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# EVALUATING FLAG STATE PERFORMANCE

## Part III: Research Results (Indicative Evaluation)

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**Introduction**

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This document is the final part of the research material on Evaluating Flag State Performance and presents the detailed results of the research which contributed to the evaluation, described in Part I of the research material, along with the methodology used to conduct the research. It should be read in conjunction with, or as a supplement, to either Parts I and II available at [[www.high-seas.org](http://www.high-seas.org) / [www.oceanlaw.net](http://www.oceanlaw.net)].

Section A contains a review of the methodology used for each section of the evaluation (following the individual criteria developed in Part I). Section B contains the results of research which were then used to compile the Performance Table in Part II.

The research was conducted during January 2006 using the best available information in the public domain as at 1 January 2006, and the report was finalized in February 2006. The research was designed to produce an indicative evaluation only, for the purposes of assessing the benefits and drawbacks of this type of analysis.

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## [A] Methodology

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### Part A: Participation in global fisheries agreements

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This section collects information on participation in (i.e. ratification of or accession to) the major global instruments relating to fisheries and fishing operations. (See Section 4A of the Guidelines/Part I).

#### *Scope*

The following global agreements were selected for analysis: the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea; the Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea Relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks ("the UN Fish Stocks Agreement"); the FAO Agreement to Promote Compliance with International Conservation and Management Measures by Fishing Vessels on the High Seas ("the FAO Compliance Agreement"); the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Fishing Vessel Personnel; and the International Convention for the Safety of Fishing Vessels.

It is recognized that there are a number of other global agreements concerned with safety and welfare conditions on board fishing vessels (specifically, the various International Labour Organization Conventions) but these are excluded as they are considered outdated by the parent organization.

#### *Sources*

The following websites were used as sources of ratification information:

- a. *United Nations Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea*: [www.un.org/depts/los/convention\\_agreements/convention\\_agreements.htm](http://www.un.org/depts/los/convention_agreements/convention_agreements.htm) (ratification status of the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea and the UN Fish Stocks Agreement)
- b. *Food and Agriculture Organization Legal Office*: [www.fao.org/legal/treaties/treaty-e.htm](http://www.fao.org/legal/treaties/treaty-e.htm) (ratification status of the FAO Compliance Agreement)
- c. *OceanLaw International Fisheries Treaty Database*: [www.intfish.net/treaties](http://www.intfish.net/treaties) (ratification of maritime safety agreements)

#### *Assessment*

Performance is assessed by each agreement individually (except in the case of the two maritime safety agreements, which are assessed together). Possible negative performance is taken to exist where a flag State has not ratified the agreement(s) in question.

### Part B: Participation in regional fisheries agreements, organizations and arrangements

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This section collects information on participation in (i.e. ratification of or accession to) regional fisheries agreements, participation in (i.e. membership of or cooperating non-member status within) regional fisheries organizations and compliance with measures determined by regional fisheries organizations. (See Section 4B of the Guidelines/Part I).

#### *Scope*

Table 1 identifies the regional fisheries treaties and agreements and the regional fisheries organizations which are included in the research and evaluation.

**Table 1 – Regional agreements and organizations included in research**

Region	Relevant agreements	RF(M)Os
Antarctic	Convention on the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources	CCAMLR
Atlantic	International Convention for the Conservation of Atlantic Tuna	ICCAT
Atlantic – East (Central and North)	Convention for the Establishment of a Sub-Regional Commission on Fisheries	SRCF
	(Convention Concerning the Regional Development of Fisheries in the Gulf of Guinea)	COREP
	Convention on Fisheries Cooperation Among African States Bordering the Atlantic Ocean	ATLAFCO
Atlantic – North	Convention for the Conservation of Salmon in the North Atlantic Ocean	NASCO

Atlantic – North East	Convention on Future Multilateral Cooperation in Northeast Atlantic Fisheries	NEAFC
	Agreement between Iceland, Norway and Russia Concerning Certain Aspects of Cooperation in the Area of Fisheries (Loophole Agreement)	
Atlantic – North West	Convention on Future Multilateral Cooperation in the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries	NAFO
Atlantic – South	South African Development Community Fisheries Protocol	
Atlantic – South East	Convention on the Conservation and Management of Fishery Resources in the South East Atlantic Ocean	SEAFO
Atlantic – Western Central		WECAFC
Caribbean	Agreement establishing the Caribbean Regional Fisheries Mechanism	CRFM
Indian Ocean	Agreement for the Establishment of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission	IOTC
		SWIOFC
Indian Ocean – Gulf Region	Agreement for the Establishment of the Regional Commission for Fisheries	RECOFI
Mediterranean	Agreement for the establishment of a General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (and 1997 amendments)	GFCM
Pacific, Indian Oceans	Convention for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna	CCSBT
Pacific – Asia-Pacific	Agreement for the Establishment of the Asia-Pacific Fishery Commission	APFIC
Pacific – Bering Sea	Convention on the Conservation and Management of Pollock Resources in the Central Bering Sea	-
Pacific – Central and West	Convention on the Conservation and Management of Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean	WCPFC
Pacific – East	South Pacific Forum Fisheries Agency Convention	FFA
	Convention for the establishment of an Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission Convention for the Strengthening of the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission	IATTC
Pacific – North	Convention for the Conservation of Anadromous Stocks in the North Pacific Ocean	NPAFC
Pacific – South East	Framework Agreement for the Conservation of the Living Marine Resources of the High Seas of the South Pacific Agreement on the Organization of the Permanent Commission of the Conference on the Use and Conservation of the Marine Resources of the South Pacific; Declaration on the Maritime Zone; and related agreements	CPPS

A number of agreements were excluded from the analysis. These included several agreements concerned primarily with fisheries access questions (i.e. those involving the FFA member countries, such as the Federated States of Micronesia Arrangement for Regional Fisheries Access and the Treaty on Fisheries between the Governments of Certain Pacific Island States and the Government of the United States of America); all fisheries marketing/development agreements (e.g. the GLOBEFISH family of agreements); and a number of agreements which, although in force at the time of writing, are not operational or are considered outdated (e.g. the Convention on Fishing and Conservation of the Living Resources of the Baltic Sea and the Belts or the Western Indian Ocean Tuna Organization Convention). Furthermore, it is noted that there is a further international agreement, the South Indian Ocean Fisheries Agreement, which has yet to be opened for signature, and which was therefore also excluded from the current analysis.

#### *Determination of "real interest"*

The evaluations in this section are made only against flag States with a "real interest" in the fisheries falling within the scope of particular agreements or organizations. In other words, for each agreement or organization it is first determined which flag States should be considered as having a real interest in the fisheries covered by the agreement or organization (and, as such, a real interest in participation in the agreement or organization) and performance is then assessed against that group of States only.

As there is no uniform or generally recognized definition or interpretation of "real interest" the evaluation relies exclusively on the determinations made by parties to regional agreements or members of regional fisheries organizations. Thus, with respect to each agreement or organization flag States with a "real interest" will include the following:

1. all States party to the agreement or members of the organization;
2. any States which are formally recognized by the parties to the agreement or by the regional fisheries organization as "cooperating non-members";
3. any States which are identified by the parties to the agreement or by the regional fisheries organization as (non-cooperating) non-members with a real interest in the fisheries covered by the agreement/organization.

#### *Sources*

All ratification and membership information was taken from the *OceanLaw International Fisheries Treaty Database* ([www.intfish.net/treaties](http://www.intfish.net/treaties)) and/or the websites maintained by RFMO secretariats (for a list, see

[www.intfish.net/netpath/page1-rfo.htm](http://www.intfish.net/netpath/page1-rfo.htm)). Information on non-membership status and compliance is taken from the annual reports and other relevant meeting reports of the relevant RFMOs. Anecdotal information and other observations are also recorded and were used as supplemental sources.

#### *Assessment*

- participation in regional fisheries agreements

Possible negative performance is indicated if a flag State which has been identified as having a real interest in fisheries falling within the scope of a particular agreement has not ratified or acceded to the agreement in question (i.e. flag States listed in either, or both of, columns 4 or 5 in the results table below).

