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IUU Fishing: The New Zealand Context



Introduction

IUU Fishing:

- Significant concern to New Zealand
- Can seriously impair efforts to achieve sustainable fisheries
- Threatens economic survival of legitimate fishing



National Situation

- NZ a coastal state, a distant fishing nation and also a port state
- Fifth largest EEZ in the world
- Fisheries a major export earner
- Quota Management System
- Different fisheries are managed
- Particular interest in IUU in the Pacific
- And in Antarctic waters

Challenges

- Size and diversity of NZ's EEZ requires different approaches to combatting IUU
- Pressure from Distant Water Fishing Nations
- Tuna species are main target
- IUU incidents involving foreign flagged vessels have been occurring
- Maintaining a NZ presence in our northern EEZ a challenge

Challenges in the Pacific

- Reducing IUU Fishing in the Pacific is our focus
- Tuna fishery is economically vital to Pacific Island Countries
- Migratory nature of tuna stocks complicates surveillance planning
- Need for good information/intelligence

Best Practices

- National Plan of Action
- Various monitoring, control, surveillance and enforcement tools
- Promotion of effective conservation measures
- Catch Documentation Schemes (CCAMLR, SSCBT)
- FAO Agreement on Port State Measures to Prevent, Deter and Eliminate IUU Fishing

Best Practices: Regional Level

- Best practices to include supporting regional efforts
- For NZ, this means implementing measures aimed at eliminating IUU Fishing in the Pacific
- Significant improvements to fisheries monitoring, but IUU remains a major problem for PICs
- NZ leading various initiatives in the Pacific



Best Practices: NZ's Pacific Initiatives

Initiatives include:

- Niue Treaty Subsidiary Agreement
- Capacity Building
- Patrols in partnership with others
- Training of observers for PICs
- MCS training and advice
- Undertaking MCS and enforcement activities
- Assistance to PICs' law enforcement authorities

Conclusion

- New Zealand is strongly committed to combatting IUU fishing
- Actions contribute to maritime security
- IUU fishing a problem that can potentially worsen
- Continued cooperation at national, regional and international levels is required.

Thank You

