



Current Situation of the NPOA-IUU and Policy Action to Combat IUU Fishing (Myanmar's National Perspective)

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1- Introduction



- ❖ Importance of combating IUU fishing for Myanmar
- ❖ Regional cooperation with ASEAN Member States (AMSs)
- ❖ Link to sustainable fisheries & international trade
- ❖ Myanmar comply international and regional regulations
- ❖ Actively participate on ANIUU platform

Myanmar's NPOA-IUU



- ❖ Fisheries overview (marine & inland)
- ❖ Common IUU issues:
 - ❖ Unlicensed vessels
 - ❖ Transboundary fishing
 - ❖ Weak MCS (Monitoring, Control, Surveillance)
- ❖ Myanmar's legal & institutional framework
- ❖ Cooperate with Thailand (Primary)

Key Achievements so far



- ❖ Vessel registration progress
- ❖ Cooperation with Thai counterparts on catch documentation
- ❖ Pilot monitoring at designated ports
- ❖ Training and capacity building of inspectors

Challenges & Gaps



- ❖ Lack of VMS (Vessel Monitoring System) for all vessels
- ❖ Limited port inspection capacity
- ❖ Need for stronger inter-agency cooperation
- ❖ Financial and technical constraints



Policy Actions (Short Term, 1–2 years)

- ❖ Strengthen vessel licensing & catch documentation
- ❖ Enhance cooperation with neighboring states
- ❖ Awareness & training programs for fishers and enforcement officers
- ❖ Cooperate with other agencies (DMA, Port Authority, Police, Coast Guard and NAVY)



Policy Actions (Medium Term, 3–5 years)

- ❖ Implement VMS for all industrial fishing vessels
- ❖ Strengthen port state measures (align with EU, FAO standards)
- ❖ Establish regional database sharing with AMSs
- ❖ Improve prosecution of IUU violations



Policy Actions (Long Term, 5+ years)

- ❖ Full compliance with international instruments (FAO Port State Measures Agreement, CITES, etc.)
- ❖ Digitalization of fisheries management system
- ❖ Regional center for IUU monitoring
- ❖ Sustainable and responsible fisheries certification schemes

Cooperation with AMSs

- ❖ Sharing of best practices & intelligence
- ❖ Joint patrols and regional enforcement
- ❖ Harmonization of legal frameworks
- ❖ Capacity building through ASEAN fisheries mechanisms

Way Forward



- ❖ Strengthen institutional capacity
- ❖ Invest in technology for monitoring
- ❖ Promote community-based fisheries management
- ❖ Continue regional partnerships

Conclusion & Discussion

- ❖ Recap of Myanmar's progress, gaps, and planned actions
- ❖ Call for stronger ASEAN collaboration
- ❖ Open floor for discussion
- ❖ Require technologies support and shared knowledge

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