

**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**

**Organization of work**

**15-16 September 2011**

1. Pursuant to paragraph 128 of resolution 64/72, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to convene, within existing resources, within the time made available for the informal consultations on the sustainable fisheries resolution and without prejudice to future arrangements, a two-day workshop in 2011 in order 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. The General Assembly also requested the Secretary-General to invite 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 (RFMO/As), other fisheries bodies, other relevant intergovernmental bodies, and relevant non-governmental organizations and stakeholders, in accordance with United Nations practice, to attend the Workshop.
2. The Workshop will be held at United Nations Headquarters in New York on 15 and 16 September 2011, during the first round of informal consultations on the draft resolution on sustainable fisheries. It is proposed that the Workshop will comprise a series of segments involving panel presentations and a general discussion among participants. Individual presentations will be limited to 10 minutes to allow sufficient time for general discussion.
3. The Workshop will commence with scientific presentations on the impacts of bottom fisheries on vulnerable marine ecosystems and the long-term sustainability of deep sea fish stocks. Additional segments will be held on the actions taken by States and RFMO/As to implement relevant paragraphs of resolutions 61/105 and 64/72 addressing the impacts of bottom fisheries on vulnerable marine ecosystems and the long-term sustainability of deep sea fish stocks. A separate presentation will be made on the FAO Programme for Deep-sea High Seas Fisheries, including implementation of the International Guidelines for the Management of Deep-sea Fisheries on the High Seas.
4. The Workshop will be led by a moderator appointed by the informal consultations who will begin the Workshop with a description of the provisional Organization of work and the panellists for each segment. The moderator will also prepare a written summary based on the discussions and a summary segment at the end of the Workshop. Pursuant to paragraph 129 of General Assembly resolution 64/72, the discussions during the Workshop will be taken into account by the General Assembly in its further review of the actions taken by States and RFMO/As in response to paragraphs 80 and 83 to 87 of resolution 61/105 and paragraphs 117 and 119 to 127 of resolution 64/72.

**15 September 2011, morning**

**Panel 1: Impacts of bottom fisheries on vulnerable marine ecosystems and the long-term sustainability of deep sea fish stocks (10am-1pm)**

5. Panel 1 will provide scientific information on vulnerable marine ecosystems and deep sea fish stocks and the impacts of bottom fishing practices and gear on these ecosystems and the long-term sustainability of deep sea fish stocks.

**Panellists:**

Scientists:	Ms. Ellen Kenchington (Canada) Mr. Odd Aksel Bergstad (Norway)
FAO representative:	Ms. Merete Tandstad (Fishery Resource Office, Marine and Inland Fisheries Service)
ENGO representatives:	Mr. Matthew Gianni (Deep Sea Conservation Coalition) and Ms. Karen Sack (Pew Environmental)
Industry representative:	Mr. Alastair Macfarlane (International Coalition of Fisheries Associations)

**15 September 2011, afternoon**

**Panel 2: Experience of States in addressing the impacts of bottom fisheries on vulnerable marine ecosystems and the long-term sustainability of deep sea fish stocks (3-4:30pm)**

6. Panel 2 will discuss actions taken by States to implement paragraphs 85 and 86 of resolution 61/105 and paragraphs 120 and 124 of resolution 64/72 to regulate bottom fisheries in areas beyond national jurisdiction, including:

- (a) Adopting and implementing measures in accordance with paragraph 83 of resolution 61/105 and paragraph 119 of resolution 64/72;
- (b) Not authorizing bottom fishing activities until such measures have been adopted and implemented; and
- (c) Establishing new RFMO/As with competence to regulate bottom fisheries and adopting and implementing publicly available interim measures.

**Panellist:**

Developed State or regional economic integration organization (EIO) representative: Mr. John Brincat (European Commission)

7. During the discussion, States will be encouraged to provide examples of national experiences in the implementation of paragraphs 80, 85 and 86 of resolution 61/105 and paragraphs 117, 120 and 124 of resolution 64/72.

