Mainly a flag State responsibility (vessel details, history, authorizations...)
  - Transparency and traceability (vessels, activities, products)
  - Information exchange is essential!
  - Key in verification of information and supporting risk assessment (PS, CS, MS)
  - Publicly available since 9th July 2018 at: www.fao.org/global-record/information-system/en
  - 62 countries so far with almost 1/2 of the global eligible fleet
Combatting IUU fishing - Port State

- FAO Port State Measures Agreement (PSMA) - 5 June 2016
  - Port State responsibility (port entry/use, denial, port inspections, actions)
  - Ratification → Implementation → Info Exchange (essential!)
  - Development underway of the PSMA Global Information Exchange System - GIES
  - Real-time data exchange needed for hundreds/thousands daily inspections worldwide
  - 64 Parties to date (63 + EU) - http://www.fao.org/port-state-measures/en/
Combatting IUU fishing – Market State

- Other instruments such as Catch Documentation Schemes
  - Flag/Market State responsibility
  - Traceability of fish products
  - Production → processing → distribution
  - Future global information exchange mechanism?
Combatting IUU fishing – Global Info exchange

Nat/Reg-GR-GIES work flow
Combatting IUU fishing – Global Info exchange

Full GIES work flow

1. **Port State**
   - Receive AREP
   - Submit AREP
   - Receive info request
   - Submit info
   - Receive AREP
   - Request info
   - Receive info
   - Notify denial
   - Notify auth.
   - Inspect?
   - Y
   - Submitting report
   - Authorize use?
   - Y
   - Notify denial

2. **Vessel representative**
   - Receive info request
   - Submit info
   - Receive denial
   - Receive auth.
   - Submitting report
   - Receive denial

3. **Flag State**
   - Receive info request
   - Submit info
   - Receive denial
   - Receive auth.
   - Submitting report
   - Receive denial
Combatting IUU fishing – Global Info exchange

Information sharing

- Essential to fisheries management: at national level among different agencies and at regional/global levels
- Required to maximize benefits from implementation of instruments and tools
- Necessary to achieve required transparency and traceability at all levels
- Binding through the Port State Measures Agreement (PSMA)

Regional Fisheries Management Organizations (RFMOs)

- Key role in implementation of PSMA
- Support Contracting Parties’ participation to Global Record
- Other information exchange
Info Sharing and UNLOCODE

Global Record of Fishing Vessels, Refrigerated Transport Vessels and Supply Vessels

Unique Vessel Identifier: 8649486
International Radio Call Sign: EAFE
Flag State: Spain
Vessel Name: NORUEGO

Vessel Details

Identification
Regional Identification
Registration

Current Flag State: SPAIN
National Registration Number: 3-VI-52-14
Vessel Name: NORUEGO
Vessel Type: Fishing vessels not specified

Current Flag State Registration Date: -
Registration Port: -
Vessel Name in English: -
Operational: YES

Dimensions
Ownership
Construction

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New global electronic exchange mechanism for individual inspections reports on the making... 2019/2021

First components in 2018:

- Designated Ports APP
- National Focal Points APP (coordination with UNLOCODE focal points?)
Concrete actions for 2020

✓ Continued participation/contribution to the work of the Team of Specialists on Sustainable Fisheries

✓ Promote use of FLUX for fisheries information exchange

✓ Implement FLUX-TL (transportation layer) and become a FLUX node

✓ Test information exchange with:
  ✓ “Regional” Systems
    ✓ EU
    ✓ NEAFC
    ✓ IOTC?
    ✓ GFCM?
  ✓ States.
    ✓ Thailand?
    ✓ Others?
THANK YOU

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