



BBNJ-IGC II
Nereus side event

Cooperating with existing institutions
related to fisheries management

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Objectives of ILBI BBNJ

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 - Ensure the conservation and sustainable use of BBNJ
 - As a common concern of humankind (CBD)
 - Protect the interests of all States
- Non-universal stakeholder representation
 - UNFSA: open to all, but fishing-oriented membership
 - RFMOs: participation biased towards user-States
- Different in other sectoral regimes
 - Mining/ISA: 168 Member States; Council with interest groups and equitable geographic representation
 - Shipping/IMO: 174 Member States; Council with interest groups and equitable geographic representation



Institutional weaknesses

- Gaps in coverage, which will negatively impact
 - ABM tools
 - EIAs, in particular cumulative impact assessments
- Under-performing regime
 - Various causes, some not under the control of RFMOs
 - Performance reviews: a positive measure
 - No supervisory body to review implementation of recommendations



Ways forward

- Continue as is
 - Will negatively impact potential success of ILBI BBNJ
- Fully include fisheries in ILBI BBNJ institutional set-up
 - Substantively covered
 - Coordinated by a central ILBI BBNJ body (hierarchy?)
- Improve existing fisheries management and institutional set-up in another forum
 - UNFSA: amendment (art 45); or creative use of review procedure (art 36)
 - Ad hoc: UNDOALOS; UNGA; FAO; another body





Thank you

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