



# NATIONAL STRATEGIES FOR COMPLIANCE WITH PORT STATE MEASURES AGREEMENT

The Agreement on Port State Measures to Prevent, Deter and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing (PSMA) is the first binding international agreement to target Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) fishing. It aims to prevent, deter and eliminate IUU fishing by preventing foreign fishing vessels that engage in IUU fishing from using ports and landing catches. It represents a potent global and national governance framework to combat IUU fishing, contributing to the long-term conservation and sustainable use of marine resources and ecosystems. To enable PSMA Parties to determine the most appropriate measures to enhance compliance with the PSMA, FAO was requested to carry out assessments of national policies, legislation, institutional arrangements and fisheries monitoring, and control and surveillance systems against the provisions of the PSMA and related international instruments and mechanisms, and to draft national strategies and action plans accordingly.



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## WHAT DID THE PROJECT DO?

The overall objective of the project was to contribute to improved fisheries management and governance to combat IUU fishing. To achieve this, the project focused on the 14 developing State Parties not already supported by FAO for PSMA implementation: Cuba, Dominica, Gabon, Guinea, Mozambique, Myanmar, Palau, Somalia, South Africa, the Sudan, Thailand, Tonga, and Vanuatu. National-level workshops were held for all 14 countries. These were attended by a total of 438 participants, representing national authorities and other national and regional stakeholders, including intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, and the private sector. The results of the workshops were used to draft a national strategy and action plan for the implementation of the PSMA for each participating country.

## IMPACT

The project made an essential contribution to improved fisheries management and governance to combat IUU fishing. Recipient countries now have a better knowledge of the PSMA and of what is needed at national and regional level for its effective implementation. This has laid the foundation for future actions, funding and technical assistance to enable the successful and sustainable implementation of the PSMA.

## KEY FACTS

### Contribution

USD 500 000

### Duration

November 2016 – February 2018

### Resource Partner

FAO

### Partners

Relevant ministries in the 14 participating countries (Cuba, Dominica, Gabon, Guinea, Guyana, Mozambique, Myanmar, Palau, Somalia, South Africa, The Sudan, Thailand, Tonga, Vanuatu)

### Beneficiaries

Staff of the relevant ministries and national public institutions and entities

## ACTIVITIES

- Baseline assessment made of each recipient country against the provisions of the PSMA and complementary instruments.
- Support provided to line ministries/designated government authorities in conducting five-day, national-level, multi-stakeholder workshops in each country.
- Awareness built of the international and regional framework for the implementation of the PSMA.
- Initial review made of existing policies and legislation, institutional arrangements, and monitoring, control and surveillance systems and operations.
- Course of action for introduction of provisions and procedures consistent with the PSMA and related instruments defined.
- Capacity-building needs identified.
- National strategy and action plan for PSMA implementation drafted for each participating country.
- Meetings held with relevant government authorities for endorsement of draft strategies and action plans, and agreement on follow-up actions.



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



### Project Code

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### Project Title

Technical Assistance for the Formulation of National Strategies and Action Plans to Improve Compliance with the Agreement on Port State Measures (PSMA)

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