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The Permanent Mission of Germany to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations and, referring to the latter's request for information (DOALOS/STUDY/2007 dated 22 January 2007) has the honour to submit information on German support to developing countries as follows:

1. With a view to ensuring the sustainable use of marine resources, Germany recommends the following measures for consideration by developing countries:

- (1) Revise national fisheries policy framework to ensure the sustainable and equitable use of fisheries resources (legal and regulatory framework).
- (2) Participate in and support to Regional Fisheries Management Organisations (RFMO) to enhance regional collaboration.
- (3) Strengthen all relevant national institutions involved in fisheries management with regards to their organisational, managerial, technical and financial abilities to foster adequate steering capacities.
- (4) Review and strengthen the national system for delivery of relevant services with regards to fisheries management to ensure effective and efficient services delivery to the respective clients within the sector.

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- (5) Introduce co-management systems and delegate fisheries management authority to (decentralized) co-management institutions to foster adequate ownership of and motivation for a responsible use of natural resources at local levels.
- (6) Provide appropriate infrastructure for post-harvest facilities (for seafood landings, storage, transportation and processing) to maximise the potential benefits from the sector.
- (7) Establish/Improve the national system for Monitoring, Control and Surveillance in the respective area of maritime jurisdiction to ensure compliance with the relevant national and international regulatory frameworks in general and to combat Illegal, Unregulated and Unreported (IUU) fishing in particular.
- (8) Establish and manage adequate Marine Protected Areas (MPA) within the limits of national jurisdiction to ensure appropriate critical areas/habitats are protected from any anthropogenic disturbing influence.
- (9) Design Coastal Area Profiles with an emphasis on vulnerabilities and potential hazards as well as their consequences from natural events/disasters (e.g. storms, tidal waves, sea level rise) to generate the relevant baseline-data for an adequate Disaster Risk Management.
- (10) Strengthen relevant national scientific research institutions with regards to fisheries management to build the necessary academic facilities, capacities and abilities for essential education as well as research.

2. As to projects in the area of sustainable fisheries the Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development of Germany (BMZ) currently supports the following projects:

<b><i>Projects supports by the BMZ</i></b>	<b><i>Short description</i></b>	<b><i>Contact for further information</i></b>
<b>Promotion of Responsible Fisheries Sector Project</b>	The aim of this sector project is to help implement the Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries and other related international conventions that form the framework for the German commitment towards sustainable fishery management, the protection of biodiversity and food security.	<a href="mailto:Peter.Jarchau@gtz.de">Peter.Jarchau@gtz.de</a>
<b>Coastal and Fisheries Resource Management in the Visayan Sea and the Silago Bay Region.</b> <b>Country: Phillippines</b>	The project aims at supporting the different user groups in the region in a sustainable management of their marine resources following commonly established principles and regulations resulting in enhanced productivity and – in turn – improved living conditions).	<a href="mailto:Uwe.Scholz@gtz.de">Uwe.Scholz@gtz.de</a>

<p><b>Sustainable Management of the Fishery Resources</b> Country: Mauritania</p>	<p>The aim of this project is to sustainably manage the fisheries sector by species-wise regulations developed by the participative consultative board "Conseil Consultatif National d'Aménagement et de Développement des Pêches - CCNADP". An efficient fisheries information system becomes implemented at the "Ministère des Pêches et de l'Économie Maritime-MPEM".</p>	<p><a href="mailto:karl-peter.kirsch-jung@gtz.de">karl-peter.kirsch-jung@gtz.de</a></p>
<p><b>Natural Resources Management of Amazons Floodplains</b> Country: Brazil</p>	<p>The project targets at the empowerment of the partner institution "Instituto Brasileiro do Meio Ambiente e dos Recursos Naturais Renováveis, IBAMA" and other institutions involved in the environmental management to enhance the surveillance of the Várzeas region.</p>	<p><a href="mailto:helmut.eger@gtz.de">helmut.eger@gtz.de</a></p>
<p><b>Capacity Building for Collaborative Management of Coastal Wetlands in Soc Trang</b> Country: Vietnam</p>	<p>The aim of this project is the preservation and sustainable utilisation of the flood planes in the coastal area of Soc Trang in favour for the local population. The management capacity of the governmental institutions responsible for the coastal zone as well as financial tools for environmental services become enhanced.</p>	<p><a href="mailto:laszlo.pancel@gtz.de">laszlo.pancel@gtz.de</a></p>
<p><b>Support for Fisheries Management in West Africa</b> Region: Maghreb</p>	<p>The project purpose is the empowerment of the Commission Sous-Régionale des Pêches (CSRP, sub-regional fisheries commission). The project supports reform processes at CSRP to emphasis the harmonisation and coherence of the national fisheries policies and enable the sustainable utilization of the regional fisheries resources.</p>	<p><a href="mailto:ulrich.hoesle@gtz.de">ulrich.hoesle@gtz.de</a></p>
<p><b>Benguela Environment Fisheries Interacting and Training</b> Countries: Angola, Namibia and South-Africa</p>	<p>The project purpose is that the three riparian countries of the Benguela current use an effective ecological monitoring system and ecosystem-wide fisheries research to sustainably utilise this highly productive up welling area.</p>	<p><a href="mailto:albert.engel@gtz.de">albert.engel@gtz.de</a></p>

The Permanent Mission of Germany to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.

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