In cases where the original fisheries agreement has been supplemented/is subject to replacement by amendments or a revised treaty (e.g. the 1949 GFCM Agreement and its 1997 amendments, or the 1949 IATTC Convention and the 2003 'strengthening' Convention) ratification of the amended/later agreement is used to determine participation.

- participation in regional fisheries organizations

Membership information and information on non-members was collected from the Secretariat websites of the regional fisheries organization and/or the latest annual report of the organization. In cases where the constitutive treaty of the organization has been supplemented by amendments or a revised treaty (e.g. GFCM or IATTC, as above) a flag State was taken to be a member of the organization if it was party to either (and otherwise met the organization's conditions for membership).

Possible negative performance is indicated for any non-cooperating non-member flag State (i.e. flag States listed in column 5 of the results table below).

- compliance

Information on compliance with conservation, management and enforcement measures established by regional fisheries organizations was also derived from the regional fisheries organizations' own determinations. Annual reports, compliance reports and other relevant reports since 2003 were reviewed in order to identify specific citations of non-compliance for members or cooperating non-members. Non-cooperating non-members were assumed not to comply unless the reports indicated otherwise.

Possible negative performance is indicated for any flag State for which at least one non-compliance citation was identified during the review period. (This information is recorded in column 6 of the results table below).

### **Part C: Domestic implementation and regulation**

This section collections information on: National Plans of Action on IUU fishing; maintenance of fishing vessel records or registers; legislative requirements for the marking of high seas fishing vessels; and legislative regulation of high seas fishing. (See Section 4C of the Guidelines/Part I).

#### *Scope*

<b>National Plans of Action</b>	The analysis took a flag State as having adopted a NPOA-IUU if a published Plan, in its final form, could be located in the public domain or if information had been provided through FAO reporting systems that a NPOA had been adopted. The content of NPOAs was not considered.
<b>Record of fishing vessels</b>	The scope of the research covered submissions to the FAO High Seas Vessels Authorization Record (HSVAR) and participation in regional vessel records and registers (i.e. maintained by regional fisheries organizations).
<b>Marking of fishing vessels</b>	The analysis covered the principal fisheries legislation (primary legislation and recent secondary legislation) of each flag State (subject in the case of some countries to access constraints in locating texts of legislation and to language limitations). The analysis merely recorded whether or not provision was made in national legislation for vessel marking requirements. The format of marking requirements (e.g. whether FAO standards were used) was not considered.
<b>High seas regulation</b>	The analysis covered the principal fisheries legislation, as above. The research sought to identify not only legislation applying to high seas fishing operations, but specifically a requirement for fishing on the high seas to be subject to authorization or licensing by the flag State authority.

*Sources*

<p><b>National Plans of Action</b></p>	<p>National Plans of Action listed on the FAO website at: <a href="http://www.fao.org/figis/servlet/static?xml= ipoa_IUU.xml&amp;dom=org&amp;xp_nav=2">www.fao.org/figis/servlet/static?xml= ipoa_IUU.xml&amp;dom=org&amp;xp_nav=2</a></p> <p>FAO (2002). Information as provided to FAO in 2002 for the biennial report to the Committee on Fisheries on progress towards implementation of the Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries, reproduced in FAO, <i>Report of the Expert Consultation on Fishing Vessels Operating under Open Registries and their Impact on Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing</i>. FAO Fisheries Report No. 722 (FAO, 2004) [referred to in the research tables as <b>FAO (2002)</b>]</p> <p>FAO (2005). <i>Report of the FAO Regional Workshop on the Elaboration of National Plans of Action to Prevent, Deter and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing, Southeast Asia Subregion, Penang, Malaysia, 10–14 October 2004</i> (FAO, 2005) [referred to in the research tables as <b>FAO (2005)</b>]</p> <p><i>Internet Guide to International Fisheries Law, Documents Centre</i>: <a href="http://www.intfish.net/docs">www.intfish.net/docs</a></p> <p>General searches of the websites of national fisheries administrations were also carried out</p>
<p><b>Record of fishing vessels</b></p>	<p>HSVAR database: <a href="http://www.fao.org/figis/servlet/static?xml= compliance-agreement.xml&amp;dom=collection&amp;xp_nav=2">www.fao.org/figis/servlet/static?xml= compliance-agreement.xml&amp;dom=collection&amp;xp_nav=2</a></p> <p>Information on compliance relating to participation in records/registers (research completed for part B)</p>
<p><b>Marking of fishing vessels</b></p>	<p>FAO Legal Office FAOLEX database (<a href="http://www.fao.org/legal">www.fao.org/legal</a>)</p> <p>Websites of national fisheries administrations</p> <p>WorldLii Legal Databases (<a href="http://www.worldlii.org">www.worldlii.org</a>)</p> <p>Various supplementary sources (e.g. FAO Fisheries Reports)</p>
<p><b>High seas regulation</b></p>	<p>FAO Legal Office FAOLEX database (<a href="http://www.fao.org/legal">www.fao.org/legal</a>)</p> <p>Websites of national fisheries administrations</p> <p>WorldLii Legal Databases (<a href="http://www.worldlii.org">www.worldlii.org</a>)</p>

*Assessment*

*- National Plans of Action*

“Possible negative performance” is indicated for any flag State for which no evidence was detected indicating a final NPOA had been adopted.

*- record of fishing vessels*

Possible negative performance is taken to exist:

(1) where a flag State under an obligation to contribute to the HSVAR database has not supplied information within 6 months of a previous request from FAO or at all (excluding the two countries, Albania and New Zealand, which accepted the FAO Compliance Agreement in 2005); and/or

(2) where a flag State with a real interest relating to a particular organization (as determined above) has been subject to a non-compliance citation in the last 3 years for failing to meet obligations pertaining to the regional vessel record/register.

*- marking of fishing vessels*

Possible negative performance is indicated where no provision could be identified establishing vessels marking requirements for commercial/industrial fishing vessels.

*- high seas regulation*

Possible negative performance is indicated where no legislation can be identified containing a requirement for authorization or licensing of high seas fishing vessels.

**Part A: Participation in global fisheries agreements**

**[1] Ratification of the UN Law of the Sea Convention**

Parties to the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea. Information taken from the UN Division of Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea website, visited 5 January 2006. (Land-locked States indicated in *italics*).

