

**Contribution from the International Maritime Organization (IMO)
to the report on Sustainable fisheries, including through the 1995 Agreement for the
Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the
Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling
Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, and related instruments**

The IMO Sub-Committee on Flag State Implementation (FSI), at its eighteenth session (July 2010), considered document FSI 18/INF.29 (document attached) on the development of the Global Record of Fishing Vessels. The Sub-Committee noted that the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) Secretariat had started conducting a pilot trial in May 2010 to test the concept of the Global Record of Fishing Vessels with data on fishing vessels provided by the North East Atlantic Fisheries Commission (NEAFC) and hosted by the IMO Global Integrated Shipping Information System (GISIS) during the trial period, and that conducting this pilot trial did not imply any long-term commitment.

IMO delivered the required support to the pilot project on the Global Record for the FAO to decide how to establish the Global Record on a more permanent basis. This has now been completed.

This co-operation between IMO and FAO was organized within the framework of operative paragraph 7 of resolution A.1029(26) of 26 November 2009, whereby the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to continue developing GISIS in close co-operation with Member States, the IMO organs, international organizations and all other stakeholders of the global maritime community.

The secretariats of the two Organizations are now in the process of preparing the third Joint FAO/IMO Working Group on illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing and related matters under the purview of the Maritime Safety Committee, the Marine Environment Protection Committee and the FSI Sub-Committee (FSI 20/15 attached).