

Interactive Dialogue 4: Making fisheries sustainable and providing access for small scale artisanal fishers to marine resources and markets

3:00-6:00PM, 29 June 2022, Altice Arena, Tejo Hall, Lisbon, Portugal

**Excellencies,
Honorable Delegates,
Ladies and Gentlemen**

Good evening; it is my great pleasure to be here at this very important event to deliver our commitments to making fisheries sustainable and providing access for small-scale fishers to marine resources and markets.

Regarding access to the international market for small-scale fisheries, Indonesia would like to share its experience collaborating with stakeholders to realize it. In October 2014, 123 fishers of Buru Island in Maluku Province received the certificate of USA Fair Trade Tuna Handline, and then in May 2020, they received an ecolabelling certificate by Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) as the fruit of the collaboration of the stakeholders (central, government, provincial government, and regional government, MDPI, Anova Food and PT Harta Samudra). The MSC certification is the first given to small-scale fisher on one-day fishing in Indonesia, even worldwide. Of course, the fishers are thankful for this fruitful collaboration because it takes them to the next level of livelihood and quality of life.

As we are now celebrating the International Year of Artisanal Fisheries and Aquaculture, or in short “IYAFA,” Indonesia encourages everyone to strengthen dialogue, collaboration, and partnership to support the role of small-scale artisanal fisheries and aquaculture workers as one of the backbones for food security, poverty alleviation, and hunger eradication. The small-scale producers face daily challenges that we can no longer ignore, such as environmental degradation, IUU fishing, unnecessary trade barriers, or lack of capacity and access to the market. Representing Asia, Indonesia is a Member of the International Steering Committee (ISC) of IYAFA. But for Indonesia, celebrating IYAFA is not a one-time event. Therefore, we produce sustainable policies to protect and empower our small-scale fishers and fish farmers.

In this regard, Indonesia has taken a series of actions on the ground, such as:

1. Providing insurance, creating cooperatives, pushing the small-scale fishers and fish farmers to diversify their businesses, and providing them land certificates.
2. Support and acknowledge the implementation of customary law, like *sasi*, *awig-awig*, and *Panglima laot*
3. We also celebrate it by continuing to push international efforts to prevent, deter, and eliminate IUU Fishing and promote wider access for small-scale fishers and fish farmers to the global market.
4. Indonesia will also issue the Quota-based Fisheries Policy based on both ecological and economic considerations.
5. Indonesia initiates *Bulan Cinta Laut/ Care the Ocean Month* program, which aims to encourage small-scale fishers to deal with marine debris.

Thank you