

Tenure and Fishing Rights 2015

A global forum on rights-based
approaches for fisheries

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Background 1(2)

- 2012: Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forests in the Context of National Food Security
- 2014: Voluntary Guidelines for Securing Sustainable Small-Scale Fisheries in the Context of Food Security and Poverty Eradication

Background 2(2)

- FishRights 99 - Use of property rights in fisheries management
- Sharing the Fish 06 – Allocation issues in fisheries management



Initiated by Norway,
to take stock of
developments since
2006

Mission of UserRights 2015

”to foster a mutual understanding of the challenges faced by different groups in fisheries communities, and to find common ground and options for the future for fishers and fisheries”



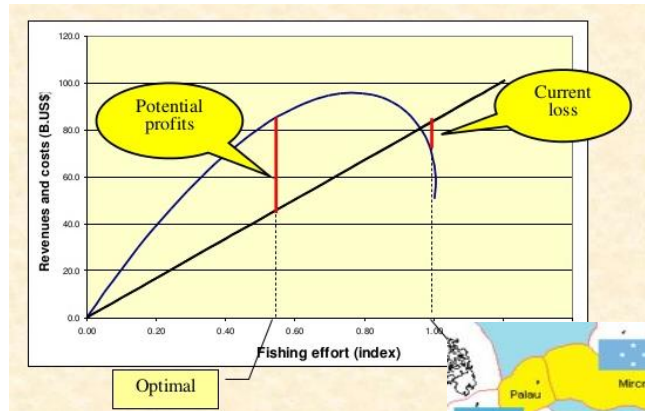
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- i. Secure and durable
- ii. Exclusive and recognised
- iii. Limited to an acceptable level & environmental impact
- iv. Scaled
- v. Transferable

Simulations & role play

A number of scene-setting presentations...



... and several working-group sessions...

Forms of management systems – impact on women



- Open access: increased competition
=> travel further to purchase fish
=> risk of assault & "fish for sex"
- Move to individual property:
rights risk becoming male-only property
& widows risk losing husbands' rights

What was not discussed?

- Concentration/capitalisation only a result of ITQs?
- Food security for non-fishers/-fishing communities?
- Who to exclude?



FAO concluding remarks

“when knowledge is shared and the opportunity to borrow ideas from others and adapting them to your own specific context is given, progress can be made”

What's next?

FAO Secretariat:

- Work programme for 5 years to come
- Concept note for potential project
- Finalisation of technical guidelines FI & VGGT