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|-----|--|------|--|
| 1.  | Albania (23 June 2003)                               | 76.  | Lithuania (12 November 2003)                                   |
| 2.  | Algeria (11 June 1996)                               | 77.  | <i>Luxembourg (5 October 2000)</i>                             |
| 3.  | Angola ( 5 December 1990)                            | 78.  | <i>Macedonia, Former Yugoslav Republic of (19 August 1994)</i> |
| 4.  | Antigua and Barbuda (2 February 1989)                | 79.  | Madagascar (22 August 2001)                                    |
| 5.  | Argentina (1 December 1995)                          | 80.  | Malaysia (14 October 1996)                                     |
| 6.  | <i>Armenia (9 December 2002)</i>                     | 81.  | Maldives (7 September 2000)                                    |
| 7.  | Australia (5 October 1994)                           | 82.  | <i>Mali (16 July 1985)</i>                                     |
| 8.  | <i>Austria (14 July 1995)</i>                        | 83.  | Malta (20 May 1993)  |
| 9.  | Bahamas (29 July 1983)                               | 84.  | Marshall Islands (9 August 1991)                               |
| 10. | Bahrain (30 May 1985)                                | 85.  | Mauritania (17 July 1996)                                      |
| 11. | Bangladesh (27 July 2001)                            | 86.  | Mauritius (4 November 1994)                                    |
| 12. | Barbados (12 October 1993)                           | 87.  | Mexico (18 March 1983)   |
| 13. | Belgium (13 November 1998)                           | 88.  | Micronesia (Federated States of) (29 April 1991)               |
| 14. | Belize (13 August 1983)                              | 89.  | Monaco (20 March 1996)   |
| 15. | Benin (16 October 1997)                              | 90.  | <i>Mongolia (13 August 1996)</i>                               |
| 16. | <i>Bolivia (28 April 1995)</i>                       | 91.  | Mozambique (13 March 1997)                                     |
| 17. | Bosnia and Herzegovina (12 January 1994)             | 92.  | Myanmar (21 May 1996)  |
| 18. | <i>Botswana (2 May 1990)</i>                         | 93.  | Namibia (18 April 1983)  |
| 19. | Brazil (22 December 1988)                            | 94.  | Nauru (23 January 1996)  |
| 20. | Brunei Darussalam (5 November 1996)                  | 95.  | <i>Nepal (2 November 1998)</i>                                 |
| 21. | Bulgaria (15 May 1996)                               | 96.  | Netherlands (28 June 1996)                                     |
| 22. | <i>Burkina Faso (25 January 2005)</i>                | 97.  | New Zealand (19 July 1996)                                     |
| 23. | Cameroon (19 November 1985)                          | 98.  | Nicaragua (3 May 2000)   |
| 24. | Canada (7 November 2003)                             | 99.  | Nigeria (14 August 1986)                                       |
| 25. | Cape Verde (10 August 1987)                          | 100. | Norway (24 June 1996)  |
| 26. | Chile (25 August 1997)                               | 101. | Oman (17 August 1989)  |
| 27. | China (7 June 1996)                                  | 102. | Pakistan (26 February 1997)                                    |
| 28. | Comoros (21 June 1994)                               | 103. | Palau (30 September 1996)                                      |
| 29. | Congo, Democratic Republic of the (17 February 1989) | 104. | Panama (1 July 1996)   |
| 30. | Cook Islands (15 February 1995)                      | 105. | Papua New Guinea (14 January 1997)                             |
| 31. | Costa Rica (21 September 1992)                       | 106. | <i>Paraguay (26 September 1986)</i>                            |

32. Côte d'Ivoire (26 March 1984)
33. Croatia (5 April 1995)
34. Cuba (15 August 1984)
35. Cyprus (12 December 1988)
36. *Czech Republic (21 June 1996)*
37. Denmark (16 November 2004)
38. Djibouti (8 October 1991)
39. Dominica (24 October 1991)
40. Egypt (26 August 1983)
41. Equatorial Guinea (21 July 1997)
42. Estonia (26 August 2005)
43. Fiji (10 December 1982)
44. Finland (21 June 1996)
45. France (11 April 1996)
46. Gabon (11 March 1998)
47. Gambia (22 May 1984)
48. Georgia (21 March 1996)
49. Germany (14 October 1994)
50. Ghana (7 June 1983)
51. Greece (21 July 1995)
52. Grenada (25 April 1991)
53. Guatemala (11 February 1997)
54. Guinea (6 September 1985)
55. Guinea-Bissau (25 August 1986)
56. Guyana (16 November 1993)
57. Haiti (31 July 1996)
58. Honduras (5 October 1993)
59. *Hungary (5 February 2002)*
60. Iceland (21 June 1985)
61. India (29 June 1995)
62. Indonesia (3 February 1986)
63. Iraq (30 July 1985)
64. Ireland (21 June 1996)
65. Italy (13 January 1995)
66. Jamaica (21 March 1983)
67. Japan (20 June 1996)
68. Jordan (27 November 1995)
69. Kenya (2 March 1989)
70. Kiribati (24 February 2003)
71. Korea, Republic of (29 January 1996)
72. Kuwait (2 May 1986)
73. *Lao People's Democratic Republic (5 June 1998)*
74. Latvia (23 December 2004)
75. Lebanon (5 January 1995)
107. Philippines (8 May 1984)
108. Poland (13 November 1998)
109. Portugal (3 November 1997)
110. Qatar (9 December 2002)
111. Romania (17 December 1996)
112. Russian Federation (12 March 1997)
113. Saint Kitts and Nevis (7 January 1993)
114. Saint Lucia (27 March 1985)
115. Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (1 October 1993)
116. Samoa (14 August 1995)
117. Sao Tome and Principe (3 November 1987)
118. Saudi Arabia (24 April 1996)
119. Senegal (25 October 1984)
120. Serbia and Montenegro (12 March 2001)
121. Seychelles (16 September 1991)
122. Sierra Leone (12 December 1994)
123. Singapore (17 November 1994)
124. *Slovakia (8 May 1996)*
125. Slovenia (16 June 1995)
126. Solomon Islands (23 June 1997)
127. Somalia (24 July 1989)
128. South Africa (23 December 1997)
129. Spain (15 January 1997)
130. Sri Lanka (19 July 1994)
131. Sudan (23 January 1985)
132. Suriname (9 July 1998)
133. Sweden (25 June 1996)
134. Tanzania, United Republic of (30 September 1985)
135. Togo (16 April 1985)
136. Tonga (2 August 1995)
137. Trinidad and Tobago (25 April 1986)
138. Tunisia (24 April 1985)
139. Tuvalu (9 December 2002)
140. *Uganda (9 November 1990)*
141. Ukraine (26 July 1999)
142. United Kingdom
143. Uruguay (10 December 1992)
144. Vanuatu (10 August 1999)
145. Viet Nam (25 July 1994)
146. Yemen (21 July 1987)
147. *Zambia (7 March 1983)*
148. *Zimbabwe (24 February 1993)*
149. European Community (1 April 1998)

## [2] Ratification of the UN Fish Stocks Agreement

Parties to the UN Fish Stocks Agreement. Information taken from the UN Division of Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea website, visited 5 January 2006. (Land-locked States indicated in *italics*).

1. Australia (23 December 1999)
2. *Austria (19 December 2003)*
3. Bahamas (16 January 1997)
4. Barbados (22 September 2000)
5. Belgium (19 December 2003)
6. Belize (14 July 2005)
7. Brazil (8 March 2000)
8. Canada (3 August 1999)
9. Cook Islands (1 April 1999)
10. Costa Rica (18 June 2001)
11. Cyprus (25 September 2002)
12. Denmark (19 December 2003)
13. Fiji (12 December 1996)
14. Finland (19 December 2003)
15. France (19 December 2003)
16. Germany (19 December 2003)
17. Greece (19 December 2003)
18. Guinea (16 September 2005)
19. Iceland (14 February 1997)
20. India (19 August 2003)
21. Iran (17 April 1998)
22. Ireland (19 December 2003)
23. Italy (19 December 2003)
24. Kenya (13 July 2004)
25. Kiribati (15 September 2005)
26. Liberia (16 September 2005)
27. *Luxembourg (19 December 2003)*
28. Maldives (30 December 1998)
29. Malta (11 November 2001)
30. Marshall Islands (19 March 2003)
31. Mauritius (25 March 1997)
32. Micronesia (Fed. States) (23 May 1997)
33. Monaco (9 June 1999)
34. Namibia (8 April 1998)
35. Nauru (10 January 1997)
36. Netherlands (19 December 2003)
37. New Zealand (18 April 2001)
38. Norway (30 December 1996)
39. Papua New Guinea (4 June 1999)
40. Portugal (19 December 2003)
41. Russian Federation (4 August 1997)
42. Saint Lucia (9 August 1996)
43. Samoa (25 October 1996)
44. Senegal (30 January 1997)
45. Seychelles (20 March 1998)
46. Solomon Islands (13 February 1997)
47. South Africa (14 August 2003)
48. Spain (19 December 2003)
49. Sri Lanka (24 October 1996)
50. Sweden (19 December 2003)
51. Tonga (31 July 1996)
52. Ukraine (27 February 2003)
53. United Kingdom (10 December 2001)
54. United States (21 August 1996)
55. Uruguay (10 September 1999)
56. European Community (19 December 2003)

### [3] Ratification of the FAO Compliance Agreement

Parties to the FAO Compliance Agreement. Information taken from the FAO Legal Office website, visited 5 January 2006.

