

INTERNATIONAL MONITORING CONTROL AND SURVEILLANCE NETWORK



WORKPLAN

**Mission:** To promote and facilitate cooperation and coordination of the members of the Network through information exchange, capacity development and joint work in order to achieve the improved effectiveness of monitoring, control and surveillance (MCS) activities.

**Vision:** To be recognized as the principal point of contact, facilitator and advisor on all issues regarding MCS to prevent, deter and eliminate illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing and related fisheries activities on local, regional and international levels.

**Scope:** The International Monitoring, Control and Surveillance (IMCS) Network is a non-profit and informal network of members, not bound by treaty, established to facilitate bilateral and multilateral cooperation to combat illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing and associated activities.

**Objective:** The objective of the IMCS Network is within its scope to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of monitoring, control and surveillance (MCS) concerning fishing and fisheries-related activities through cooperation, coordination, collection and exchange of information among the organizations or institutions responsible for fisheries and fisheries-related MCS activities.

**General Principles:**

In giving effect to its objective, the IMCS Network will:

- (a) seek practical solutions to combat IUU fishing and associated activities;
- (b) facilitate communication and information exchange among members;
- (c) develop and maintain information sharing capabilities;
- (d) foster joint efforts, cooperation and collaboration;
- (e) strengthen capacity building;
- (f) coordinate education and training opportunities;
- (g) enhance opportunities for sharing technology and technology transfer;
- (h) promote new MCS tools: and
- (i) improve public awareness.

**STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 1: Facilitate increased information exchanges and collaborative MCS activities amongst members**

<b>Output</b>	<b>Activities</b>	<b>Allocated Budget</b>	<b>Timeframe</b>	<b>Responsible Members</b>	<b>Indicators of Achievement</b>
1(a) - Develop a communications strategy that will aim to increase knowledge, publication, and dissemination of Network projects and achievements in journals, popular and social media, and among members	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Draft and implement an effective communications strategy.</li> <li>2. Encourage participation with media sources to raise awareness of IUU Fishing and the IMCS Network.</li> </ol>	TBA	April 2012 – April 2013	Executive Director and Executive Committee.	
1(b) - Encourage members to utilize and develop the Network for requests to other countries for MCS information.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Maintain an up to date list of contact details of IMCS Network members.</li> <li>2. Assist IMCS Network members with information requests.</li> </ol>	TBA	April 2012 – April 2014	Executive Director and Executive Committee.	
1(c) - Encourage members to share information with the Network regarding training programs, changes to domestic MCS regimes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Facilitate the flow of information to IMCS Network members.</li> <li>2. Seek information</li> </ol>	TBA	April 2012 – Ongoing	Executive Director and Executive Committee.	

<p>(laws, regulations, policies, and/or programs), or the development of best management practices, etc.</p>	<p>from members on MCS Related activities and share with the network.</p> <p>3. Where possible and appropriate, disseminate MCS related documents for inputs and comments from participating countries of the IMCS Network.</p> <p>4. Develop inventory of country expertise of various types of MCS measures.</p>				
<p>1(d) - Generate a regular newsletter that will highlight projects and other relevant news occurring in member countries, or interest to MCS professionals and in particular those that showcase successful collaboration.</p>	<p>1. Publish events, articles and MCS related matters quarterly on the website and through email.</p> <p>2. Encourage greater contribution to the newsletter by all members</p>	<p>TBA</p>	<p>April 2012 - Ongoing</p>	<p>Executive Director and Executive Committee.</p>	
<p>1(e) - Develop and maintain a Network website, including links to members' websites as</p>	<p>1. Encourage members to update and maintain their websites with updated information</p>			<p>Executive Director and Executive Committee</p>	

appropriate	<p>related to statistics, operations, contact lists and other information of interest to MCS.</p> <p>2. Establish an assessment of information needs, circulate and then compile resources that are available and post them.</p>				
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**STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 2: Coordinate and encourage international cooperation on MCS and raise awareness of MCS issues**

