

Kobe I and II outcomes on allocation and management of fishing capacity

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Kobe I and II

Kobe I

- Kobe, Japan
- January 2007
- 1st meeting of Members of tuna RFMOs
- Discussion on common issues, including capacity

Kobe II

- San Sebastian, Spain
- June-July 2009
- Building on Kobe I
- Focus on capacity with one dedicated workshop

Kobe I outcomes on capacity

- It was agreed that in general global fishing capacity for tunas is too high, should not increase and should be reduced.
- The aspiration of developing coastal states, particularly small islands, should be taken into consideration for the development of their fisheries industries.
- The need for tuna RFMOs to set sustainable catch and effort limits and address issues of allocation was also discussed in conjunction with overcapacity.
- It was also recognised that an improved, comprehensive and integrated MCS package of measures needs to be developed.

Main Kobe II principles and outcomes

- Two main principles:
 - Reinforce the mandate of the existing five tuna RFMOs
 - Address issues at global level where the work of individual RFMOs is not sufficient
- Adoption of a Course of Actions:
 - Elements for immediate action
 - A process from 2009 to 2011

Kobe II outcomes on capacity (1)

- **Elements for immediate action:**
 - Global fishing capacity for tunas is too high and this problem needs to be urgently addressed, notably through global collaboration
 - Each flag State or fishing entity should ensure that its fishing capacity is commensurate with its fishing opportunities
 - Establishment of a global register of active vessels with a unique vessel identifier

Kobe II outcomes on capacity (2)

- **Elements for immediate action:**
 - Tuna fishing capacity should not be transferred between RFMOs areas unless in accordance with RFMOs measures
 - Fishing opportunities should be allocated by each tuna RFMO through a fair, transparent and equitable process
 - This process should not constrain the access to, development of, and benefit from sustainable tuna fisheries by developing coastal States, in particular SIDS

Kobe II outcomes on capacity (3)

- **Elements for immediate action:**
 - It was agreed to organise an International Workshop on RFMO management of tuna fisheries, with emphasis on reducing overcapacity
 - This exercise should include all fishing gears

Terms of reference for the current Workshop

- **To recommend measures to ensure the long term sustainability of the world's tuna fisheries by addressing the core issues of:**
 - Allocation of fishing opportunities
 - Management of harvesting capacity
 - Rights of developing coastal States, in particular SIDS
- **Focus on future management options and initiatives**

Kobe II outcomes

- **Process from 2009 to 2011**
 - The 2010 workshops should report on their work by the end of September 2010
 - Kobe III in 2011

Thank you !