1. Albania (8 November 2005)
2. Argentina (24 June 1996)
3. Australia (19 August 2004)
4. Barbados (26 October 2000)
5. Belize (19 July 2005)
6. Benin (4 January 1999)
7. Canada (20 May 1994)
8. Chile (23 January 2004)
9. Cyprus (7 July 2000)
10. Egypt (14 August 2001)
11. Georgia (7 September 1994)
12. Ghana (12 May 2003)
13. Japan (17 July 2000)
14. Korea, Rep. of (24 April 2003)
15. Madagascar (26 October 1994)
16. Mauritius (27 May 2003)
17. Mexico (7 January 1999)
18. Morocco (31 January 2001)
19. Myanmar (8 September 1994)
20. Namibia (7 August 1998)
21. New Zealand (14 July 2005)
22. Norway (28 December 1994)
23. Peru (23 February 2001)
24. Saint Kitts and Nevis (24 June 1994)
25. Saint Lucia (23 October 2002)
26. Seychelles (7 April 2000)
27. Sweden (25 October 1994)
28. Syrian Arab Republic (13 November 2002)
29. Tanzania (2 February 1999)
30. United States (19 December 1995)
31. Uruguay (30 September 1999)
32. European Community (6 August 1996)

### [4] Ratification of fisheries maritime safety agreements

Information taken from the Internet Guide to International Fisheries Law, visited 5 January 2006.

#### *International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Fishing Vessel Personnel*

- Denmark (20.07.1998)**  
Faroe Islands (date not known)  
**Iceland (28.05.2002)**  
Russian Federation (30.09.1996)  
Syria (date not known)  
Ukraine (04.09.2002)
- 
- Bulgaria (date not known)  
Cuba 06.02.1997  
**Denmark 20.07.1998**  
Germany (date not known)  
**Iceland 11.02.1998**  
Ireland 30.01.2001  
Italy 18.02.2000  
Netherlands 08.04.2002  
Norway 14.10.1996  
Saint Kitts and Nevis (date not known)  
Spain 08.06.2001  
Sweden 02.07.1998

**Part B: Participation in regional fisheries agreements, organizations and arrangements**

(1) Region	(2) Organization/ agreement	(3) Parties/Members	(4) Cooperating NP	(5) Non-cooperating NP	(6) Non-compliance citations	(7) Additional materials used	(8) Comments
Antarctic	CCAMLR (Convention)	Argentina (28.05.1982) Australia (06.05.1981) Belgium (22.02.1984) Brazil (28.01.1986) Bulgaria (01.09.1992) Canada (01.07.1988) Chile (22.07.1981) EC (21.04.1982) Finland (06.09.1989) France (16.09.1982) Germany (23.04.1982) Greece (12.02.1987) India (17.06.1985) Italy (29.03.1989) Japan ( 26.05.1981) Korea, Rep. of (29.03.1985) Mauritius (02.10.2004) Namibia (29.06.2000) Netherlands (23.02.1990) New Zealand (09.03.1982) Norway (06.12.1983) Peru (23.06.1989) Poland (28.03.1984) Russian Fed. (15.01.1992) South Africa (23.07.1981) Spain (09.04.1984) Sweden (06.06.1984) Ukraine (22.04.1994) United Kingdom (31.08.1981) United States (18.02.1982) Uruguay (22.03.1985)					

(1) Region	(2) Organization/ agreement	(3) Parties/Members	(4) Cooperating NP	(5) Non-cooperating NP	(6) Non-compliance citations	(7) Additional materials used	(8) Comments
	CCAMLR (Commission)	Vanuatu (20.06.2001) Argentina Australia Belgium Brazil Chile EC France Germany India Italy Japan Korea, Rep. of Namibia New Zealand Norway Poland Russian Fed. South Africa Spain Sweden Ukraine United Kingdom United States Uruguay	Bulgaria Canada Finland Greece Mauritius Netherlands Peru Vanuatu Seychelles	Belize Bolivia Equatorial Guinea Ghana St Vincent & Grenadines Togo Vanuatu China (partial cooperation in CDS) Singapore (partial cooperation in CDS)	Russian Federation (research requirements) Uruguay (ineffective control)	CCAMLR Reports 2003, 2004	ASOC comments on port controls in Singapore and Uruguay
Atlantic	ICCAT	Algeria (16.02.2001) Angola (29.07.1976) Barbados (13.12.2000) Belize (19.07.2005) Brazil (01.04.1969) Canada (20.08.1968) Cape Verde (11.10.1979) China (24.10.1996) Côte d'Ivoire (06.12.1972) Croatia (20.10.1997) Eq. Guinea (13.05.1987) EC (14.11.1997) France (07.11.1968) Gabon (19.11.1977)	Guyana Netherlands (N. Antilles) Chinese Taipei	Bolivia (subject to trade measures) Costa Rica (potential non-cooperation) Cuba (potential non- cooperation) Georgia (subject to trade measures) Grenada (partial cooperation) Israel (being monitored) Mauritania (being monitored) Palau (potential non- cooperation) Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (partial	Algeria (overfishing) Barbados (overfishing) Brazil (size regulations) Canada (discards, overfishing, size regulations) China (overfishing) Cyprus (overfishing) Gabon (overfishing) Ghana (overfishing) Japan (overfishing, size regulations) Korea, Rep. of (overfishing) Mexico (overfishing) Philippines (overfishing) Trinidad & Tobago	Report for the biennial period 2004-05, Part I (2004), Vol. I [Note: 19th Regular Meeting of the Commission took place in November 2005; report not available at the time of research]	

(1) Region	(2) Organization/ agreement	(3) Parties/Members	(4) Cooperating NP	(5) Non-cooperating NP	(6) Non-compliance citations	(7) Additional materials used	(8) Comments
		Ghana (17.04.1968) Guatemala (12.11.2004) Guinea (05.06.1991) Honduras (30.01.2001) Iceland (30.10.2002) Japan (24.08.1967) Korea, Rep. of (28.08.1970) Libyan Ar. Jam. (27.11.1995) Mexico (24.05.2002) Morocco (26.09.1969) Namibia (10.11.1999) Nicaragua (11.03.2004) Norway (05.03.2004) Panama (28.12.1998) Philippines (09.01.2004) Russian Fed. (07.01.1977) Sao Tome (15.09.1983) Senegal (21.12.2004) South Africa (17.10.1967) Syria (02.09.2005) Trinidad & Tob. (30.03.1999) Tunisia (16.12.1997) Turkey (04.07.2003) United Kingdom (10.11.1995) United States (18.05.1967) Uruguay (16.03.1983) Vanuatu (25.10.2002) Venezuela (17.11.1983)		cooperation) Sierra Leone (partial cooperation) Singapore (identified for potential trade infractions) Sri Lanka (potential non-cooperation) Togo (partial cooperation)	(overfishing) Turkey (overfishing) United States (discards, overfishing, size regulations) Venezuela (overfishing) European Community (size regulations) Chinese Taipei (overfishing) Congo (no quota) Cuba (no quota) Grenada (no quota) Liberia (no quota) Ne. Antilles (no quota) St Vincent and the Grenadines (no quota)		

(1) Region	(2) Organization/ agreement	(3) Parties/Members	(4) Cooperating NP	(5) Non-cooperating NP	(6) Non-compliance citations	(7) Additional materials used	(8) Comments
Atlantic – East (Central and North)	CECAF	Benin Cameroon Cape Verde Congo, Dem. Rep. of Congo, Rep. of Côte d'Ivoire Cuba Equatorial Guinea European Community France Gabon Gambia Ghana Greece Guinea Guinea-Bissau Italy Japan Korea, Rep. of Liberia Mauritania Morocco Netherlands Nigeria Norway Poland Romania Sao Tome and Principe Senegal Sierra Leone Spain Togo United States	Portugal China France Germany Greece Ireland Italy Japan Latvia Lithuania Netherlands Norway Poland Russian Federation Ukraine United Kingdom  Chinese Taipei	Belize Cyprus Estonia Honduras Korea, Rep. of Libyan Ar. Jam. Panama Philippines Saint Vincent & Grenadines Seychelles	None identified.	Report of the seventeenth session of the Fishery Committee for the Eastern Central Atlantic, FAO Fisheries Report No. 754  Regional Implementation of the Strategy for Improving Information on Status and Trends of Capture Fisheries (Doc. CECAF/XVII/2004/5)	
	SRFC	Cape Verde Gambia Guinea Guinea Bissau Mauritania Senegal <i>[ratification dates not known]</i>	Sierra Leone (participant, but not Convention party)	None identified.	None identified.	SRFC website, <a href="http://www.csrp-afrique.org/">http://www.csrp-afrique.org/</a>	

