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# ORGANIZING REGIONAL FISHERIES & OCEAN ENVIRONMENT MANAGEMENT

-for the increased contribution from the Ocean towards World Food Security through the improvement of the ocean's ecological foundation for food production –

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# THE IMPORTANCE OF "WHY"

## THE THREE DIMENSIONS OF SUSTAINABILITY

**2010 – 2020 Challenges;**

**World Population increase**

**World's food production systems are unsustainable**

**Managing the contribution of the food system to the mitigation of climate change;**

**Maintaining biodiversity and ecosystem services while feeding the world**

**Fish can Contribute to :**

**CFS / 2015 "Food and Nutrition Security for all through sustainable Food Systems**

**The Rio 1992 Sustainable Development targets:**

- ✓ **Economical**
- ✓ **Social**
- ✓ **Environmental**

**The two first have been "lost in Translation"**



**The global Paradox**



# ON THE GLOBAL ARENA



**CFS**

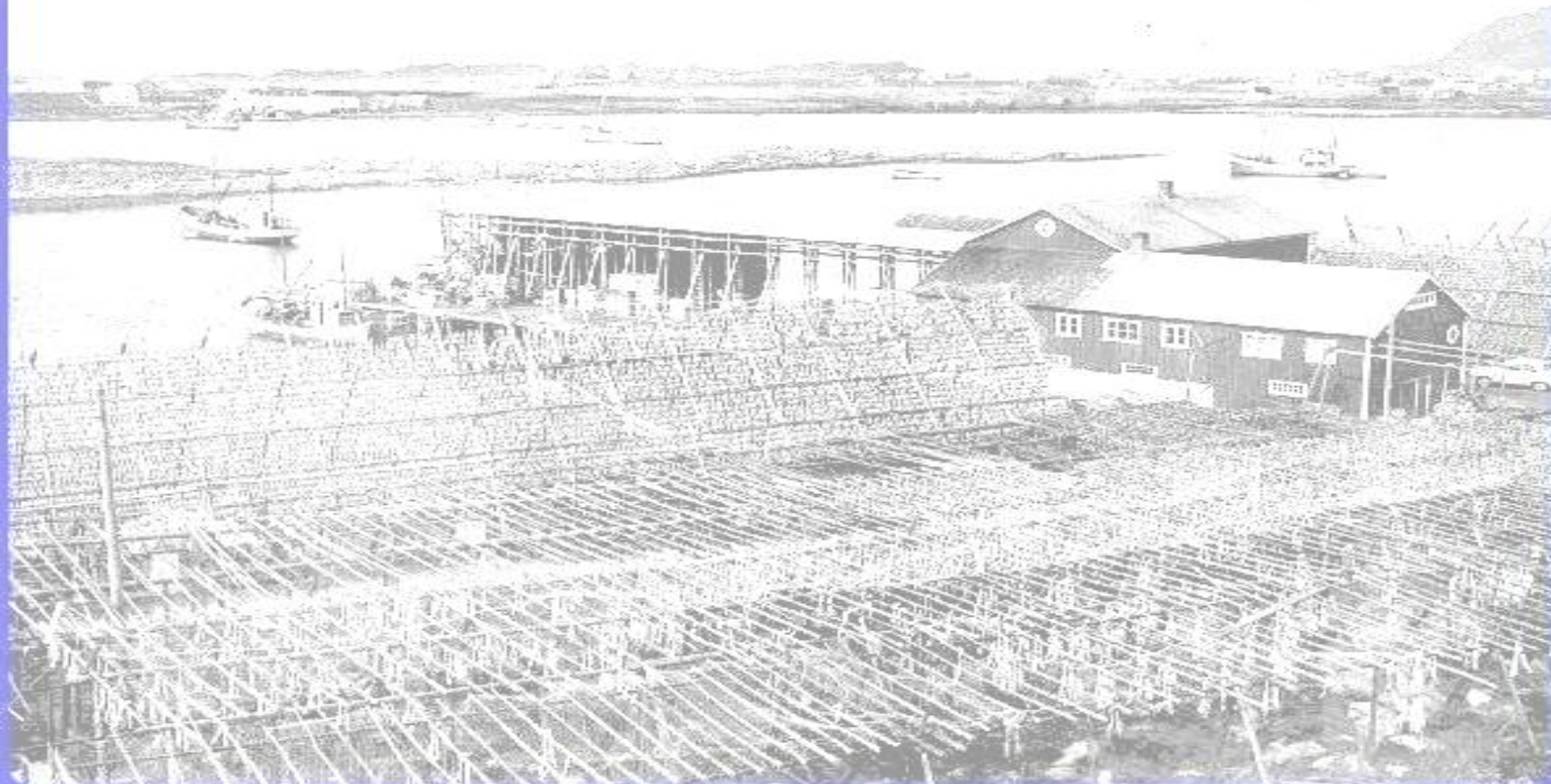
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**PEW**  
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**REGIONAL MEANINGLESSNESS -  
- SAME GOVERNMENT**

