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REGIONAL FISHERY BODY SECRETARIATS' NETWORK

REGIONAL COOPERATION:

FOSTERING LOCAL ACTION

FOR GLOBAL IMPACT

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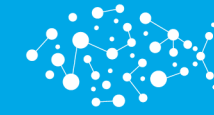
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Overview

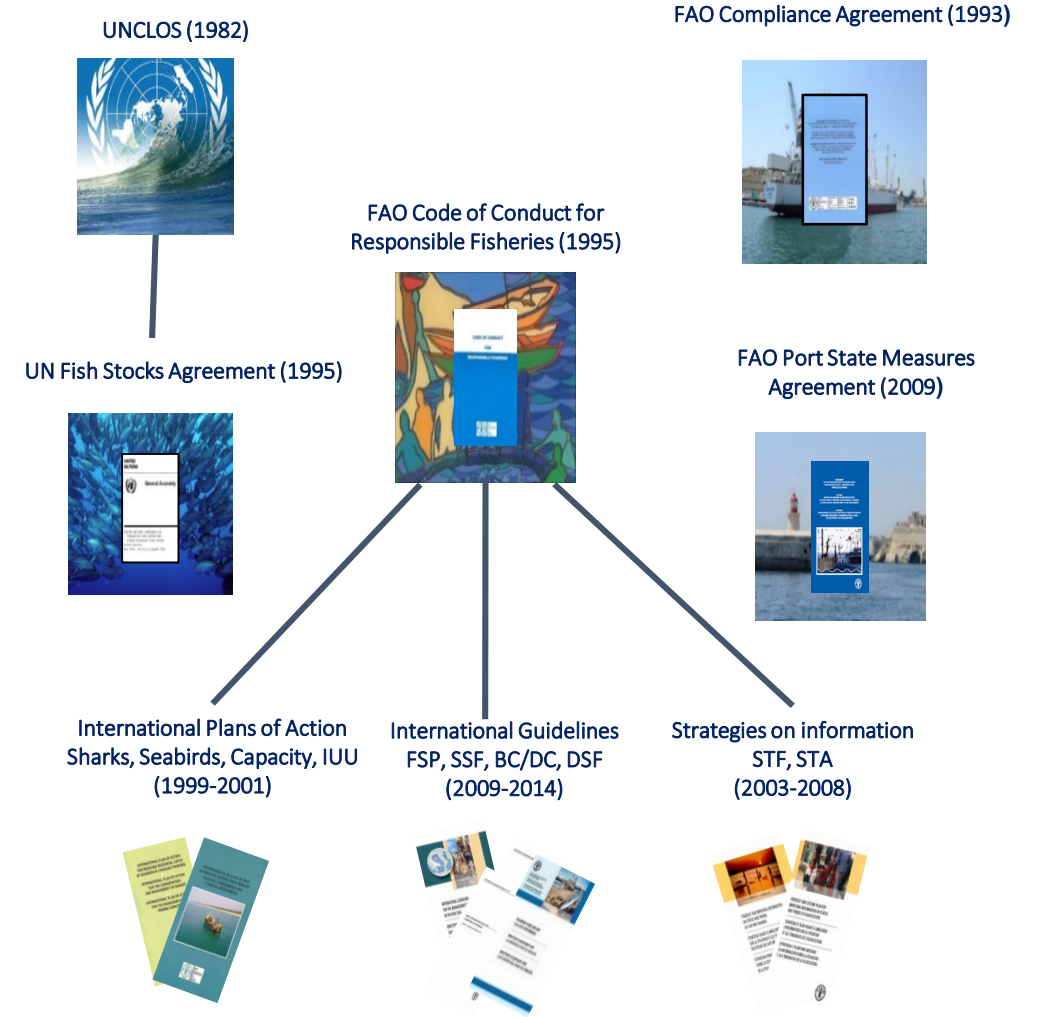
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i. Why strengthening the regional cooperation?

