

**FFA****FORUM FISHERIES COMMITTEE****ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTEENTH MEETING****25 - 28 May 2021**

Agenda Item:	20
Paper Number:	FFC118-WP.15 Supplementary
Title:	Crew Safety and Welfare – The Crew Safety Workshop

Summary:

This paper is a supplementary paper which informs FFA Members on the outcomes of the Crew Safety Workshop convened virtually on 19 May 2021. The paper describes the key issues discussed by the workshop, including the suggested approach to progressing the Indonesian draft CMM and the possible role for the International Labour Organisation and other related UN organisations in the upcoming inter-sessional work.

Recommendations:

The meeting is invited to:

- i. Note the matters discussed at the crew safety workshop.
- ii. Approve additional work to review and further develop the Indonesian draft CMM on labour standards for fishing crew with the intent of developing a joint proposal with Indonesia for presentation to the Commission.
- iii. Encourage ILO, IOM and UNDOC to participate in the inter-sessional work on labour standards including if required by applying to WCPFC for observer status at WCPFC.

Crew Safety and Welfare – The Crew Safety Workshop

Introduction:

1. This paper is a supplementary paper which informs FFA Members on the outcomes of the Crew Safety Workshop convened virtually on 19 May 2021.

Background:

2. Workshop participants were FFA Members, World Wildlife Fund (WWF) and the International Labour Organisation (ILO). WWF participated as an accredited observer to FFC while the ILO were invited in recognition of their role at the international level in setting labour standards and promoting decent work conditions through providing employment in conditions of freedom, equity, human security, and dignity

3. The workshop had three objectives as follow:

- i. Review the status of work being done on labour standards for fishing crew.
- ii. Review the Indonesian draft CMM on labour standards for fishing crew.
- iii. Prepare for the inter-sessional work at the Commission on this issue.

Key Issues:

Review of the Draft Indonesian CMM

4. The workshop reviewed the Indonesian draft CMM and compared it to the provisions of the FFA Crewing MTC. It was noted that the draft could be used as a basis for formal input from FFA Members during the inter-sessional work.

Role of the ILO

5. The workshop noted the general mandate of ILO to:

- i. Set labour standards (with worker, employer, and government participation)
- ii. Develop policies and produce knowledge
- iii. Devise programmes and provide technical support to member states to promote decent work for all women and men

6. The workshop further noted the importance of the Work in Fishing Convention and the objective of the Convention to ensure that fishers have decent conditions of work on board fishing vessels with regard to:

- i. Minimum requirements for work on board.
- ii. Conditions of service.
- iii. Accommodation and food.
- iv. Occupational safety and health protection.
- v. Medical care.
- vi. Social security.

7. The mandate of RFMOs with respect to labour standards was discussed and ILO advised that it considered that RFMOs have a valid mandate in this area. The workshop discussed the potential involvement of ILO in the inter-sessional process, noting that this would likely require ILO to become an accredited observer at the Commission. It was noted that other organisations are involved in the upcoming New Zealand funded crewing project, these being the International Office of Migration (IOM) and the UN Office on Drugs and Organised Crime (UNDOC) and that they could also contribute to the inter-sessional process.

8. Other issues discussed during the course of the workshop included:

- i. The relationship between proposed Indonesian draft CMM and international treaties in particular the ILO Work in Fishing Convention, Safety of Life at Sea Convention, STCW-F Convention, and the Cape Town Agreement.
- ii. Some preliminary analysis of arrangements for implementation and enforcement of a CMM on labour standards at the Commission.
- iii. Status of the inter-sessional work noting that two proposed virtual workshops are currently scheduled. The first workshop is proposed for the week beginning 8 June, with the second scheduled for the week beginning 12 July.