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Implementing the ecosystem approach to fisheries: Recent FAO tools and examples from Africa, Mediterranean and the areas beyond national jurisdiction

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Tuesday 17th May from 13.15 to 14.30 in Conference Room B

Background

The ecosystem approach to fisheries (EAF) has been adopted at the FAO Committee on Fisheries as the guiding approach for achieving sustainable fisheries. The FAO Technical Guidelines on EAF support the implementation of the FAO Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries, assisted by other FAO guidance material and tools.

The EAF is holistic and risk-based management approach that takes into consideration the ecological, human and social elements of sustainability and the most appropriate governance framework. Its main purpose is to plan, develop and manage fisheries more effectively. It seeks to reconcile a broader set of objectives in a holistic participatory and adaptive process.

Although the EAF is increasingly being internalized at regional bodies and county level, difficulties still exist in full EAF implementation. The implementation of the EAF depends on countries' capacity to address management in a cost-effective way considering availability of adequate human and financial resources. At the regional level, holistic implementation varies depending on the mandate of the respective organizations, particularly so in the areas beyond national jurisdiction (ABNJ).

FAO has been leading efforts and assisting countries to promote the implementation of the EAF by assisting regional fisheries bodies and through its field projects. This side event will highlight two recently developed EAF Tools, and showcase specific experiences from the Atlantic coast of Africa and the Mediterranean, as well as from the ABNJ via the Common Oceans Program.

Agenda

Opening remarks and introduction

Vera Agostini, Deputy-Director, Fisheries and Aquaculture Division, FAO

Presentations:

New FAO EAF Tools and their application: EAF Legal Diagnostic Tool and the EAF Implementation Monitoring Tool

Matthieu Bernardon, EAF-Nansen Programme, FAO

Shared Sardinella in Northwest Africa: Linking national and regional efforts for EAF implementation in the Central Eastern Atlantic Fisheries Committee (CECAF) area with support from the EAF-Nansen Programme

Momodou S. Jallow, Fisheries Department, The Gambia

Shared demersal fisheries resources in the central Mediterranean, General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (GFCM) area: working towards EAF with the support from the AdriaMed and MedSudMed Projects

Othman Jarbouï, Institut national des sciences et technologies de la mer Tunisia

EAF in the ABNJ: Lessons learned from the Common Oceans Program

Vera Agostini, Deputy-Director, Fisheries and Aquaculture Division, FAO

Discussion

Closing remarks



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