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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