



# International MCS Network Activities

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# International MCS Network

**Mission:** To promote and facilitate cooperation and coordination of the members of the Network through information exchange, capacity development and joint work in order to achieve the improved effectiveness of monitoring, control and surveillance (MCS) activities.

- 21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of the Network. Formed in 2001 by five founding members (Australia, Canada, Chile, Peru, and the U.S.) supported by FAO and the European Commission
- An informal and voluntary organization.
- Membership: 71 member States, four RFMOs, two RFBs, and the EU to include eight organizations with Observer status



# International MCS Network

## Three Strategic Objectives:

- Facilitate increased information exchanges and collaborative MCS activities amongst members;
- Coordinate and encourage international cooperation on MCS and raise awareness of MCS issues; and
- Help to strengthen the capacity of members to implement and maintain effective MCS regimes.





# 7<sup>th</sup> Global Fisheries Enforcement Training Workshop

## 30 July – 04 August 2023

### Halifax, Nova Scotia




# Joint Analytical Cell: A transformative collaboration

Recognises that collaborations were happening but in isolation of each other.

Seeks to use available data, tools and technologies more effectively to provide higher quality and more powerful analysis

Drives more cost-efficient mechanisms to ensure actionable data is available to those who need it most to improve ocean stewardship.

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# Technology for transparency and smarter management

(a) **detecting, deterring, and eliminating** Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated (IUU) fishing activities

(b) increasing overall **transparency** of fishing activities at sea, and

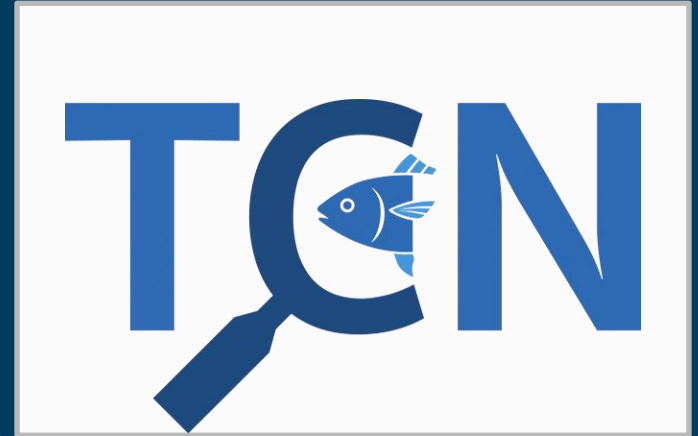
(c) **building the capacity** of developing countries to more effectively and efficiently implement and maintain their own MCS regimes.



*“Transparency of information breeds self-correcting behaviour”*

# IMCS Network Support to the TCN

- The IMCS Network facilitates and animates the work of the Tuna Compliance Network (TCN)
- CCSBT / IATTC / ICCAT / IOTC / WCPFC
- Initiated through FAO Common Oceans ABNJ Tuna Project in 2017
- Support and strengthen the implementation of and compliance with tuna fishery conservation and management measures
- Set up to facilitate communication and cooperation between officers responsible for compliance and experts in MCS – informal and voluntary



# IMCS Network Support to TCN

The main goals of the TCN involve:

- Facilitating communication and information exchange;
- Fostering joint efforts, including the development of common tools and procedures and best practice compliance methodologies;
- Enhancing opportunities for sharing technology and technology transfer;
- Improving awareness of new and existing measures, procedures and technologies within RFMOs;
- Identifying and coordinating capacity building and training opportunities.



The TCN will be once again supported by the FAO Common Oceans ABNJ Project – Phase II which commences later in 2022



# IMCS Network Support to the PPFCN

- The IMCS Network facilitates and animates the work of the Pan Pacific Fisheries Compliance Network (PPFCN) – and informal and voluntary ocean basin-based network
- Seven RFMOs: CCAMLR / CCSBT / IATTC / NPAFC / NPFC / SPRFMO / WCPFC
- Initiated in 2021 using the Tuna Compliance Network as a template framework
- Support and strengthen the implementation of and compliance with RFMO fishery conservation and management measures, especially where there is mutual overlapping interests
- Set up to facilitate communication and cooperation between officers responsible for compliance and experts in MCS – currently unfunded



# IMCS Network Support to PPFCN

Initial work of PPFCN involved:

- Establishment of the PPFCN Operational Framework
- Election of the 1<sup>st</sup> PPFCN Chair – Mr. Randy Jenkins, SPRFMO Compliance Manager
- Inventory of MCS Tools in place with PPFCN Members
- Comparisons of RFMO Responses to COVID-19
- Reviewing IUU Fishing Risk Indicators
- Improving RFMO IUU Vessel List Utility

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