

From Lisbon to Nice: Implementing SDG 14 with the COAs: Sustainable Fisheries

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- Knowledge and science are the foundation of effective management, which is the best means for conservation of fisheries
- Stamping out IUU is key to sustainable fisheries and to the conservation of aquatic resources.
- Aquaculture accounts for half of the aquatic foods we eat and is essential to sustainable diets of the future
- Fisheries and aquaculture not only make a great contribution to global food security but sustain national economies, particularly in SIDS and in least developed countries.
- Equitable, sustainable and resilient aquatic food systems can be achieved if transformation occurs across the entire value chain, from production to consumption.

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# SÚSTAINABLE FISHERIES

## Focus of VCs in COA 9

Improve fisheries management

Ensure access to resources and markets

Build capacity to empower communities & improve human and institutional knowledge & transfer fishing technologies

Improve compliance, monitoring and enforcement & combat IUU

- Remove and reduce of harmful subsidies
- Apply market measures, i.e. eco-labeling, traceability



Geographic Spread of VCs in COA #9

## COA #9 Partners by Sector

COA #9 VC by Type	% of total
Government	35.7
Non-governmental Organization	22.4
Civil Society Organization	9.7
United Nations Entity	8.8
Intergovernmental Org	7.1
Private Sector	6.7
Academic	3.4
Partnerships	2.4
Philanthropic	1.5
Scientific Community	1.3
Others	1.1

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### SDG 14 Targets covered by VCs in COA #9

COA #9 SDG Targets in VCs overlap with other COAs



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## SÚSTAINABLE FISHERIES

## FAO commitments at UNOC II

- \$1.5 million to implement Voluntary Guidelines on Small-Scale Fisheries; i\$14 million global support to eliminate illegal, unregulated and unreported (IUU) fishing;
- \$53 million to support the development of upgraded fisheries and aquaculture value chains, particularly in Small Island Developing States; \$25 million to achieve the strategy on fisheries and aquaculture sustainability in the Mediterranean and Black Sea.

## NEXT STEPS

- *1.* Assess the progress of registered voluntary commitments;
- 2. Increase registrations of new voluntary commitments;
- 3. Develop mechanisms to foster greater exchange across COAs, so best practices can be exchanged
   4. Increase multi-stakeholder interest and
- engagement in the Community of Ocean Action;
  5. Maintain the momentum on ocean action ahead of the 3<sup>rd</sup> UNOC in Nice, France in June 2025

## Emerging Areas where COA 9 is Active

- 1. Agreement on Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ)
- 2. Global push to step up action against illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing
- *3.* WTO Agreement on Fisheries Subsidies
- 4. Guidelines for Sustainable Aquaculture
- 5. International Year of Artisanal Fisheries and Aquaculture (IYAFA 2022)

# THANK YOU