Japan’s Efforts to Combat IUU Fishing for Sustainable Fisheries

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Addressing IUU Fishing as a Global Threat for Sustainable Fisheries

Growing importance of addressing IUU Fishing
- Not only a threat to sustainable fisheries, but also multifaceted problems
- Global issue with significant regional impacts
- SDG Target 14.4 advocating international commitment to end IUU fishing
- Important agenda at international forums and panels

Barriers for Combatting IUU Fishing
- Lack of political will, data transparency and law enforcement capabilities

Further international cooperation and coordination is needed!
Bilateral Cooperation

- Assistance to developing countries through ODA, such as
  - provision of monitoring vessels to several African and ASEAN countries
  - capacity building programs for Pacific, African and ASEAN countries

Bilateral Declarations to enhance cooperation towards combatting IUU Fishing:
Japan’s Efforts and Contribution to Combatting IUU Fishing

**Multilateral Cooperation**

**Contribution to RFMOs**
- Preparation of IUU vessel list (NPFC)
- Designing and implementing Conservation and Management Measures (WCPFC)

**Multilateral Agreements**
- Agreement on Port State Measures to Prevent, Deter and Eliminate IUU Fishing (PSMA)
- Agreement to Prevent Unregulated High Seas Fisheries in the Central Arctic Ocean

**Cooperation with international forums and organizations**
- Confirmation of commitment in deliverables of leaders meetings (cf. G20 Osaka Leaders’ Declaration)
- APEC Roadmap on Combatting IUU Fishing (2019)
Towards Strengthening International Cooperation for Sustainable Fisheries

- Raise international community’s awareness of IUU Fishing
  - Continue to address the issue as global and diplomatic agenda
  - Engage non-cooperating entities, not isolate them
  - Enhance data transparency and information exchange
  - Increase dialogue between relevant stakeholders, academia and think tanks

- Reinforce effectiveness of PSMA
  - Encourage non-contracting parties to join the Agreement

- Continue to support capacity building of developing countries
  - Key to enhance monitoring, control, surveillance and law enforcement capabilities

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