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Small scale fisheries is very diverse and dynamic, it is a way of life intertwined with cultural diversity and livelihoods in an indivisible way.

Small scale fisheries employ more than 90 percent of the worlds capture fishers and fish workers, about half of whom are women.

Despite the importance, small scale fishing communities, fishing indigenous peoples, fisherwomen and fishermen continue to be marginalized and their contribution to food security, nutrition, marine conservation and management of marine resources undervalued and under recognized worldwide.

We proposed in the initial section: our oceans, our future, our responsibility to add:

1.-Recognize the role of artisanal small scale fishers in conservation of ocean, food security and poverty eradication, Specially to recognized

the role of fisher and mollusk gatherer women along the different value chains pre and post fishing and the need of a more integral ecosystem approach that provides social development, employment and decent work to this sector.

We suggest if possible to add to the commitment section:

1.- Share and implement the Voluntary Guidelines for Securing Sustainable Small-Scale Fisheries in the Context of Food Security and Poverty Eradication through concrete national policies at the national level.

2.- Promote the generation of official information that identifies and characterizes the sector at the national levels and value its inputs in a holistic perspective that recognize the necessary human rights approach to marine conservation.

3.- To recognized the inputs of the IPLC in the governance of the marine territories of life and to integrate these shared and communitary governance models to the global efforts for increasing the marine protected areas.

4.- In commitment f add: empower
“fisherwomen”....to make it more specific.

IPLC are working hard to govern and manage their territories of life and areas in ways that are environmentally, socially, culturally and economically sustainable. IPLC are doing this through a diversity of approaches, cultural and livelihood practices and activities that contribute to conservation and should be recognized.

Thank you.