

15th Informal consultations of State Parties (ICSP) to the UN Fish Stocks Agreement

Presentation by North-East Atlantic Fisheries Commission on the implementation of the ecosystems approach to fisheries management at the regional level

The Presentation by the NEAFC Secretary, Darius Campbell will focus not just on the implementation of the ecosystem approach under NEAFC but also the hurdles to be overcome for future progress.

The presentation will try to highlight the elements of the ecosystem approach as they are implemented by a Regional Fisheries Management Organisation like NEAFC. This includes the use of independent integrated science, regional biodiversity conservation objectives and specific biodiversity focused measures. This done via an iterative evolution through monitoring and review.

The presentation will also highlight the essential role of cross sectoral cooperation in an ecosystem-based approach. The issue of whether social and economic aspects should be tackled at the regional level will be considered. Also highlighted are the challenges for RFMOs of accessing biodiversity monitoring.