- According to **international instruments**, the main mechanism for organizing cooperative management is through international bodies such as RFABs/RFMOs
- Fisheries global issues must/can be addressed at regional level and requires coordination in response to country needs
- Main international processes (UNGA, CBD, WTO, BBNJ process) are evidencing the need of RFABs/RFMOs role
- RSN and its members are recognized as key actors in regional cooperation for Countries to deliver Agenda2030
- RSN and its members positioned in international processes and agendas generate/increase political will and commitment at country level





ii. RSN progress - laying the foundation

1999

FAO and Non-FAO Regional Fishery
Bodies and Arrangements MEETINGS

2005

RFB Secretariats' NETWORK

2007

RSN-1

2016

Measures to enhance RSN





iii. RSN Character and objective

Characteristics

- Member organizations: RFABs and RFMOs secretaries and partners
- RSN is not a FAO body but is supported by FAO
- Biennial meetings
- Decisions by consensus
- Non-binding decisions
- RSN and FAO collaborative background



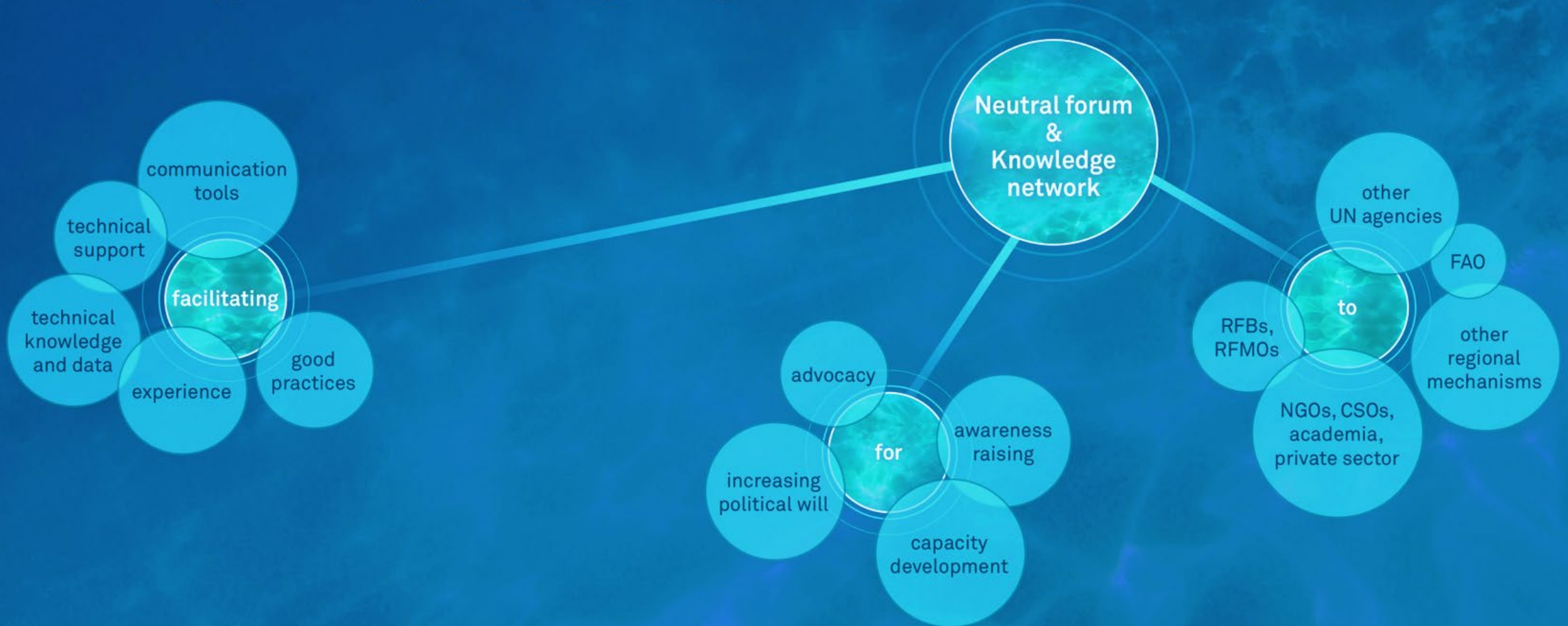
Main objective

Enhance cooperation and coordination among RFABs/RFMOs to achieve fisheries and aquaculture sustainable development through effective regional mechanisms
SDG 14 and 2030 Agenda



iv. RSN activities

Support the strengthening of regional organizations and identify together collective actions