**Panel 3: Experience of RFMO/As in addressing the impacts of bottom fisheries on vulnerable marine ecosystems and the long-term sustainability of deep sea fish stocks (4:30-6pm)**

8. Panel 3 will discuss actions taken by RFMO/As to implement paragraph 83 of resolution 61/105 and paragraph 119 of resolution 64/72, in particular:

(a) Conducting assessments called for in paragraph 83(a) of resolution 61/105 and ensuring vessels do not engage in bottom fishing until assessments have been carried out;

(b) Identifying vulnerable marine ecosystems and adopting conservation and management measures to prevent significant adverse impacts or closing areas to bottom fishing until conservation and management measures have been established, as called for in paragraph 83(c) of resolution 61/105 and paragraph 119(b) of resolution 64/72;

(c) Establishing and implementing protocols for encounters with vulnerable marine ecosystems, as called for in paragraph 83(d) of resolution 61/105 and paragraph 119(c) of resolution 64/72; and

(d) Adopting conservation and management measures to ensure the long-term sustainability of deep sea fish stocks and non-target species and the rebuilding of depleted stocks, and ensuring conservation and management measures are established consistent with the precautionary approach, as called for in paragraph 119(d) of resolution 64/72.

**Panellists:**

RFMO/A representatives:	Mr. Andrew Wright (CCAMLR) Mr. Stefán Ásmundsson (NEAFC) Mr. Vladimir Shibanov (NAFO) Mr. Shingo Ota (Japan/NPFC)
ENGO representatives:	Ms. Karen Sack (Pew Environmental) and Mr. Matthew Gianni (Deep Sea Conservation Coalition)
Industry representative:	Mr. Ross Shotton (Southern Indian Ocean Deepsea Fishers Association)

**16 September 2011, morning**

**Panel 3 cont'd (10am-12pm)**

**Panel 4: Experience of States and RFMO/As in cooperating to collect and exchange scientific and technical data and information and develop or strengthen data collection standards, procedures and protocols and research programmes (12-1pm)**

9. Panel 4 will discuss actions taken by States and RFMO/As to implement paragraphs 84 and 87 of resolution 61/105 and paragraphs 122 and 123 of resolution 64/72, in particular:

- (a) Exchanging best practices and developing regional standards;
- (b) Making assessments and adopted measures publicly available;
- (c) Submitting lists of authorized vessels and adopted measures to FAO;
- (d) Sharing information on vessels engaged in bottom fishing where the flag State responsible cannot be determined; and
- (e) Developing or strengthening data collection standards, procedures and protocols and research programmes.

**Panellists:**

Scientists: Mr. Luis López Abellán (Spain)  
Mr. Pascal Lorange (France)

Developed State or EIO representative:  
Mr. Robert Brock (United States of America)

RFMO/A representatives:  
Mr. Vladimir Shibanov (NAFO)  
Mr. Shingo Ota (Japan/NPFC)

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**Panel 4 cont'd (3-3:30pm)**

**Panel 5: Experience of developing States in addressing the impacts of bottom fisheries on vulnerable marine ecosystems and the long-term sustainability of deep sea fish stocks (3:30-5pm)**

10. Panel 5 will discuss the special circumstances and requirements of developing States in the implementation of resolutions 61/105 and 64/72, as recognized in paragraph 121 of resolution 64/72, including specific challenges in giving full effect to the FAO International Guidelines for the Management of Deep sea Fisheries on the High Seas.

- (a) Experiences and challenges of developing States
- (b) Financial and technical assistance, training and scientific cooperation, including South-South cooperation

**Panellists:**

Developing States representatives: Mr. Osvaldo Urrutia (Chile)  
Mr. Mario Aguilar (Mexico)

Developed State/EIO representative: Mr. Robert Brock (United States  
of America)

RFMO/A representative: Mr. Andrew Wright (CCAMLR)

**Panel 6: FAO Programme for Deep-sea High Seas Fisheries (5-5:30pm)**

11. Panel 6 will present the FAO Programme for Deep-sea High Seas Fisheries, in particular: (i) developing tools for the implementation of the International Guidelines for the Management of Deep-sea Fisheries on the High Seas, (ii) establishing a global database of information on vulnerable marine ecosystems beyond national jurisdiction, (iii) enhancing management of deep sea fisheries in specific high seas areas, and (iv) improving global coordination, information dissemination, monitoring and awareness building.

**Panellist:** FAO representatives: Ms. Jessica Sanders (Policy, Economics and Institutions Service) and Ms. Merete Tandstad (Fishery Resource Office, Marine and Inland Fisheries Service)

**Summary segment (5:30-6pm)**