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Comments on: IUU Fishing – The FAO and RFMOs

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Common threads

- Nature of the problem
 - Complexity of actors and interests
 - Coastal states – distant water fishing – non-members of RFMO
 - Fishing vessels – Transhippers – Service providers/process/distrib
- Broad scope of measures
 - Addressing each link in chain
 - Flag state – Coastal state – Port state – Port/Flag state nexus
 - Regional Fisheries Management Organizations/Arrangements
- Substantial progress
 - Dynamic institutions – global and regional
 - IUU fishing remains lucrative – but some success stories



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Broader governance issues

- Institutional adaptability
 - Fit with the activity system
 - From unilateral to multilateral – regional/global dynamics
 - Gradual hardening of instruments
- Institutional interplay
 - Emulation and capacity enhancement – best practices, training
 - Coordination – mutual recognition of vessel lists
 - Avoidance of normative conflict – trade rules
 - Documentation schemes – Vessel lists – Transshipment constraints
 - Fit WTO 'environmental window' – Multilateral – Other measures first – Transparency – Cooperating-state arrangements
 - Successful – no significant "chilling" from global trade rules

Queries and challenges

- Doulman: Review National/Reg Plans of Action
 - Individual state performance? (CLRTAP, Kyoto Protoc)
- Lodge: Best practices – or most ambitious?
 - Procedures for validation – effectiveness studies?
 - Strategies for spreading best practices?
- Løbach: Binding Port State Scheme: remaining issues?
- All: Emphasis on comprehensive set of measures
 - Which of these are cutting edge in years ahead?
 - NGO mobilization on IUU fishing: main roles?