(1) Region	(2) Organization/ agreement	(3) Parties/Members	(4) Cooperating NP	(5) Non-cooperating NP	(6) Non-compliance citations	(7) Additional materials used	(8) Comments
	COREP	Congo Democratic Republic of Congo Gabon São Tomé and Príncipe <i>[ratification dates not known]</i>	Equatorial Guinea (participant, but not Convention party)	None identified.	None identified.		
	ATLAFCO	Benin (12.07.1999) Cape Verde (08.08.2001) Congo, Dem. R. (22.09.2004) Côte d'Ivoire (17.03.1995) Eq. Guinea (27.04.1994) Gabon (15.03.1995) Guinea (05.08.1993) Guinea-Bissau (12.07.1995) Morocco (14.05.1999) Nigeria (05.11.1999) Senegal (06.04.1994) Sierra Leone (17.11.1993)	Angola (participant, but not Convention party) Cameroon (signatory) Congo (signatory) Gambia (signatory) Ghana (participant, but not Convention party) Liberia (participant, but not Convention party) Mauritania (signatory) Namibia (participant, but not Convention party) São Tomé and Príncipe (participant, but not Convention party) Togo (signatory)	None identified.	None identified.	ATLAFCO website, <a href="http://www.comhafat.org/">http://www.comhafat.org/</a>	
Atlantic – North	NASCO	Canada (30.09.1983) Denmark (in respect of the Faroe Islands 31.01.1983, (in respect of Greenland 17.04.1985) EC (14.12.1982) Iceland (21.06.1982) Norway (20.05.1983) Russian Fed. (11.09.1986) United States (16.11.1982)	None identified.	None identified.	None identified.	Annual Meeting of the Council, Reports, 2003- 2005	

(1) Region	(2) Organization/ agreement	(3) Parties/Members	(4) Cooperating NP	(5) Non-cooperating NP	(6) Non-compliance citations	(7) Additional materials used	(8) Comments
Atlantic – North East	NEAFC	Denmark (15.03.1982) EC (18.09.1981) [Estonia (07.07.2003)] Iceland (06.07.1981) Norway (03.07.1981) [Poland (20.11.1984)] Russian Fed. (03.02.1982)	None identified.	Belize (CMP applicant) Cambodia Georgia Panama Togo	Russian Fed. (inspection presence)	NEAFC Annual Reports, 2003-2005	
Atlantic – North West	Loophole Agreement  NAFO	Iceland (15.07.1999) Norway (15.07.1999) Russian Fed. (15.07.1999)  Bulgaria (06.06.1979) Canada (30.11.1978) Cuba (22.12.1978) Denmark (30.05.1979) EC (28.12.1978) France (14.08.1996) Iceland (29.12.1978) Japan (04.01.1980) Korea, Rep. of (21.12.1993) Norway (28.12.1978) Russian Fed. (27.12.1978) Ukraine (30.08.1999) United States (29.11.1995)	None identified.	None identified.	None identified.	NAFO Annual Reports, 2003-2005; Proceedings of Annual Meetings, STACTIC and STACFAC Meetings, 2003-2005	[Anecdotal evidence: Togo NCFS – <a href="http://www.greenpeace.org/international/press/releases/greenpeace-exposes-pirate-fish">http://www.greenpeace.org/international/press/releases/greenpeace-exposes-pirate-fish</a>  <u>Canadian Officers Seize Portuguese Fishing Vessel</u>  <u>Russia Takes Swift Action Against Non-Compliance in the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization Regulatory Area</u>  <u>Canada makes progress in solving shrimp dispute with Faroe Islands.</u>
Atlantic – South	SADC Protocol	Angola (01.04.2003) Botswana (14.08.2001) Lesotho (27.09.2002) Malawi (24.09.2002) Mauritius (04.01.2002) Mozambique (29.08.2002) Namibia (21.06.2002) South Africa (24.07.2003)	None identified.	None identified.	None identified.		

(1) Region	(2) Organization/ agreement	(3) Parties/Members	(4) Cooperating NP	(5) Non-cooperating NP	(6) Non-compliance citations	(7) Additional materials used	(8) Comments
Atlantic – South East	SEAFO	Tanzania (16.03.2003) Zambia (08.07.2003) Angola (date not known) EC (08.08.2002) Namibia (26.02.2002) Norway (12.02.2003)	Japan (observer participation) South Africa (signatory, observer participation) United Kingdom (signatory, observer participation) None identified.	Iceland (signatory) Korea, Rep. of (signatory) United States (signatory)	None identified.	Annual Reports of the Commission, 2004-2005	
Caribbean	CRFM	Barbados (05.02.2002) Belize (05.02.2002) Grenada (05.02.2002) Guyana (05.02.2002) Jamaica (05.02.2002) St Vincent & Gr. (05.02.2002) Suriname (05.02.2002) Trinidad & Tob. (05.02.2002)	None identified.	None identified.	None identified.		
Indian Ocean	IOTC	Australia (13.11.1996) China (14.11.1998) Comoros (14.08.2001) Eritrea (09.08.1994) EC (27.10.1995) France (03.12.1996) Guinea (31.01.2005) India (13.03.1995) Iran (28.01.2002) Japan (26.06.1996) Kenya (29.09.2004) Korea, Rep. of (27.03.1996) Madagascar (10.01.1996) Malaysia (22.05.1998) Mauritius (27.12.1994) Oman (05.04.2000) Pakistan (27.04.1995) Philippines (09.01.2004) Seychelles (26.07.1995) Sri Lanka (13.06.1994) Sudan (03.12.1996) Thailand (17.03.1997)	Indonesia Senegal (provisional application) South Africa	Belize (application rejected) Papua New Guinea	None identified.	Reports of the Annual Sessions, 2003-2005	

(1) Region	(2) Organization/ agreement	(3) Parties/Members	(4) Cooperating NP	(5) Non-cooperating NP	(6) Non-compliance citations	(7) Additional materials used	(8) Comments
Indian Ocean – Gulf Region	RECOFI	United Kingdom (31.03.1995) Vanuatu (25.10.2002) Iran (06.12.2001) Oman (19.12.2001) Qatar (12.07.2000) Saudi Arabia (03.11.2000) U. Arab Emirates (26.02.2001)			None identified.		
Mediterranean	GFCM – 1997 Amended Convention	Albania (10.10.2003) Algeria (26.4.2005) Croatia (28.11.2003) Cyprus (03.08.2000) EC (27.07.2000) France (30.10.2002) Greece (29.08.2002) Italy (23.08.2000) Japan (30.07.2004) Lebanon (04.03.2005) Libyan Arab Jam. (23.12.2003) Malta (23.12.1999) Monaco (12.06.2001) Romania (01.10.2003) Serbia and Mont. (08.01.2003) Slovenia (29.04.2004) Spain (15.02.2002) Tunisia (30.06.2003) Turkey (05.06.2000)					

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	GFCM – Commission	Albania Algeria Bulgaria Croatia Cyprus EC Egypt France Greece Israel Italy Japan Lebanon Libya Malta Monaco Morocco Romania Slovenia Serbia and Montenegro Spain Syria Tunisia Turkey	None identified.	None identified.	None identified.		
Pacific	CCSBT	Australia (20.05.1994) Japan (08.04.1994) Korea, Rep. of (17.10.2001) New Zealand (09.05.1994)	Philippines South Africa	China Fiji Indonesia Spain	None identified.	CCSBT Annual Reports	
Pacific – Asia- Pacific	APFIC	Australia (10.03.1949) Bangladesh (17.07.1974) Cambodia (19.01.1951) China (23.07.1993) France (30.06.1948) India (09.11.1948) Indonesia (23.03.1950) Japan (03.10.1952) Korea, Rep. of (19.01.1950) Malaysia (15.09.1958) Myanmar (07.01.1949)			None identified.	APFIC Reports	

