

# The Development of Best Practice Measures to Reduce ALDFG and its impact at Intergovernmental Level



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# International fisheries instruments

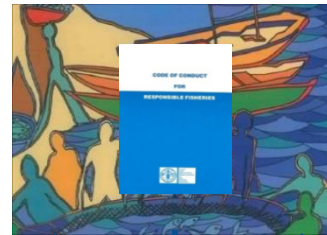
**UNCLOS (1982)\***



**FAO Compliance Agreement (1993)\***



**FAO Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries (1995)**



**UN Fish Stocks Agreement (1995)\***



**FAO Port State Measures Agreement (2009)\***



**International Plans of Action  
Sharks, Seabirds, Capacity, IUU  
(1999-2001)**



**International Guidelines  
FSP, SSF, BC/DC, DSF, CDS, FGM  
(2009-2018)**



**Strategies on information  
STF, STA  
(2003-2008)**



\* Binding



# Gear Marking - what is it?



An identifier, that allows the relevant authority to identify who is responsible for use of the gear



A means of providing an understanding of the presence, scale and nature of fishing gear in the water



# Gear Marking - how does it help?

Assists in overall management  
of fisheries

- Provides identification of owner and responsible parties
- capacity control - authorities can issue a certain number of 'tags' or other marker per year/season
- encourages responsible behaviour

Helps identify unauthorised  
setting of gear and IUU FISHING

- gear marks can be linked to fishing licences
- gear marks can be linked to authorised vessels
- supports port state control measures

Assists in the recovery of lost gear

- lost gear can be returned to its owner
- location tracking devices can be part of gear marking system e.g. FaDs

Helps prevent ALDFG

- acts as a deterrent for inappropriate disposal
- supports fishing gear registration systems and other management measures
- can be linked to deposit-buy-back schemes





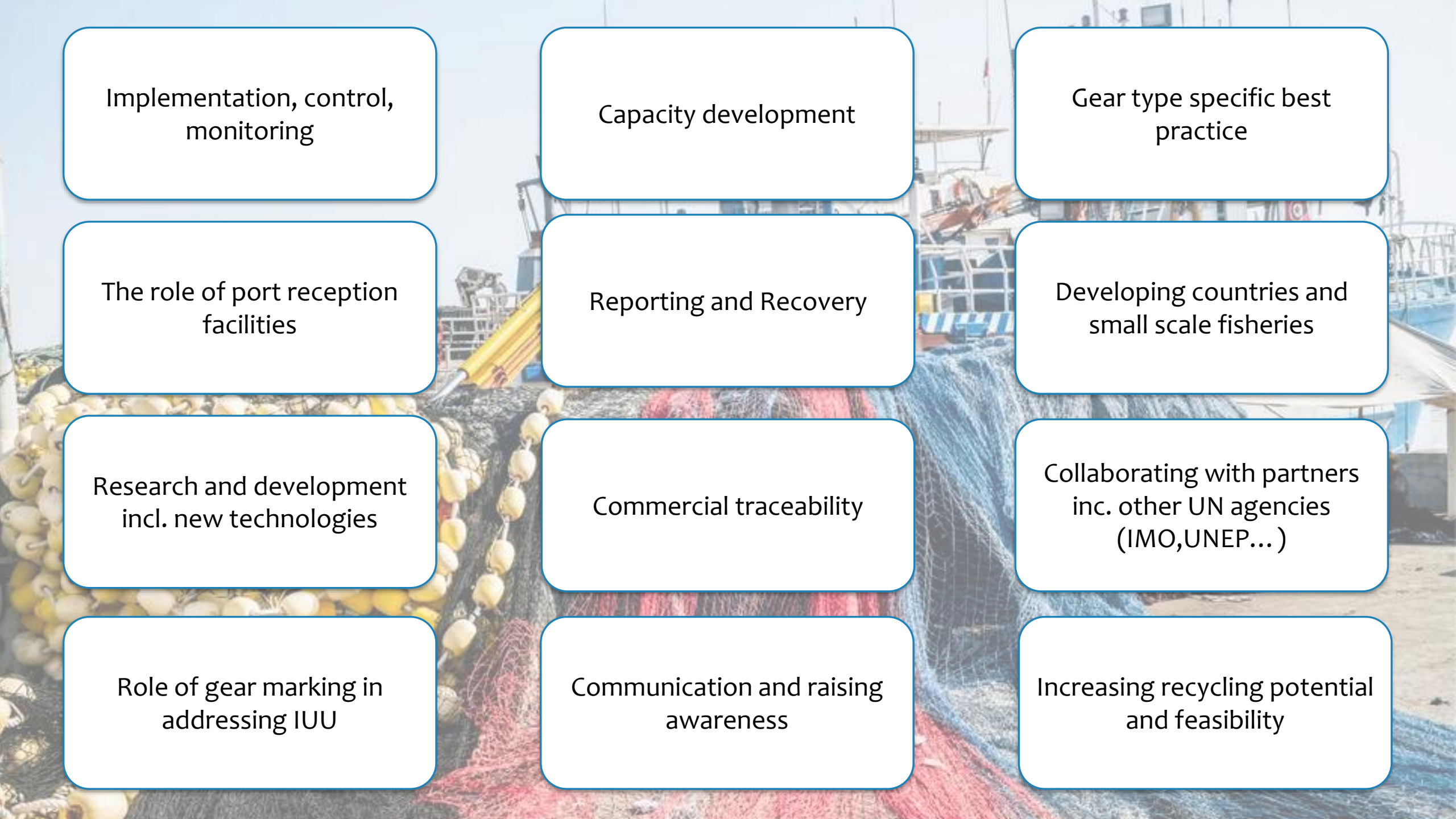
FAO's Committee on Fisheries 33rd Session - July 9-18 2018  
to consider:

International Voluntary Guidelines on the Marking of Fishing Gear

A global 'umbrella' programme of work to address ALDFG

Projects to be implemented in different regions and fisheries

Support required for the development and implementation of national  
action plans to address ALDFG



Implementation, control,  
monitoring

Capacity development

Gear type specific best  
practice

The role of port reception  
facilities

Reporting and Recovery

Developing countries and  
small scale fisheries

Research and development  
incl. new technologies

Commercial traceability

Collaborating with partners  
inc. other UN agencies  
(IMO, UNEP...)

Role of gear marking in  
addressing IUU

Communication and raising  
awareness

Increasing recycling potential  
and feasibility

# Thank You

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