

Jobs in the Maritime Sector

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UNGA Resolution 66/288

“The future we want”

Promoting full and productive employment,
decent work for all and social protection

Specifically recognized at Rio +20

- The need to achieve sustainable development in its three dimensions (*social, economic & environmental*)
- People are at the centre of sustainable development - **Para 6**
- Green economy is one of the important tools available for achieving sustainable development – **Para 56**
- Green economy will enhance our ability to manage natural resource sustainability, with lower negative environmental impacts and increase resource efficiency – **Para 60**

ILO and its role

- Functions
- Tripartite
- Decent work
- Means of action

Maritime jobs



Seafarers – 2 million



Fishers – 38 million
(marine and inland)

** Over 1.5 billion working people are impacted by climate change*

Some main challenges

- Marine environment
- Safety and health
- Isolation
- Globalization
- Piracy

Maritime Labour Convention, 2006



The “fourth pillar”

- Consolidation of existing maritime labour instruments
- For seafarers – comprehensive set of rights and protection at work
- For shipowners – ensures fair competition
- For governments – flexibility on implementation



“One-stop shop”

- Minimum age and medical certification
- Seafarers’ employment agreements
- Use of recruitment and placement services
- Hours of work/ rest
- Accommodation and recreational facilities
- Food and catering
- Health, safety and accident prevention
- Onboard medical care
- Onboard compliant procedures
- Payment of wages

Work in Fishing Convention, 2007 (No. 188)



Scope

“This Convention applies to all fishers and all fishing vessels engaged in commercial fishing operations.”



Benefits

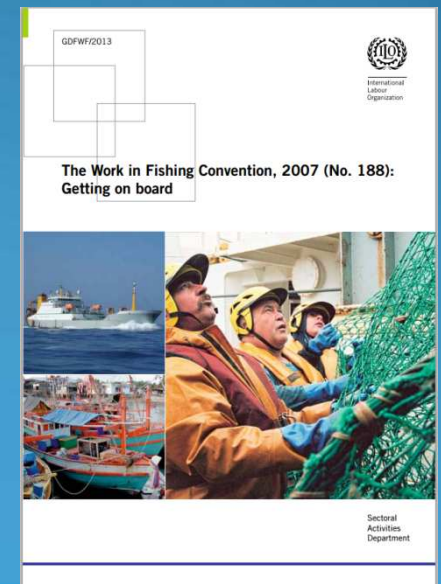
- Secures fair competition
- Improves working conditions
- Promotes social dialogue
- Improves contribution to the economy
- Facilitates coordination amongst relevant ministries and authorities



Upcoming

Global Dialogue Forum for the Promotion of the Work in Fishing Convention, 2007 (No. 188)

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Implementing Rio +20



Information on ILO and its standards for seafarers and fishers

www.ilo.org/mlc

www.ilo.org/fishing