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v. FAO and RSN cooperative framework

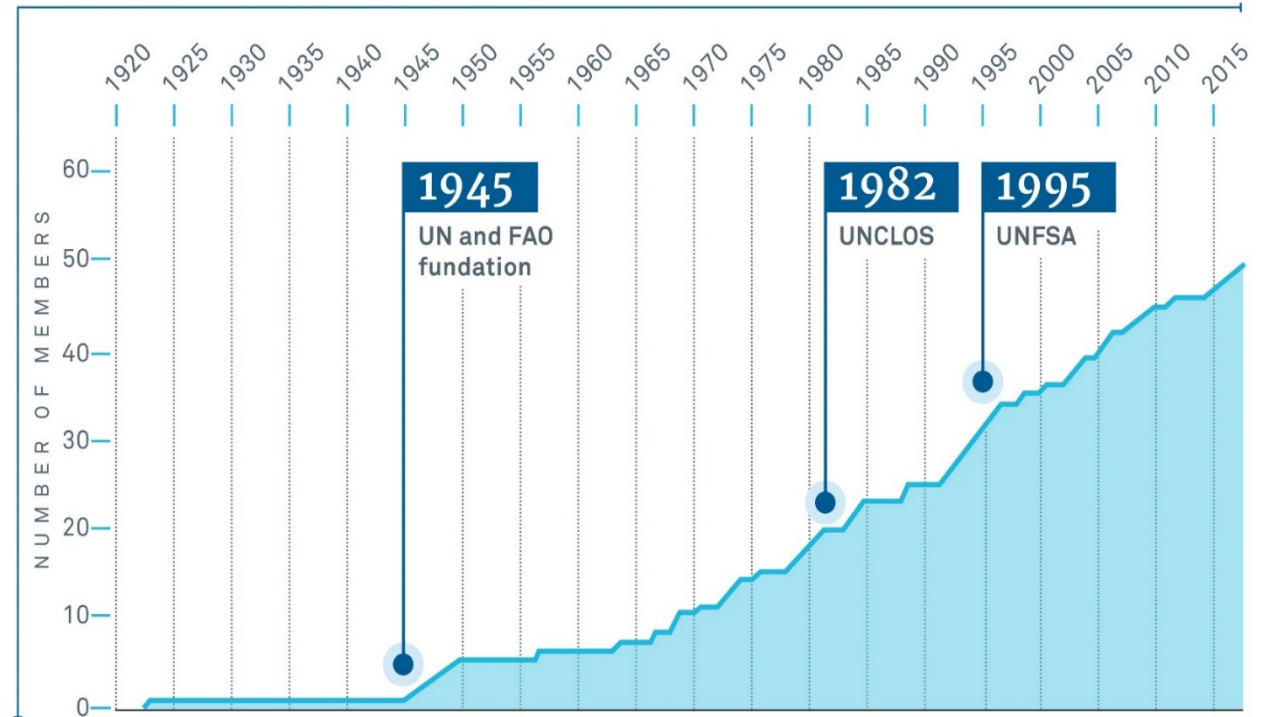
- Secretariat services
- Venue and facilities for meetings
- Dedicated website - newsletters - publications
- Information systems and data sharing
- Cooperation in projects and technical support
- Support to regional cooperation and implementation of UN and FAO/COFI policies
- Outreach and advocacy on the role of RFABs/RFMOs at different levels
- Leveraging successful practices, knowledge and experiences
- Raising the profile and amplifying regional actors and cooperation in the global arena





vi. Example FAO technical collaboration -RSN members: Technical study for future capacity building (cont.)

