



RESPONSIBLE FISHERIES


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ARTICLE 2 - OBJECTIVES OF THE CODE

- ▶ The objectives of the Code are to:
- ▶ establish principles, in accordance with the relevant rules of international law, for responsible fishing and fisheries activities, taking into account all their relevant biological, technological, economic, social, environmental and commercial aspects;


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- ▶ establish principles and criteria for the elaboration and implementation of national policies for responsible conservation of fisheries resources and fisheries management and development;
 - ▶ serve as an instrument of reference to help States to establish or to improve the legal and institutional framework required for the exercise of responsible fisheries and in the formulation and implementation of appropriate measures;

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- ▶ provide guidance which may be used where appropriate in the formulation and implementation of international agreements and other legal instruments, both binding and voluntary;
 - ▶ facilitate and promote technical, financial and other cooperation in conservation of fisheries resources and fisheries management and development;

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- ▶ promote the contribution of fisheries to food security and food quality, giving priority to the nutritional needs of local communities;





- ▶ promote protection of living aquatic resources and their environments and coastal areas;
- ▶ promote the trade of fish and fishery products in conformity with relevant international rules and avoid the use of measures that constitute hidden barriers to such trade;

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- ▶ promote research on fisheries as well as on associated ecosystems and relevant environmental factors; and
 - ▶ provide standards of conduct for all persons involved in the fisheries sector.

3 - RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHER INTERNATIONAL INSTRUMENTS

- ▶ 3.1 The Code is to be interpreted and applied in conformity with the relevant rules of international law, as reflected in the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, 1982. Nothing in this Code prejudices the rights, jurisdiction and duties of States under international law as reflected in the Convention.

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- ▶ 3.2 The Code is also to be interpreted and applied:
 - ▶ in a manner consistent with the relevant provisions of the Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 Relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks;

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- ▶ in accordance with other applicable rules of international law, including the respective obligations of States pursuant to international agreements to which they are party; and
 - ▶ in the light of the 1992 Declaration of Cancun, the 1992 Rio Declaration on Environment and Development, and Agenda 21 adopted by the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED), in particular Chapter 17 of Agenda 21, and other relevant declarations and international instruments.