Needs-driven capacity building for sustainable fisheries trade and value chains

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CITES is a multilateral agreement

- Operates through an intergovernmental process
- which combines wildlife and trade themes within a legally binding instrument,
- achieving conservation and sustainable use objectives
- ... by setting a common procedural mechanism





CITES permits and certificates

re-export

 Animals and plants (live, dead, parts and derivatives)

import

- Permits and certificates issued under certain conditions:
 - Lawfully obtained (LAF)
 - Trade will not be detrimental to the survival of the species (NDF)

export



introduction from the sea

Legal Acquisition Finding (LAF)

• For a Party to issue a permit authorizing an export:

"A Management Authority of the State of export is satisfied that the specimen was **not obtained in contravention of the laws of that State** for the protection of fauna and flora."

[Convention Article IV 2(b)]



Non-detriment findings (NDFs)

"A Scientific Authority of the State of export has advised that such export will not be detrimental to the survival of that species"

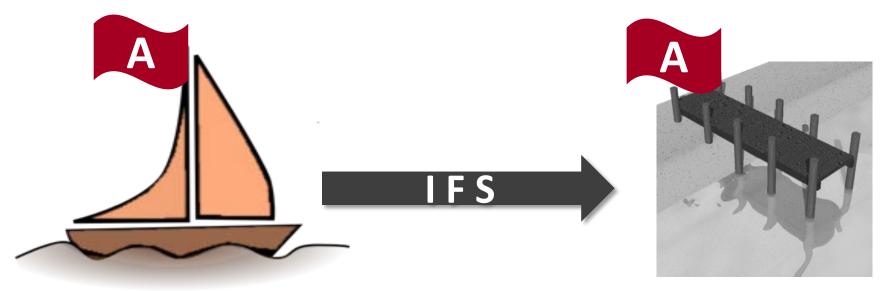
[Convention Article IV 2(a)]

- NDFs are NOT:
 - One-size-fits-all for all species and countries
 - A prescriptive 'standard' with specific thresholds or demands
 - Determined by bodies outside of the State of export/introduction from the sea

(Examples and guidelines for some species @ <u>CITES website</u>)



Introduction from the Sea (IFS)



- The same State:
 - Takes the specimens from the high seas
 - Acts as the State of introduction, and
 - Issues an IFS certificate



CITES capacity building activities: Sharks

• 2013-2016 Project

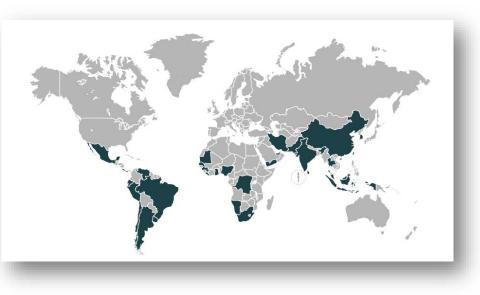


- Strengthen capacity in developing countries for implementation of CITES provisions for commercially exploited aquatic species
- 2-phased approach



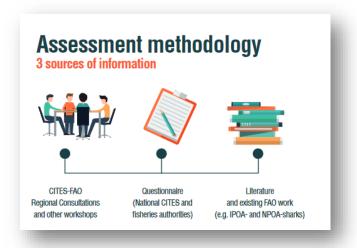
Phase 1: Needs assessment

• Establish geographic focus



• Understand challenges & capacity needs





Phase 2: Addressing identified needs

2013-2016 project, activities on:

• Legality

Training material, FAO legal services, measures database

• Sustainability JCU, ICCAT, SEAFDEC, IOTC, NPOAs (Carribean)

• Traceability

Traceability studies, Costa Rica pilot, Identification material database, isharkfin





Partnerships









2017-2019: Ongoing work



- (Includes Eels + BCF)
- guidance on identified challenges



- improvement of training material
- needs-tailored capacity building workshops
- scale up practical activities
- coordination & outreach



The role of CITES

- CITES role is at the interface between sustainable use and international trade for fisheries, focusing on species that have declined to a level that requires strong trade and management measures to maintain or rebuilt stocks.
- CITES plays a well-targeted role in advancing implementation of SDG 14 as a trade-related measure with effective compliance procedures.
- CITES complements the work of other organizations to improve fisheries management



CITES & Blue Biotrade principles: Synergies





 CITES vision statement : "Conserve biodiversity and contribute to its sustainable use by ensuring that no species of wild fauna or flora becomes or remains subject to unsustainable exploitation through international trade () 	 P1 Conservation of biodiversity P2 Sustainable use of biodiversity
 Resolution Conf. 16.6 (Rev. CoP17): CITES and livelihoods 	 P3 Fair and equitable sharing of benefits derived from the use of biodiversity
	 P4 Socio-economic sustainability (productive, financial and market management)
 Legally binding international instrument 	 P5 Compliance with national and international regulations



Thank you for your attention!