Increase of RFBs from 1920 to 2016



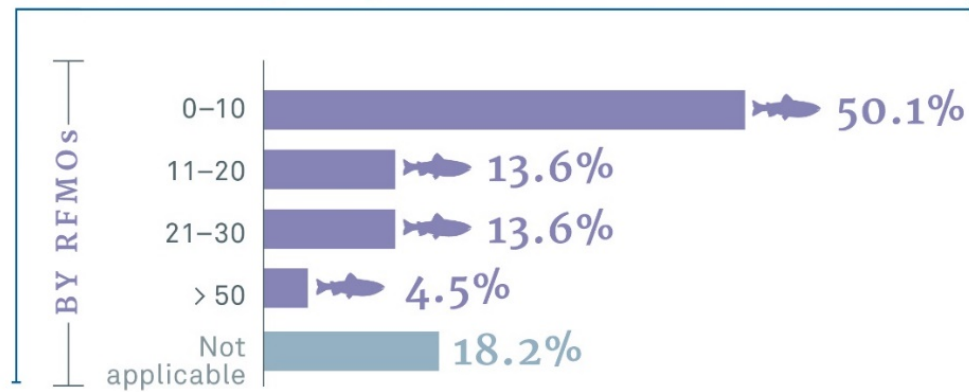
33% of RFBs have member countries belonging to the **low income group-category**



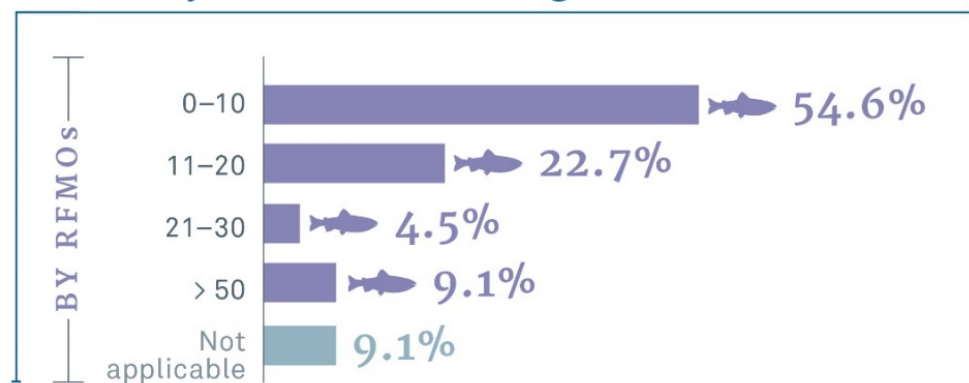


vi. Technical study for future capacity building program: Conservation and management - fisheries and stocks (cont.)

Fish stocks regularly assessed



How many fisheries are managed?



