



Towards a capacity management plan for the Eastern Pacific Ocean

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Context for the proposal

- 1999 FAO International Plan of Action for the management of fishing capacity (IPOA)
- 2005 IATTC Plan for regional management of fishing capacity
- Target capacity of 158.000 m³ against constant increase
- Recognition of legitimate rights of coastal developing states

Purse Seine fleet

→ Action 1: *freeze PS capacity to current levels of active vessels in the EPO so to remain as close as possible to the current target capacity.*

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→ Action 2: in order to better frame the definition of "active" or "inactive" the EU considers that a time frame should be established, e.g. the last 3 years, in order to freeze the capacity to the one that it is actually used. Actually used capacity cannot be higher than "active" capacity.

Revision of target capacity

→ Action 3: *IATTC should give to its scientific staff and to the Scientific Advisory Committee a standing mandate to regularly update the capacity target (both for PS and LL) based on the state of the stocks.*

Capacity requests

→ Action 4: *The IATTC could consider the subject of some of the capacity claims in conjunction with an overall discussion on overcapacity reduction and only as a part of a global package on capacity issues.*

Long Line fleet

➔ Action 5: *LL capacity should be frozen in coherence with the freezing of PS capacity. More clear figures on fishing patterns and catches of LL should be provided. In addition to this LL active capacity should be also addressed in a similar way as to the PS capacity as discussed above.*

Way forward

IATTC to adopt a decision for progressive reduction of capacity by 2015. This can be done through a linear reduction for each Member and/or proportional reduction and/or level of catches/processing capacity and/or a buy-back scheme and/or a system of quotas or others. The economic incentives of the reduction are the increased revenue per vessel, the more efficient allocation of resources, the longer fishing seasons and a sustainable economic activity.



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Capacity freeze:

- CPCs to limit in 2014 number of fishing vessels to number of 31/12/12. If vessels replaced overall well volume stays constant
- CPCs with capacity claims of unused capacity: present a fleet development plan



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Active fishing capacity:

- by 31/12/13: notify Secretariat of vessels actively fishing for TT in 2010, 2011 and 2012
- 2015: number of vessels (and well volume) limited to those which actively fished in those years



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Long Liners:

- CPCs to submit data every year on LL less than 24 metres

Update data:

- SAC to provide before each Annual meeting updated target capacity based on status of stocks



Thank you for your attention.

Questions?