

COP 13 Side Event #1838

Wednesday 7 December 2016, 13:15-14:45

Contact Group 3 Meeting Room, Universal Building, main floor

Small-scale fisheries communities and Aichi Target 11: Achieving conservation, sustainable livelihoods and food security in MPAs and other effective area-based measures (OEABMs)

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BACKGROUND

Overexploitation, environmental degradation, social inequities, tenure insecurity and poverty are interconnected threats to aquatic biodiversity conservation and to coastal and rural communities that depend on aquatic resources for their livelihoods and well-being. It is crucial to determine the appropriate forms of MPAs and OEABMs that can both improve biodiversity conservation and maintain or improve livelihoods and food security. Participation of the communities concerned in assessment, planning and implementation is essential. The question is then how to mainstream effective community participation, including the recognition or development of tenure rights, into both fishery and conservation policies, strategies and plans. Participation is a key guiding principle of the *Voluntary Guidelines for Securing Sustainable Small-Scale Fisheries in the Context of Food Security and Poverty Eradication (SSF Guidelines)* and the human rights based approach (HRBA), which seeks to ensure the non-discriminatory empowerment and participation of small-scale fishing communities in transparent and accountable decision-making processes.

This side event will discuss (1) appropriate mechanisms to mainstream community participation – notably of fishing communities and local fisher organizations – in MPA and OEABM designation, planning and implementation and (2) the various contributions this will make to the achievement of the Aichi target No 11 and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

PROGRAMME

13:15 Welcome (Lena Westlund, FAO)

13:20 Background/purpose presentation: Why mainstreaming community participation? (Serge, M. Garcia, IUCN-CEM-FEG)

13:30 Presentations

- Legal and institutional frameworks and processes enabling the Pacific LMMA network (Alifereti Tawake, LMMA network, Pacific)
- Good practices for ensuring participation in aquatic conservation, MPAs and OEABMs: some Mexican experiences (Minerva Arce, ECOSUR)
- Challenges in ensuring effective participation and equitable MPA outcomes: experiences from the Caribbean (Mitchell Lay, CNFO)
- Moving ahead towards the implementation of the SSF Guidelines, linking them with MPAs and OEABMs in Central America (Vivienne Solis, ICSF)

14:10 Open and panellist discussion

14.45 Conclusions

Light lunch will be served.

