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Timor-Leste Fisheries

- a. 99.5% categorized as small-scale fisheries
- b. Wood / canoe boats & outboard engines as majority
- c. Length of vessel less than 12 meters
- d. Fisher: 6,244
- e. Fisher groups: 1,063
- f. Fishing center: 160
- g. Fishing gears: gillnet, hook and line, spear and gun and FAD's
- h. Landing Species are:
Sardine, Short Bodied Mackerel, Bullet Tuna, Garfish, Trevally, Grouper/ Rock Cod, Spanish Mackerel, Flying Fish, Snapper and Long Tom.





Current Situation, issues and challenges in the implementation of MCS:

- ❖ Boat Marking for all fishing boats
- ❖ Inspection for fisheries products and fishing boats
- ❖ Digitalize the data obtained from fishing vessel and fisheries product inspection
- ❖ Conducting Public Information Campaign for 3 near-border municipalities such as Atauro, Oecusse and Covalima.



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- ❖ Using open sources to identify the presence of foreign fishing vessels (Global Fishing Watch, Skylight, etc)
- ❖ Send officials to work in the National Maritime Authority
- ❖ Continue the capacity building for the officials



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Current Situation, issues and challenges in the implementation of PSM:

In April 2023, Timor-Leste ratified the PSMA, therefore we are still not implementing yet.

Timor-Leste still lack of facilities such as fishing port.



Law and regulations to support the implementation of MCS activities:

- ❖ Government Decree Law no.6/2004, 21 April on General Basis of Legal Regime for the Management and Regulation of Fisheries and Aquaculture
- ❖ Government Decree Law No. 21/2008 of 25 June on the Implementation of Satellite System for Monitoring Fishing Vessels
- ❖ Government Decree no.5/2004 of 28 June, General Regulation on Fishing
- ❖ Government Decree no.2/2005 of 6 July, Tariffs for Fishing License
- ❖ Diploma Ministerial no.01/03/GM/I/ 2005 on Fishing zones



- ❖ Diploma Ministerial no.02/04/GM/I/ 2005 on Main Fisheries
- ❖ Diploma Ministerial no.03/05/GM/I/ 2005 on By-Catch Tolerated Percentages
- ❖ Diploma Ministerial no.04/115/GM/IV/ 2005 on List of Aquatic Protected Species
- ❖ Diploma Ministerial no.05/116/GM/IV/ 2005 on Minimum Sizes and Weights of Species to Capture
- ❖ Diploma Ministerial no.06/42/GM/II/ 2005 on Fines for Fishing Offences
- ❖ PSMA Instrument
- ❖ Penal Code
- ❖ Constitution of RDTL
- ❖ Customary law



National Cooperation

National Maritime Authority

National Directorate of Maritime Transportation

Maritime Police Unit

Navy

Quarantine and Biosecurity Unit

Land and Maritime Boundary Office

Customs Authority

Port Authority

Local Authority





Regional and International Cooperation

- **RPOA-IUU** Regional Plan of Action for Combating the Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing, consists of 11 countries
- **MCS** Sub-Regional Arafura and Timor Seas, consists of 4 countries
- **AN-IUU** ASEAN Network for Combating IUU Fishing
- Member of **PSMA**





Suggested recommendation and support needed at national and regional level:

1. Continue the commitment of information sharing and transparency
2. Seeking support from the international / regional organizations for capacity building
3. Continue learning from other countries, lessons learnt



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