

**Workshop to discuss implementation of 113, 117 and 119 to 124 of resolution 64/72 and paragraphs 121, 126, 129, 130 and 132 to 134 of resolution 66/68 on sustainable fisheries, addressing the impacts of bottom fishing on vulnerable marine ecosystems and the long-term sustainability of deep-sea fish stocks**

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Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 70/75, the Workshop to discuss implementation of paragraphs 113, 117 and 119 to 124 of resolution 64/72 and paragraphs 121, 126, 129, 130 and 132 to 134 of resolution 66/68 was held at United Nations Headquarters in New York, from 1 to 2 August 2016.

In accordance with resolutions 69/109 and 70/75, States, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and other relevant specialized agencies, funds and programmes, subregional and regional fisheries management organizations and arrangements, other fisheries bodies, other relevant intergovernmental bodies and relevant non-governmental organizations and relevant stakeholders, in accordance with United Nations practice, were invited to attend the workshop.

- **NEW** - [Letter dated 9 September 2016 from the moderator of the workshop to discuss the implementation of paragraphs 113, 117 and 119 to 124 of resolution 64/72 and paragraphs 121, 126, 129, 130 and 132 to 134 of resolution 66/68 on sustainable fisheries, addressing the impacts of bottom fishing on vulnerable marine ecosystems and the long-term sustainability of deep-sea fish stocks addressed to the President of the General Assembly \(A/71/377\)](#)
- [Provisional agenda of the Workshop, prepared by the Moderator of the Workshop, Mr. Osvaldo Urrutia \(Chile\)](#)
- [Draft organization of work](#)
- **NEW** - [Report of the Secretary-General on actions taken by States and regional fisheries management organizations and arrangements in response to paragraphs 113, 117 and 119 to 124 of General Assembly resolution 64/72 and paragraphs 121, 126, 129, 130 and 132 to 134 of General Assembly resolution 66/68 on sustainable fisheries, addressing the impacts of bottom fishing on vulnerable marine ecosystems and the long-term sustainability of deep-sea fish stocks \(A/71/351\)](#)
- [Informal compilation of paragraphs 113, 117 and 119 to 124 of resolution 64/72 and paragraphs 121, 126, 129, 130 and 132 to 134 of resolution 66/68](#)
- [Information for participants](#)
- [Side event](#)
- [Panellists Presentation](#)

### Background

In paragraph 169 of resolution 70/75, the General Assembly recalled its decision in paragraph 162 of resolution 69/109 to conduct in 2016 a further review of the actions taken by States and regional

fisheries management organizations and arrangements in response to paragraphs 113, 117 and 119 to 124 of resolution 64/72 and paragraphs 121, 126, 129, 130 and 132 to 134 of resolution 66/68, with a view to ensuring effective implementation of the measures therein and to make further recommendations, where necessary, and also recalled the value of preceding such a review with a two-day workshop as in 2011.

In paragraph 170 of the same resolution, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to convene, with full conference services, without prejudice to future arrangements, a two-day workshop on 1 and 2 August 2016 in order to discuss implementation of paragraphs 113, 117 and 119 to 124 of resolution 64/72 and paragraphs 121, 126, 129, 130 and 132 to 134 of resolution 66/68, and to invite States, FAO and other relevant specialized agencies, funds and programmes, subregional and regional fisheries management organizations and arrangements, other fisheries bodies, other relevant intergovernmental bodies and relevant non-governmental organizations and relevant stakeholders, in accordance with United Nations practice, to attend the workshop;

#### **Background documentation:**

- Information on the 2011 Workshop to discuss implementation of paragraphs 80 and 83 to 87 of resolution 61/105 and paragraphs 117 and 119 to 127 of resolution 64/72 on sustainable fisheries, addressing the impacts of bottom fishing on vulnerable marine ecosystems and the long-term sustainability of deep sea fish stocks  
([http://www.un.org/depts/los/reference\\_files/workshop\\_fisheries\\_2011.pdf](http://www.un.org/depts/los/reference_files/workshop_fisheries_2011.pdf))
- Relevant resolutions of the General Assembly
  - [Resolution 66/68](#)
  - [Resolution 64/72](#)
  - [Resolution 61/105](#)
  - [Resolution 59/25](#)
- Reports of the Secretary-General:
  - Report of the Secretary-General on the actions taken by States and regional fisheries management organizations and arrangements in response to paragraphs 80 and 83 to 87 of General Assembly resolution 61/105 and paragraphs 113 to 117 and 119 to 127 of General Assembly resolution 64/72 on sustainable fisheries, addressing the impacts of bottom fishing on vulnerable marine ecosystems and the long-term sustainability of deep-sea fish stocks ([A/66/307](#))
  - Report of the Secretary General on Actions taken by States and regional fisheries management organizations and arrangements to give effect to paragraphs 83 to 90 of General Assembly resolution 61/105 on sustainable fisheries, including through the 1995 Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, and related instruments ([A/64/305](#))
  - Report of the Secretary-General on Sustainable fisheries, including through the 1995 Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and

Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, and related instruments ([A/63/128](#)), paras. 63-78

- Report of the Secretary-General on Sustainable fisheries, including through the 1995 Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, and related instruments ([A/62/260](#)), paras. 60-96
- Report of the Secretary-General on the Impacts of Fishing on Vulnerable Marine Ecosystems: Actions taken by States and regional fisheries management organizations and arrangements to give effect to paragraphs 66 to 69 of General Assembly resolution 59/25 on sustainable fisheries, regarding the impacts of fishing on vulnerable marine ecosystems ([A/61/154](#))
- [2008 International Guidelines for the Management of Deep-sea Fisheries in the High Seas of FAO](#)