<b>Output</b>	<b>Activities</b>	<b>Allocated Budget</b>	<b>Timeframe</b>	<b>Responsible Members</b>	<b>Indicators of Achievement</b>
2(a) - Expand Network membership, particularly in currently underrepresented regions.	<p>1. Make underrepresented regions aware of the existence and importance of the IMCS Network through electronic correspondence and all other appropriate means.</p> <p>2. Identify and invite non participating</p>	TBA	April 2012 – April 2014	Executive Director and members of the IMCS Network.	

	countries and relevant organizations to IMCS Network meetings.				
2(b) - Expand Network relationships with intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations working on MCS-activities and existing regional initiatives through the development of strategic partnerships or by encouraging them to be observers on the Network, where appropriate.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Identify other appropriate international organizations for raising awareness about the network and possible future partnerships if appropriate.</li> <li>2. Invite RFMOs, international organizations and other non-governmental organizations to attend the IMCS Network Global Fisheries Enforcement Training Workshops and other workshops as appropriate.</li> <li>3. Source funding for awareness and workshops</li> <li>4. Develop and maintain a communication network for sharing of information and</li> </ol>	TBA	April 2012 to March 2015	Executive Director and Executive Committee.	

	<p>channeling information of IUU fishing activity.</p> <p>5. Invite RFMOs, international organizations and other non-governmental organizations to render support to developing countries to improve their MCS strategies.</p> <p>6. Explore the potential cooperation and agreement with other organizations such as Interpol</p> <p>7. Work on Stop IUU Fishing Award.</p>				
2(c) - Encourage attendance of Network representatives at relevant meetings to increase the visibility, knowledge base and connections of the Network.	<p>1. Encourage IMCS Network members to promote the network while attending relevant meetings.</p> <p>2. Where possible travel and represent the IMCS Network at other MCS and IUU meetings.</p>	TBA	April 2012 - Ongoing	Executive Director and Executive Committee.	

	3. Raise awareness of the IMCS Network by various means to include distribution of the IMCS Network Newsletter.				
2(d) - Bring together leaders of fisheries enforcement agencies on a regular basis to share information and to discuss issues of common concern.	<p>1. Develop an electronic communication network (part of the website) for countries to share their daily experiences, challenges, successes, suggestions, etc.</p> <p>2. When appropriate, ad hoc meetings should occur whenever possible.</p> <p>3. Encourage participation of leaders of fisheries enforcement agencies in the GFETW.</p> <p>4. Explore possibility of seeking observer status with the FAO.</p>	TBA	April 2012 – Ongoing	Executive Director and Executive Committee.	



**STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 3: Help to strengthen the human and technical capacity of members to implement and maintain effective MCS regimes.**

Output	Activities	Allocated Budget	Timeframe	Responsible Members	Indicators of Achievement
3(a) - Facilitate, or provide assistance and/or appropriate contacts for members, in particular in responding to suspected IUU incidents or strengthening their capacities related to MCS activities.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Facilitate member's requests by providing direction and support to MCS related activities.</li> <li>2. Assist in providing positive exposure (Media. Magazines, etc.) to the outcome of the assistance required.</li> <li>3. Collect and allow access to MCS Practices through the website.</li> <li>4. Endeavour to render assistance to developing countries to attend the Global Fisheries Enforcement Training Workshops</li> </ol>	TBA	April 2012 – Ongoing	Executive Director and Executive Committee.	
3(b) - Facilitate, and organize, where appropriate, international, national and/ or regional MCS training activities, including “train-the-	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Obtain funding to conduct at least one Global Enforcement Workshop every two years.</li> </ol>	TBA	April 2012 – Ongoing	Executive Director and Executive Committee.	

<p>trainer” sessions, and provide associated follow-up support and evaluation.</p>	<p>2. Showcase IMCS Network efforts at these Global Enforcement Workshops to obtain more participating countries to the IMCS Network.</p> <p>3. Establish a steering committee for the 4<sup>th</sup> GFETW.</p> <p>4. Update participating members on latest training techniques methods and equipment utilized for training Fisheries Officers.</p>				
<p>3(c) - Facilitate, and organize, where appropriate, “train-the-trainer” sessions</p>	<p>1. Develop and maintain a register of trainers, entities and facilities for fisheries MCS trainings.</p>				
<p>3(d) - Monitor and communicate MCS training opportunities and technical support</p>	<p>1. Monitor and communicate MCS training opportunities and technical support</p>				