Problematic and some proposals of sub-regional measures to combat Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing in the CCLME area

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In the CCLME area, IUU fishing has both artisanal and industrial components. Fishing regulations are inherently difficult to enforce when the vessels are very numerous and the landing sites dispersed.

Fishing gear regulations are particularly difficult to address when they change across jurisdictions.
Monitoring and Surveillance Systems in place (national)

Policies

Member States base their fishery monitoring systems. The CCLME States rely on several international legal texts, including:

The 1993 Convention on subregional cooperation in the exercise of hot of the Sub-regional Fisheries Commission (SRFC)

Equipments/Control

- Satellite (Vessel monitoring system - VMS and Automatical Identified system - AIS);
- Patrol vessels;
- Patrol aircraft;
- Coastal stations equipped with radar;
- Port inspections;
- Exchange of information

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Monitoring and surveillance systems in place (Regional)

Sub Regional Fisheries Commission have among his 3 Departments:

Department of Monitoring, Control and Surveillance of the Management of the Fisheries (DSCSA): Coordination Unit for Surveillance Operation

The DSCSA / CUSO coordinates the sub-regional information exchange;

Any Member State that detects an IUU vessel automatically alert the country to which the ship tries to take refuge; existence of a Convention for this purpose (1993 Convention on subregional cooperation in the exercise of hot pursuit).
Monitoring and surveillance systems in place (Regional)

- Treatment of IUU vessels:
- Application of national laws of the Member States (judicial penalties and/or fines);
- In an operation conducted by the DSCSA, application of the law of the country where the arrest was made

- How to reduce IUU fishing?
- Strengthening international cooperation in the fight against IUU fishing
- Criminalize some violation
Some Priority Steps need to be taken

- Support the ongoing work on the sub regional register of fishing vessels and the Observer program
- Strengthen sub regional mechanism for exchange of information
- Organize operations combined air-sea fisheries surveillance (at least 5 times a year)
- Include in the curricula of universities, institutes and schools of the maritime sector training modules MCS
Thank you for your attention