

THE ROLE OF IORA IN COMBATING IUU FISHING IN INDIAN OCEAN REGION

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PRESENTATION OUTLINE

1. Overview on IORA & the Working Group on Blue Economy
2. Status of IUU Fishing in Indian Ocean
3. The importance of combating IUU fishing in IORA
4. The work of IORA to combat IUUF
5. Partnerships between IORA & international partners
6. Way forward

WHAT IS IORA –

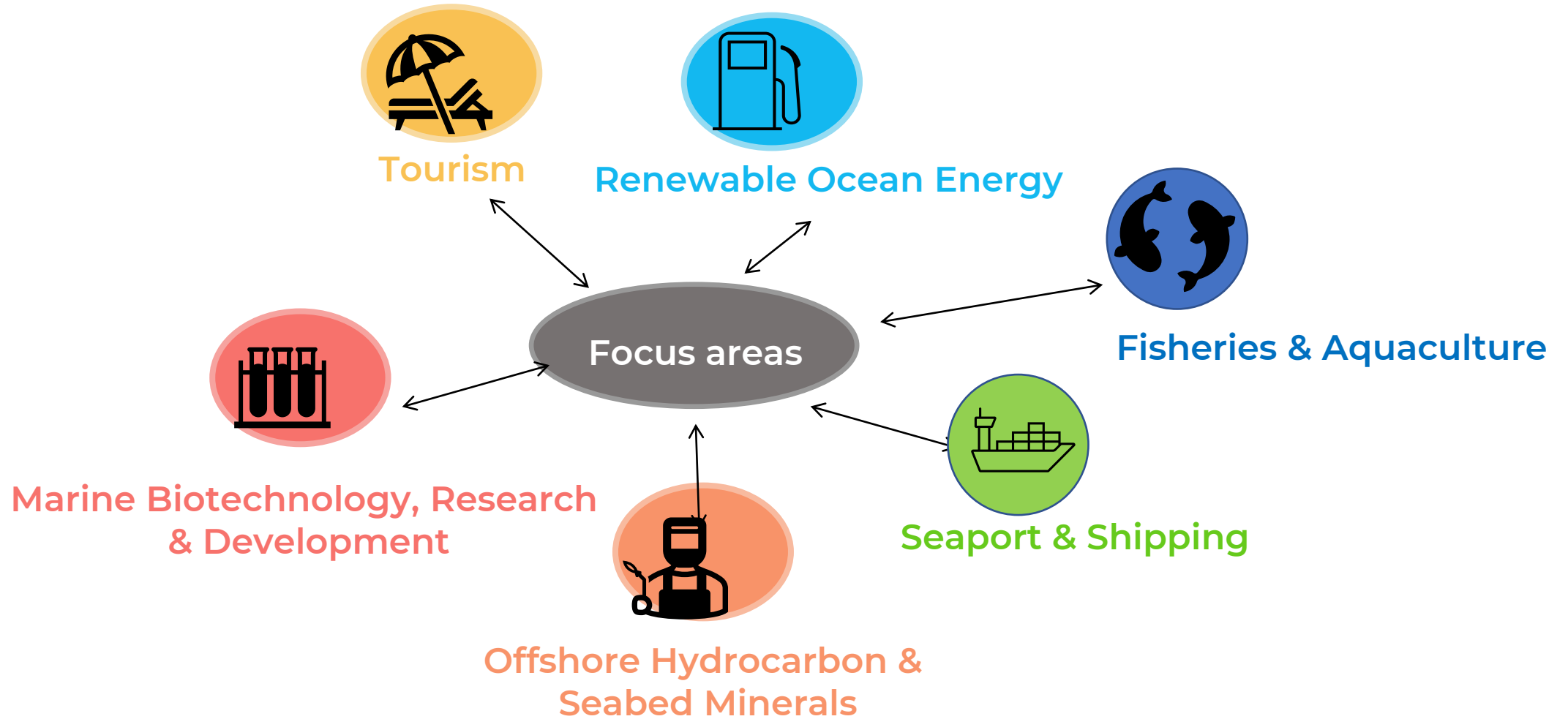
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International
Regional
Organization
in the IOR

The Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) is an inter-governmental regional organization consisting of Sovereign States of the Indian Ocean Rim

23 member states and 10 dialogue partners

Aimed at strengthening regional cooperation and sustainable development within the Indian Ocean Region

IORA BLUE ECONOMY



STATUS OF IUU FISHING IN INDIAN OCEAN



Report IFC-IOR: 379 incidents in 2020 & 213 incidents in first half of 2021



No squid-monitoring organization



The use of large nets leads to the by-fishing of non-targeted species



Human trafficking & smuggling of drugs and arms in fishing vessels

THE IMPORTANCE OF IUUF IN IORA



DOCUMENTS	RECOMMENDATION
Mauritius Declaration on Blue Economy	MS shall combat IUUF
Jakarta Declaration on Blue Economy	MS to strengthen the fight against IUUF
Dhaka Declaration on Blue Economy	MS to effectively ending IUUF
Jakarta Concord-IORA Leaders' Summit 2017	MS to enhance regional and international mechanism to combat IUUF

WORK PLAN OF IORA WORKING GROUP ON BLUE ECONOMY

Objective: to promote socially, economically inclusive and environmentally sustainable development of the Blue Economy

- a. Assessment of the capacity needs required
- b. Support exchange information on IUUF vessels
- c. Implement appropriate measures against IUUF vessels
- d. Support MS to sign up the PSMA
- e. Technical assistance on remote sensing methods
- f. Funding mechanism
- g. Support engagement with regional bodies and develop entry procedure

THE WORK PLAN OF THE IORA CORE GROUP ON FISHERIES MANAGEMENT (CGFM)



OBJECTIVE

To deter and prevent IUUF



ACTIVITIES

- Monitoring, control and surveillance of fishing activities
- Capacity building for fisheries control and surveillance
- National, regional & international collaboration
- Best practice & exchange of information on sustainable fishing practices



PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN IORA AND FRANCE



- Webinar on combatting illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing and especially through PSMA application in the IORA region, 16 September 2021
- Online Training Workshop - Remote Sensing for combatting IUU fishing Activities, 15 November 2022
- Report on Analysis of measures to combat IUU fishing in the IORA region
- Report Assessment of the capacity needs (Human and Institutional) and the current level of Implementation of Port State Measures (PSM) in the IORA region
- Online training course to raise awareness of the benefits of the PSMA amongst the IORA Member States that are not yet Parties to the Agreement, 25-29 April 2022
- Moving toward the development and adoption of IORA Guidelines to prevent entry of IUU fisheries products within IORA MS's supply chains", 23-24 March 2022

PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN IORA & FAO



To promote the ratification and implementation of The Agreement on Port State Measures to Prevent, Deter and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing (PSMA) through information materials amongst IORA members



WAY FORWARD



- Develop an IORA Guidelines
- Encourage MS that are party to the PSMA to ensure that their PSM-related information is submitted to FAO
- Encourage Member States that are not party to the PSMA to become party to the FAO PSMA;
- Support Member States to translate PSM requirements within their national legislation;
- Promote the exchange of information by Member States through existing electronic systems and databases;
- Member States that are Contracting Parties to the relevant RFMOs in the region:
 - Improve compliance with the reporting requirements and other obligations of the RFMOs PSM Resolutions and CMM;
 - Improve the quality of the reporting in the context of the IOTC PSM resolutions, as necessary;
- Ensure coherency among the PSM information communicated to the different RFMOs involved in the region

Thank You !



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