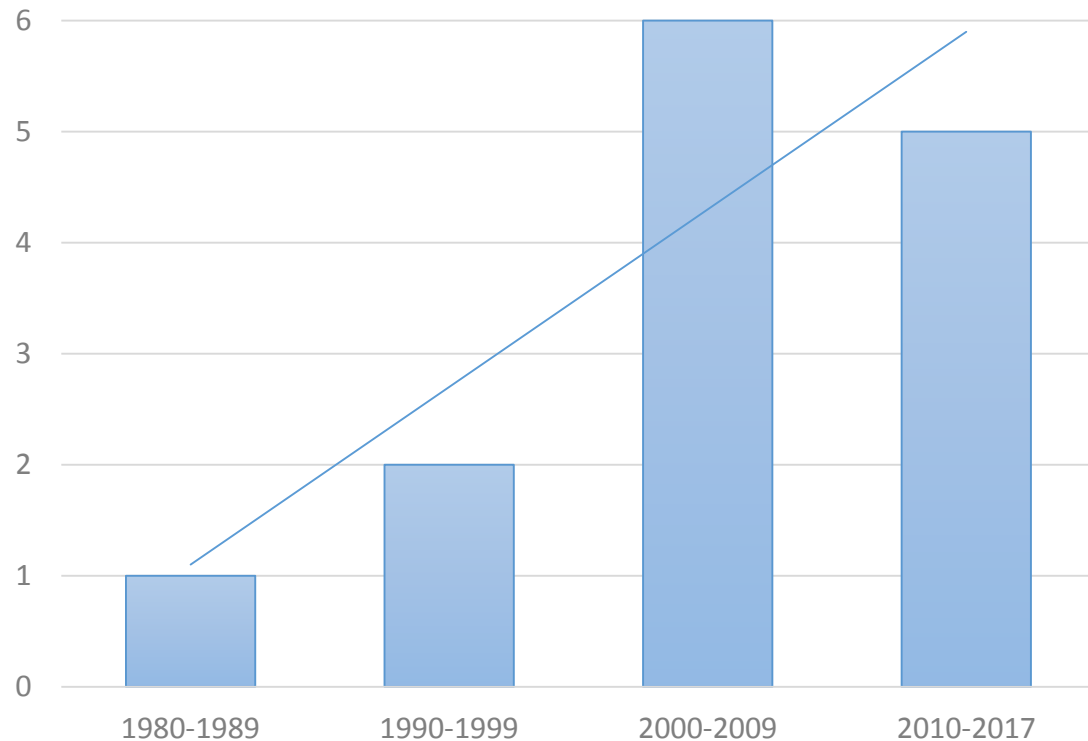
RFMOs

Adoption of conservation and management measures

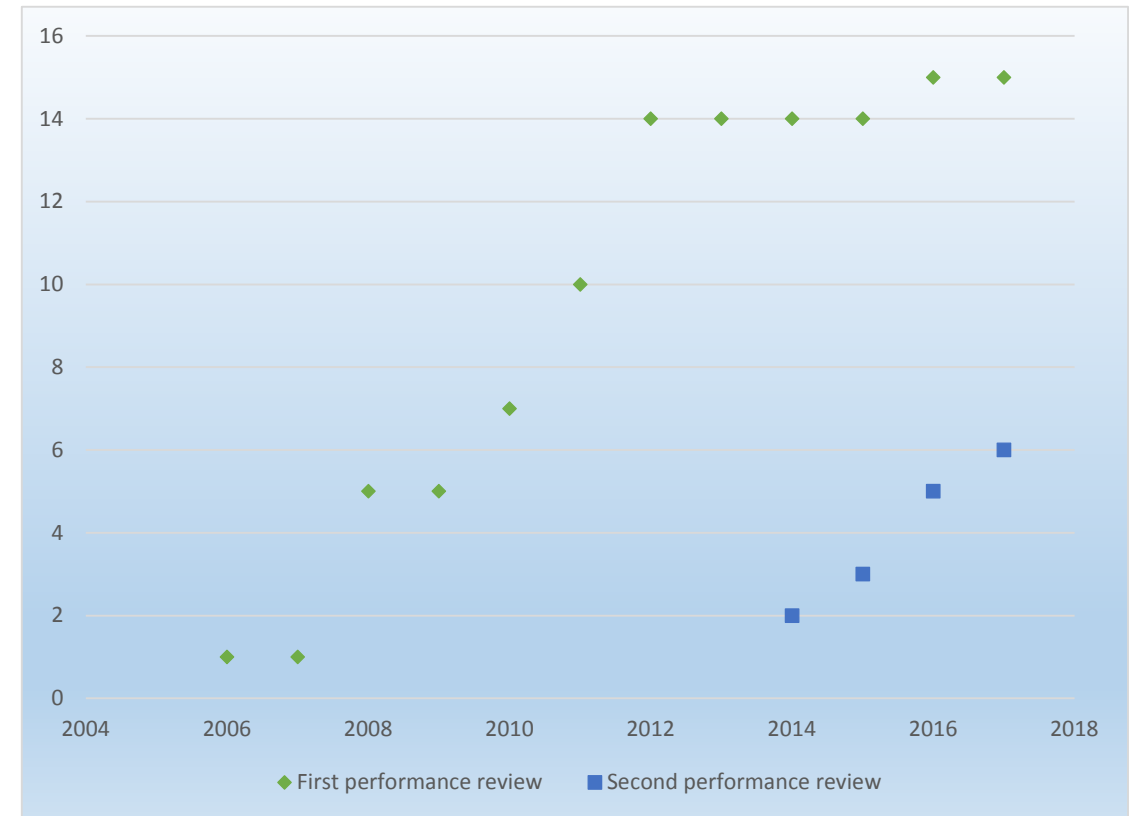
85%

vi. Technical study for future capacity building program: compliance and PRs (cont.)

Establishment of compliance committees by RFMOs



RFMO performance reviews, 2000–2017





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are essential for a future
free from hunger and poverty,
for everyone, everywhere.**

A Zero Hunger world starts here.



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