(1) Region	(2) Organization/ agreement	(3) Parties/Members	(4) Cooperating NP	(5) Non-cooperating NP	(6) Non-compliance citations	(7) Additional materials used	(8) Comments
		Nepal (23.03.1978) New Zealand (06.09.1966) Pakistan (01.08.1949) Philippines (23.07.1948) Sri Lanka (21.02.1949) Thailand (06.10.1948) United Kingdom (28.02.1949) United States (03.09.1948) Vietnam (03.01.1951)					
Pacific – Bering Sea	Bering Sea Convention	China (08.12.1995) Japan (21.12.1995) Korea, Rep. of (04.01.1996) Poland (08.12.1995) Russian Fed. (08.12.1995) United States (08.12.1995)	None identified.	None identified.	None identified.	Reports of the Meetings of the Parties	Various anecdotal evidence of IUU fishing (esp. Chinese vessels, Taiwan); Davis (IFLPR)

(1) Region	(2) Organization/ agreement	(3) Parties/Members	(4) Cooperating NP	(5) Non-cooperating NP	(6) Non-compliance citations	(7) Additional materials used	(8) Comments
Pacific – Central and West	WCPFC	Australia (22.09.2003) Canada (1.11.2005) China (02.11.2004) Cook Islands (01.10.2003) France (12.5.2005) Micronesia, FS (20.12.2002) Fiji (13.03.2001) Japan (8.7.2005) Kiribati (09.06.2003) Korea, Rep. of (26.10.2004) Marshall Islands (23.04.2001) Nauru (26.08.2003) New Zealand (19.12.2003) Niue (17.12.2003) Palau (2.11.2005) Papua NG (17.10.2001) Philippines (17.6.2005) Samoa (09.02.2001) Solomon Islands (09.06.2003) Tonga (13.10.2003) Tuvalu (14.04.2004) Vanuatu (6.10.2005) <i>Chinese Taipei has signed the Arrangement for the Participation of Fishing Entities</i>	France Indonesia United States EC				

(1) Region	(2) Organization/ agreement	(3) Parties/Members	(4) Cooperating NP	(5) Non-cooperating NP	(6) Non-compliance citations	(7) Additional materials used	(8) Comments
	FFA	Australia (13.10.1979) Cook Islands (09.08.1979) Micronesia, FS (date not known) Fiji (09.08.1979) Kiribati (09.08.1979) Marshall Is. (date not known) Nauru (01.08.1979) New Zealand (09.08.1979) Niue (17.11.1979) Palau (date not known) Papua NG (13.09.1979) Samoa (01.08.1979) Solomon Islands (09.08.1979) Tokelau (date not known) Tonga (01.08.1979) Tuvalu (01.08.1979) Vanuatu (08.04.1981)	None identified.	None identified.	None identified.		
Pacific – Eastern	IATTC – 2003 Amending Convention  IATTC (Members)	El Salvador (10.03.2005) R. Korea (12.12.2005) Mexico (14.01.2005)  Costa Rica Ecuador El Salvador France Guatemala Japan Mexico Nicaragua Panama Peru Republic of Korea Spain United States Vanuatu Venezuela	Canada China EC Honduras Chinese Taipei	Belize Bolivia Chile Colombia Georgia Indonesia	None identified.	IATTC Meeting Reports; Minutes of the Joint Working Group on Fishing by Non-Parties and the Permanent Working Group on Compliance	
Pacific – North	NPAC	Canada (16.02.1993)	None identified.	None identified.	None identified.	NPAC Annual Reports	See Bering Sea

(1) Region	(2) Organization/ agreement	(3) Parties/Members	(4) Cooperating NP	(5) Non-cooperating NP	(6) Non-compliance citations	(7) Additional materials used	(8) Comments
		Japan (16.02.1993) Korea, Rep. of (27.05.2003) Russian Fed. (16.02.1993) United States (16.02.1993)					Convention.
Pacific – South East	CPPS – Agreement	Chile (18.08.1952) Colombia (24.03.1980) Ecuador (18.08.1952) Peru (18.08.1952)	None identified.	None identified.	None identified.		
	Galapagos Agreement	Chile (12.11.2001) Ecuador (11.06.2002) Peru (1.8.2003)	None identified.	None identified.	None identified.		

### Part C: Domestic implementation and regulation

	National Plan of Action	Record of fishing vessels	Fishing vessel marking	High seas regulation	Additional sources
Albania		HSVAR (excluded)	Regulation No. 1 (2005) on the implementation of the legislation on fishery and aquaculture	Regulation No. 1 (2005) on the implementation of the legislation on fishery and aquaculture	<a href="http://www.dfishery.gov.al/">http://www.dfishery.gov.al/</a>
Algeria	(actively planned) FAO 2004			Décret exécutif n° 3-481 fixant les conditions et les modalités d'exercice de la pêche (2003)	
Angola			Law No. 6-A/04 on Water Biological Resources	Law No. 6-A/04 on Water Biological Resources	
Antigua & Barbuda	(actively planned) FAO 2004		Fisheries Regulations 1990 Merchant Shipping Act 1985		
Argentina	(formulation underway) FAO 2004	HSVAR – last update: - HSVAR – last call: Apr 2004		Ley N° 24.922 - Ley de Pesca (1998)	
Australia	July 2005 <a href="http://www.affa.gov.au/corporate_docs/publications/pdf/fisheries/npoa_iuu.pdf">http://www.affa.gov.au/corporate_docs/publications/pdf/fisheries/npoa_iuu.pdf</a>		Torres Strait Fisheries Regulations 1985 Shipping Registration Regulations 1981	Fisheries Legislation Amendment (International Obligations and Other Matters) Act 2005 Fisheries Administration Act 1991	
Bahamas					
Bahrain					
Bangladesh			Merchant Shipping Ordinance 1983		
Barbados		HSVAR – last update: - HSVAR – last call: Feb 2004			
Belgium	(follow EU policy) FAO 2002	HSVAR – last update: Feb 2004 HSVAR – last call: Jan 2004		applies EC legislation	
Belize			Fisheries Regulations 1977	High Seas Fishing Act 2003	
Benin		HSVAR – last update: Nov 2003 HSVAR – last call: -			
Bosnia & Herzegovina					

	National Plan of Action	Record of fishing vessels	Fishing vessel marking	High seas regulation	Additional sources
<b>Brazil</b>	(actively planned) FAO 2004			Decree No. 4.810 regulating fishing activity in the areas under Brazilian jurisdiction, in the off-shore sea and other provisions (2003)	
<b>Brunei Darussalam</b>					
<b>Bulgaria</b>	<b>FAO 2002</b>				
<b>Cambodia</b>	(actively planned) FAO 2004				
<b>Cameroon</b>	(actively planned) FAO 2004			Décret n° 95/413/PM fixant certaines modalités d'application du régime de la pêche (1995)	
<b>Canada</b>	<b>March 2005</b> <a href="http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/misc/npoa-iiu_e.htm">www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/misc/npoa-iiu_e.htm</a>	HSVAR – last update: 1995 HSVAR – last call: Apr 2004	Fisheries Act 1985 (Chapter F-14) Coastal Fisheries Protection Regulations 1970 (Chapter 413)	Fisheries Act 1985 (Chapter F-14)	
<b>Cape Verde</b>	(actively planned) FAO 2004		Decree-Law No. 37/98 regulating the Vessel Register (1998) Decree No. 55/90 on the exhibition of identification marks on fishing vessels	Order No. 52/2005 on industrial fishing licences Decree-Law No. 53/2005 defining the general guidelines for sustainable use of sea water fisheries	
<b>Chile</b>	(partially) FAO 2002			Ley N° 18.892 de 1989 - Ley General de Pesca y Acuicultura	
<b>China</b>			Regulations governing the registration of ships 1994	Fisheries Law 1986 Regulations on fishing licence management (1989)	
<b>Colombia</b>			Resolución N° 174 - Sistema de identificación de casco en fábrica para embarcaciones menores 2003		
<b>Comoros</b>	(intend to develop) FAO 2002				
<b>Congo</b>					
<b>Congo, Dem. Rep. of</b>	<b>FAO 2002</b>				
<b>Cook Islands</b>	<b>FAO 2002</b>				
<b>Costa Rica</b>	<b>FAO 2002</b>			Ley N° 8.436 - Ley de pesca y	

