

Indicator 14.b.1

Indicator Name, Target and Goal

Indicator 14.b.1 Progress by countries in the degree of application of a legal/regulatory/policy/institutional framework which recognizes and protects access rights for small-scale fisheries

Target 14.b Provide access for small-scale artisanal fishers to marine resources and markets

Goal 14 Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development

Definition and Rationale

○ Definition

Progress in the degree of application of a legal/regulatory/policy/institutional framework which recognizes and protects access rights for small-scale fisheries.

○ Concepts

“small- scale fishery” means the fishery which generally falls under any of the following items;

1. The business of gathering or catching aquatic animals and plants using a powered fishing boat with a gross tonnage of less than 10 tons or a non-powered fishing boat or without a fishing boat.
2. The business of gathering or catching aquatic animals with fixed gear.
3. The business of culturing aquatic animals and plants

-“access right” means the right to operate the business of gathering, catching or culturing aquatic animals and plants and to distribute fish and fishery products.

○ Rationale and Interpretation:

In order to guarantee secure access, an enabling environment is necessary which recognizes and protects small-scale fisheries rights. Such an enabling environment has three key features:

1. Appropriate legal, regulatory and policy frameworks;
2. Specific initiatives to support small-scale fisheries; and
3. Related institutional mechanisms which allow for the participation of small-scale fisheries organisations in relevant processes.

The data submitted through FAO’s “Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries (CCRF)” questionnaire every two years could be used for reporting on

Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) indicators. The questionnaires are as follows;

1. Are there any laws, regulations, policies, plans or strategies that specifically target or address the small-scale fisheries sector?
2. The Voluntary Guidelines for Securing Sustainable Small-Scale Fisheries in the Context of Food Security and Poverty Eradication (SSF Guidelines) were endorsed by COFI in June 2014. Does your country have a specific initiative to implement the SSF Guidelines?
3. Does your country have mechanisms through which small-scale fishers and fish workers contribute to decision-making processes?

This method is align with the global metadata provided by FAO.

Data Sources and Collection Method

The data is chosen from three of the five questions on small-scale fisheries of the CCRF questionnaire.

Method of Computation and Other Methodological Considerations

Computation Method

The indicator is calculated using three variables, which are given respective weightings for the final calculation.

1. Are there any laws, regulations, policies, plans or strategies that specifically target or address the small-scale fisheries sector?
2. Are there any ongoing specific initiatives to implement the SSF Guidelines?
3. Does your country have an advisory/consultative body to the Ministry/Department of Fisheries in which fishers/fish workers can participate and contribute to decision-making processes?

The target has been set at a positive ('yes') response to all the sub-variables, resulting in a score of 1.

Variable 1	<i>Sub-variables</i>	<i>weight</i>
	1.1	0.1
	1.2	0.1
	1.3	0.1
	1.4	0.1
	1.5	¹
Indicator weight	0.4	

Variable 2	<i>Sub-variables</i>	<i>weight</i>
	2.1	0.03
	2.2	0.03
	2.3	0.03
	2.4	0.03
	2.5	0.03
	2.6	0.03
	2.7	0.03
	2.8	0.03
	2.9	0.03
	2.10	0.03
Indicator weight	0.3	

Variable 3	<i>Sub-variables</i>	<i>weight</i>
	3.1	0.3
	Indicator weight	0.3

- Comments and limitations
N/A

Data Disaggregation

N/A

References

N/A

Custodian Ministries of Data

Fisheries Agency, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries

Custodian Ministries of Related Policies

Fisheries Agency, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries

International Organizations

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)