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The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Regional Office
for the Near East (FAO RNE)

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The Centre for Marketing Information and Advisory Services for Fishery Products
in the Arab Region (INFOSAMAK)

Organize

Regional Seminar on:

“Fish Trade and Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing”



22-24 June, 2010

Agadir, Kingdom of Morocco





“Fish Trade and Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing in the Near East and North Africa: Implication of Certification and Traceability Schemes for the Region”

Fish trade within the Near East and North Africa region continues to be negligible and this is due to numerous factors including commercial and administrative constraints. There are, however, several facts that could promote expansion in the regional seafood market: the population growth in the region; higher per capita income and living standards supporting demand for quality fish product; and increased awareness of fish as healthy food. In addition, the tourist industry is a significant component of the fish market in some of the countries of the region (Morocco, Tunisia, Egypt and UAE).

Unlike the relative stagnation of regional trade, international trading particularly with the lucrative markets in the EC shows a positive trend. Furthermore, globalization and interregional trade are at the origin of the recent expansion of some relatively new fisheries in the region that are not relevant for the domestic market and are almost exclusively export-oriented.

The practice of illegal fishing undermines food supply chains, deprives fishing communities of sustainable livelihoods, and steals a vital source of income from developing nations. The FAO Committee on Fisheries (COFI) at its last Session (Rome, 2-6 March 2009) reaffirmed that Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated fishing (IUU) fishing remained one of the principal threats to sustainable fisheries and emphasized the value of cooperative efforts in addressing it. The issue was also raised during the Regional Commission for Fisheries (RECOFI) at its 3rd Meeting (Doha, 20-22 October 2009).



In addition, the European Community Council Regulation No 1005/2008 of 29 September 2008 established a Community system to prevent, deter and eliminate illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing. The regulation took effect on January 2010 and is going to be a main tool to establish a certification scheme covering all imports of fishery products into the EC. The regulation's aim is to halt the import of IUU fishery products. Some RNE Members have expressed concern about the introduction of regulation No 1005/2008 noting that, like the HACCP controls introduced by the EC in 1990s, exports of fish from their countries could be interrupted.

The proposed seminar would be a key-element to address the aforementioned concerns and issues, and create the opportunity to discuss topics related to the economic consequences of certification, how different standards and methods of certification may influence the market for fish and fish products, and how different actors/stakeholders in this field interact. Furthermore, the seminar will discuss how the national fishing sectors (industrial and small-scale fisheries) adapt to the increasing pressures for applying an increasing number of standards, to understand stakeholder expectations with respect to the role of the public authorities in the field of standards and the role and place of standards in the market for fish and fish products.

Seminar Objectives

The Regional Seminar on Fish Trade and IUU fishing will:

- ▶ Provide countries of the Region with practical information on certification and traceability schemes in fisheries;
- ▶ Clarify the differences and commonalities between certification schemes related to fishery products' quality and safety, and legality and sustainability in the fisheries market;
- ▶ Investigate and elucidate the implications of certification and related schemes and the relationship between IUU fishing and trade for the region;
- ▶ Highlight the role and function of fishery products certification and related schemes as means to combat, deter, prevent, and eliminate IUU fishing;
- ▶ Foster national efforts and sub-regional cooperation for fisheries sustainability including responsible trade of fisheries products.



Participants

The seminar will gather 20 countries representatives from the Near East and North Africa region. Along with international experts and different stakeholders of the fisheries sector, the participants will closely look at and discuss the above issues and build prospects of the fish industry.

The organizers

The "Fish Trade and Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing in the Near East and North Africa" seminar is jointly organized by the FAO Regional Office for the Near East (FAO RNE) and the Centre for Marketing Information and Advisory Services for Fishery Products in the Arab Region (INFOSAMAK) under the Patronage of the Ministry of Agriculture and Marine Fisheries, Kingdom of Morocco.

SEMINAR PROGRAMME

DAY 1 : Tuesday, June 22nd, 2010

09:00-10:00: Opening Session

10:00- 11:00: Keynote address

- ▶ Brief overview of capture fisheries in the Near East and North Africa region;
- ▶ Overview on IUU fishing activities worldwide;
- ▶ Importance of IUU fishing in international trade
- ▶ Discussion

SESSION I : LEGAL FRAMEWORK

11 :00- 12 : 30

- ▶ State of fisheries legislation in Arab countries and its capacity to address IUU fishing;
- ▶ US legislation with respect to IUU fishing;
- ▶ Presentation of the EU Regulation 1005/2008-main provisions;
- ▶ Discussion

12:30: Lunch

SESSION II : RULES FOR IMPLEMENTING IUU

14:00- 15:30

- ▶ Catch certification scheme;
- ▶ The role of the Community Fisheries Agency on the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 1005/2008;
- ▶ Status of implementation of traceability schemes in Morocco and its role combating IUU fishing;
- ▶ Technical and administrative capacity for catch certification;
- ▶ Discussion

SESSION III : Impact of EU regulation and other certification methods

16:00- 17:30

- ▶ Certification and ecolabelling as means of conservation of fisheries resources;
- ▶ Assessment of impact of the EU Regulation 1005/2008;
- ▶ Possible impacts of EU Regulation 1005/2008 on fish supply and food security;
- ▶ Discussion

DAY 2 : Wednesday, June 23rd, 2010

SESSION IV : ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN BY COUNTRIES OF THE REGION TO COMBAT IUU FISHING

09:00- 11:00

- ▶ Experience of the Islamic Republic of Iran;
- ▶ Moroccan experience in preventing IUU fishing: case of the octopus fishery;
- ▶ Experience of Tunisia;
- ▶ Experience of Yemen;
- ▶ Discussion

SESSION V : The Role of IGOs and NGOs in fighting IUU fishing

11:00-12:30

- ▶ Role of the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean in fighting IUU fishing in the Mediterranean and the Black Sea;
- ▶ Role of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas in fish stock management;
- ▶ Role of NGOs in fighting IUU fishing;
- ▶ Discussion

12:30: Lunch

SESSION VI : The Role of the private sector and retail markets in addressing IUU fishing

14:30- 16:20

- ▶ Role of the industry in fighting IUU fishing: Experience of Morocco, Tunisia and Yemen;
- ▶ Role of retail markets;
- ▶ Discussion

DAY 3 : Thursday, June 24th, 2010

SESSION VII : Roundtable Addressing IUU fishing activities in the Near East and North Africa

09:00- 10:45

- ▶ Roundtable: Regional cooperation and technical assistance to the region;
- ▶ Discussion and conclusions

10:45- 12:00: Seminar evaluation and wrap-up

Agadir

Situated on the southern part of the Morocco's Atlantic coastline, Agadir is Morocco's number one tourist centre. In a country full of exotic flavour, it is a pleasant place to enjoy the comforts and services of a Western-style tourist resort.

Besides its numerous leisure, Agadir is an important fishing and commercial port, the first sardine port in the world. Agadir's harbour continues to bustle with activity as it has done for centuries.



The venue

The seminar will be held at Atlas Amadil Beach 4* situated in the beautiful city of Agadir.

Atlas Amadil Beach is ideally located on the sea front, with a private beach of fine sand and obstructed view guaranteed onto the Agadir Bay. The Hotel is a few stone's throw away from the city center, and 30 minutes from the airport.



The hotel has a plenary meeting room "Toubkal" able to accommodate up to 200 people, and two other breakout rooms accommodating 40 people each. Toubkal plenary meeting room is an ideal venue for this seminar as it is fully equipped with an excellent audiovisual system.

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Standard Rate	300 EUR		
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