	National Plan of Action	Record of fishing vessels	Fishing vessel marking	High seas regulation	Additional sources
Côte d'Ivoire				acuicultura (2005) (tuna fishing)	
Croatia	FAO 2002			1997 Marine Fisheries Act 2000 Regulation on commercial fishing at sea	
Cuba	FAO 2002				
Cyprus	(actively planned) FAO 2004	HSVAR – last update: May 2004 HSVAR – last call: Apr 2004	Fisheries Regulations 1991	Fisheries Law (Chapter 135); applies EC legislation	
Denmark	(follow EU policy) FAO 2002	HSVAR – last update: Feb 2004 HSVAR – last call: Jan 2004		Fisheries Act (No. 281 of 1999); applies EC legislation	
Djibouti	FAO 2002		Décret fixant les marques d'identité des navires 1985		
Dominica					
Dominican Republic	(formulation underway) FAO 2004				
Ecuador	FAO 2002				
Egypt	(formulation underway) FAO 2004	HSVAR – last update: - HSVAR – last call: May 2004			
El Salvador	(FAO 2002) (formulation underway) FAO 2004				
Equatorial Guinea	FAO 2002		Decreto N° 123/1987 - Reglamento de aplicación de la Ley de Pesca		
Eritrea			Foreign Fishing Vessel Regulations 1998		
Estonia			Law on Ship Flag and registers of Ships Act 2002 Fishing Rules 1999	Fishing Rules 1999; Fishing Act 1995	
Fiji			Fisheries Act (Chapter 158) 1997		
Finland		HSVAR – last update: Feb 2004 HSVAR – last call: Jan 2004		applies EC legislation	

	National Plan of Action	Record of fishing vessels	Fishing vessel marking	High seas regulation	Additional sources
France	FAO 2002	HSVAR – last update: Feb 2004 HSVAR – last call: Jan 2004		Loi no 97-1051 du 18 novembre 1997 d'orientation sur la pêche maritime et les cultures marines; EC legislation	
Gabon					
Gambia	<i>(in draft)</i> FAO 2005				
Georgia		HSVAR – last update: - HSVAR – last call: -			
Germany		HSVAR – last update: Feb 2004 HSVAR – last call: Jan 2004	Marine Fisheries Fines Ordinance 1998	applies EC legislation	
Ghana		HSVAR – last update: Jun 2004 HSVAR – last call: Apr 2004	Fisheries Act 2002 (Act No. 625 of 2002)		
Greece	FAO 2002	HSVAR – last update: Feb 2004 HSVAR – last call: Jan 2004		applies EC legislation	
Grenada					
Guatemala	(actively planned) FAO 2004			Acuerdo N° 223/05 - Reglamento de la Ley General de Pesca y Acuicultura	
Guinea	FAO 2002		Loi n° L/95/13/CTRN portant Code de la pêche maritime 1995 Décret portant réglementation générale de mise en oeuvre du Code de la pêche maritime de la République de Guinée 1997		
Guinea Bissau			Decree No. 4/96 establishing the general principles of the exploitation policy for national fisheries resources		
Guyana	(intend to develop) FAO 2002		Act to regulate fishing in the waters of Guyana 1956		
Haiti	(actively planned) FAO 2004				
Honduras	FAO 2002			Acuerdo N° 1.098/01 -	

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Iceland				Reglamento general de Pesca	
India	FAO 2002				
Indonesia	FAO 2002		Decree on the use of charter of foreign flag fishing vessels 1990 Decree regarding fishing business licensing 1990		
Iran	(intend to develop) FAO 2002				
Iraq					
Ireland		HSVAR – last update: Feb 2004 HSVAR – last call: Jan 2004	Sea Fisheries (Marking and Documentation of Sea-Fishing Boats) Order 2003 Merchant Shipping (Registry, Lettering and Numbering of Fishing Boats) Regulations 1989	various; applies EC legislation	
Israel					
Italy	FAO 2002	HSVAR – last update: Feb 2004 HSVAR – last call: Jan 2004	Ministerial Decree updating the registration marks of small ships and other crafts 1995	Decree 13 January 1999 making provisions for the granting of deep-sea fishing permit Ministerial Decree of 26 July 1995 making provisions for the granting of fishing licenses	
Jamaica			Fishing Industry Regulations 1976		
Japan		HSVAR – last update: December 2001 HSVAR – last call: May 2004	Regulations for factory-ship type fisheries 1952		
Jordan					
Kenya	(formulation underway) FAO 2004		Fisheries (Foreign Fishing Craft) Regulations 1991 Fisheries (General) Regulations 1991		
Kiribati			Merchant Shipping Act 1983.		
Korea, Dem. Rep. of	FAO 2002				

	<b>National Plan of Action</b>	<b>Record of fishing vessels</b>	<b>Fishing vessel marking</b>	<b>High seas regulation</b>	<b>Additional sources</b>
<b>Korea, Rep. of</b>		HSVAR – last update: - HSVAR – last call: Apr 2004		<b>Fisheries Act 1990</b>	
<b>Kuwait</b>			<b>Decree No. 34 establishing specifications for the marking and identification numbers of fishing vessels 1985</b>		
<b>Latvia</b>				<b>applies EC legislation</b>	
<b>Lebanon</b>	(actively planned) FAO 2004				
<b>Liberia</b>			<b>Revised Rules and Regulations governing fishing 1973</b>		
<b>Libyan Arab Jamahiriya</b>					
<b>Lithuania</b>			<b>Rules of Fishery and Conservation of Fish Resources 1992</b>	<b>Law on Fisheries 2000; applies EC legislation</b>	
<b>Madagascar</b>		<b>HSVAR – last update: Feb 2004</b> <b>HSVAR – last call: Feb 2004</b>		<b>Décret n° 2000 - 415 portant définition du système d'octroi des licences de pêche crevette; Arrêté n° 6535/2002 du Secrétariat d'Etat chargé de la pêche et des ressources halieutiques</b>	
<b>Malaysia</b>	(FAO 2002) (formulation underway) FAO 2004		<b>See additional source</b>		Recent trends in monitoring, control and surveillance systems for capture fisheries Peter Flewelling, Cormac Cullinan, David Bailton, Raymond P. Sautter and J. Eric Reynolds Series title: FAO Fisheries Technical Papers - T415
<b>Maldives</b>					
<b>Malta</b>			<b>Fishing Vessels Regulations 2004</b> <b>Small Ships Regulations 2001</b>	<b>applies EC legislation</b>	
<b>Marshall Islands</b>					
<b>Mauritania</b>			<b>Loi n° 2000-025 portant</b>		