**RFMO/RFM VS RSO  
HARD LAW SOFT LAW  
BEST IN DO GOOD**

**IS FISHING (NESSECARILY) A THREATH TO GOOD  
ENVIRONMEENTAL STATUS”**

**IS GOOD ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARD  
(NECCESARILY) A THREATH TO FISHING**

**WHY THE FIGHT BETWEEN ”CONSERVATION”  
AND ”SUSTAINABLE USE” ?**

**”ROMO”s = THE ANSWER ?**



CECAF/ABI/  
FAO





UNEP GC SIDE EVENT

# STRENGTHENING THE ECOLOGICAL FOUNDATION OF FOOD SECURITY

*The Case for Resilient Food systems in agriculture dominated landscapes*



The world's food production system -- agriculture, marine fisheries, inland fisheries – is underlain by an ecological foundation and we are undermining this foundation through land degradation, competition for land, overfishing, pollution, and in many other ways. By doing so we are threatening the long-term capability of the system to provide food. The solution lies in "sustainable food systems" which include a wide range of approaches from multi-use landscape management to minimizing food waste and improving the efficiency of the food value chain



**DONT START WITH THE ANSWERS**

**WHAT IS THE PROBLEM**

**WHY IS THE PROBLEM A PROBLEM**

**HOW DO WE SOLVE THE PROBLEM**

**WHO CAN SOLVE THE PROBLEM**

**THEN WE HAVE THE ANSWER**

**Johannesburg  
2002**

All aspects  
related to  
Fisheries  
Management  
addressed !

All "Lost in  
Confusion",  
except "MPA" &  
"MSY"

- neither  
necessarily  
contributes to  
good fisheries  
management



**WHATEVER THE ANSWER, THE ANSWER WILL ALWAYS  
REQUIER GOOD MANAGEMENT;**

**AND**

**THE REGIONAL WATERS OFF WEST-AFRICA CANNOT BE  
MANAGED FROM NEW YORK, ROMA or NAIROBI –**

**THEY HAVE TO BE MANAGED FROM RABAT, NOAKHCHOTT,  
DAKAR, BANJUL, BISSAU, CONAKRY, FREETOWN, MONROVIA,  
ABIDJAN, ACCRA ..... from the Capital**

**THAT REQUIERS REGIONAL COOPERATION  
THAT REQUIERES NATIONAL AND REGIONAL AWARENESS  
THAT REQUIERES NATIONAL AND REGIONAL ENGAGEMENT  
THAT REQUIERES NATIONAL PRIORITATION OF MEANS**

**FAO, UNEP og NORWAY can only assist – cannot do it**



**EXPERT:**



**A person who knows  
more and more  
about  
less and less.**

**WHERE FACTS  
ARE FEW,  
EXPERTS  
ARE MANY.**

Donald R Gannon

**"Learn from the mistakes of others.  
You can never live long enough to  
make them all yourself."**

**- Groucho Marx**  
(© Guinness World Records 2008)



**The definition of  
an expert is someone  
who knows  
what not to do.**

Charles Willson

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**Our task is**

**”to develop the concept of an approach and mechanism for collaboration between the RSOs and the RFMO/RFBs on an integrated Ocean Management approach”**

**- and organize test-cases in West-Africa**