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<b>Mauritius</b>	(intend to develop) FAO 2002	HSVAR – last update: - HSVAR – last call: Apr 2004	Code des pêches		
<b>Mexico</b>		HSVAR – last update: - HSVAR – last call: Jul 2004		Marine Resources Act of 2002	
<b>Micronesia, Fed. St. of</b>					
<b>Monaco</b>			Loi n° 1.198 portant Code de la Mer (1998)		
<b>Morocco</b>	(FAO 2002) (formulation underway) FAO 2004	HSVAR – last update: Oct 2003 HSVAR – last call: -			
<b>Mozambique</b>			Decree No. 43/2003 on Marine Fisheries Regulation Decision establishing fishing vessel marking requirements 1991		
<b>Myanmar</b>		HSVAR – last update: - HSVAR – last call: May 2004			
<b>Namibia</b>	FAO 2002, FAO 2005	HSVAR – last update: Feb 2004 HSVAR – last call: Jan 2004	Marine Resources Regulations 2001	Marine Resources Act 2000	
<b>Nauru</b>	(intend to develop) FAO 2002		Fisheries Regulations 1997	Fisheries Regulations 1997	
<b>Netherlands</b>		HSVAR – last update: Feb 2004 HSVAR – last call: Jan 2004		applies EC legislation	
<b>New Zealand</b>	May 2004 <a href="http://www.fish.govt.nz/current/iu-u-fishing/iuu-fishing.pdf">www.fish.govt.nz/current/iu-u-fishing/iuu-fishing.pdf</a>	HSVAR (excluded)	Fisheries (Vessel, Gear, and Method) Notice 1983 Fisheries (Commercial Fishing) Regulations 1983	Fisheries Act 1996	
<b>Nicaragua</b>	(actively planned) FAO 2004				
<b>Nigeria</b>					
<b>Niue</b>					
<b>Norway</b>		HSVAR – last update: Jan 2001 HSVAR – last call: Sep 2004	Act No. 1 of 1917 relative to the registration and marking of fishing vessels Decree relative to criteria for the approval of marking of	Decree No. 173 of 1998 to regulate fishing in marine areas outside the fisheries jurisdiction of any state	

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<b>Oman</b>			fishing gear used in marine waters 1990		
<b>Pakistan</b>					
<b>Palau</b>					
<b>Panama</b>	(FAO 2002) (actively planned) FAO 2004				
<b>Papua New Guinea</b>	(actively planned) FAO 2004		<b>Fisheries (Torres Strait Protected Zone) Regulation 1987</b> <b>Fisheries Management Regulation 2000</b>		
<b>Peru</b>		HSVAR – last update: - HSVAR – last call: May 2004			
<b>Philippines</b>					
<b>Poland</b>			<b>Law on Fisheries 1996</b>	<b>applies EC legislation</b>	
<b>Portugal</b>		<b>HSVAR – last update: Feb 2004</b> <b>HSVAR – last call: Jan 2004</b>		<b>Order No. 1063/2004</b> <b>implementing EC Regulation on the licensing of fishing vessels</b> <b>Order No. 34/2002</b> <b>determining forms and criteria for swordfish fishing licensing in the North Atlantic and Mediterranean area</b>	
<b>Qatar</b>					
<b>Romania</b>				<b>Ministerial Decree No.226 of 1999</b> regarding setting up branch system of monitoring of aquatic biodiversity resources, observation and control over fishing vessels	
<b>Russian Federation</b>				<b>Regulation No.461 of 1969 of the Fisheries Ministry</b> regarding regulation of fisheries in high seas	
<b>Saint Kitts and Nevis</b>		HSVAR – last update: -			

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<b>Saint Lucia</b>		HSVAR – last call: Feb 2004 HSVAR – last update: - HSVAR – last call: Feb 2004			
<b>Saint Vincent &amp; Gren.</b>			<b>Fisheries Regulations 1987</b> <b>Merchant Shipping Act 1982</b>		
<b>Samoa</b>					
<b>São Tomé and Príncipe</b>					
<b>Saudi Arabia</b>	(actively planned) <b>FAO 2004</b>				
<b>Senegal</b>	(FAO 2002) (formulation underway) <b>FAO 2004</b>		<b>Arrêté fixant les modalités d'immatriculation et de marquage des embarcations de pêche artisanale 1999</b>	<b>LOOK</b>	
<b>Serbia and Montenegro</b>					
<b>Seychelles</b>	(intend to develop) <b>FAO 2002</b> , (in draft?) <b>FAO 2005</b>	HSVAR – last update: - HSVAR – last call: Apr 2004		<b>Fisheries (Amendment) Act, 2001</b>	
<b>Sierra Leone</b>	<b>FAO 2002</b>		<b>Fisheries Regulations 1990</b>		
<b>Singapore</b>					
<b>Slovenia</b>				<b>applies EC legislation</b>	
<b>Solomon Islands</b>	(actively planned) <b>FAO 2004</b>		<b>Fisheries (Local Fishing Vessels) Regulations 1981</b>	<b>LOOK</b>	
<b>Somalia</b>	(actively planned) <b>FAO 2004</b>				
<b>South Africa</b>				<b>Marine Living Resources Act 1998</b>	
<b>Spain</b>	<b>November 2002</b> <a href="http://www.mapva.es/pesca/pags/ilegal/pdf/National_plan_action.pdf">http://www.mapva.es/pesca/pags/ilegal/pdf/National plan_action.pdf</a>	<b>HSVAR – last update: Feb 2004</b> <b>HSVAR – last call: Jan 2004</b>		<b>applies EC legislation</b>	
<b>Sri Lanka</b>					
<b>Sudan</b>	(formulation underway) <b>FAO 2004</b>		<b>Marine Fisheries Regulations 1960</b>		
<b>Suriname</b>					
<b>Sweden</b>	<b>FAO 2002</b>	<b>HSVAR – last update: Feb 2004</b> <b>HSVAR – last call: Jan 2004</b>		<b>applies EC legislation</b>	
<b>Syrian Arab Republic</b>	<b>FAO 2002</b>	<b>HSVAR – last update: Apr 2004</b>			

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Tanzania, U. Rep. of		<b>HSVAR – last call: Feb 2004</b> HSVAR – last update: - HSVAR – last call: May 2004			
Thailand				<b>Regulation on the application for a license for overseas fisheries</b>	
Timor-Leste					
Togo					
Tonga	(in draft) <b>FAO 2005</b>		<b>Fisheries (Local Fishing) Regulations 1995</b>		
Trinidad and Tobago	(intend to develop) <b>FAO 2002</b>		<b>Marking of Ships Act 1945</b> <b>Shipping (Registration of Ships) Regulations 1987</b>		
Tunisia	(actively planned) <b>FAO 2004</b>				
Turkey	<b>FAO 2002</b>				
Tuvalu					
Ukraine					
United Arab Emirates					
United Kingdom	<b>UN 2005</b>	<b>HSVAR – last update: Feb 2004</b> <b>HSVAR – last call: Jan 2004</b>		<b>applies EC legislation</b>	
United States of America	<b>2003</b> <a href="http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/international/NPOA_IUU_files/NPOADETER.pdf">www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/international/NPOA_IUU_files/NPOADETER.pdf</a>	<b>HSVAR – last update: Sep 2004</b> <b>HSVAR – last call: Sep 2004</b>	<b>High Seas Fishing Compliance Act 1995</b>	<b>High Seas Fishing Compliance Act 1995</b>	
Uruguay	(FAO 2002) (formulation underway) <b>FAO 2004</b>	HSVAR – last update: - HSVAR – last call: Apr 2004			
Vanuatu					
Venezuela	(FAO 2002) (actively planned) <b>FAO 2004</b>				
Vietnam			<b>Regulation on the Fishing Ship Registry and the Fishing Ship and Crew Registration 2001</b>		
Yemen					

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<i>European Community</i>	<p>May 2002  <a href="http://europa.eu.int/comm/fisheries/doc_et_public/factsheets/legals/texts/docscom/en/com_02_180_en.pdf">europa.eu.int/comm/fisheries/doc_et_public/factsheets/legals/texts/docscom/en/com_02_180_en.pdf</a></p>	<p>HSVAR – last update: Feb 2004            HSVAR – last call: Jan 2004</p>		<p>Reg. 2270/2004 fixing fishing opportunities for deep-sea fish stocks; Reg. 27/2005 fixing fishing opportunities and associated conditions; Reg. 1936/2001 laying down control measures applicable to fishing for certain stocks of highly migratory fish; Reg. 500/2001 on the monitoring of catches taken by Community fishing vessels in third country waters and on the high seas (and various others)</p>	
<i>Taiwan</i>					

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