

# Mainstreaming Biodiversity in Fisheries Management

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# Message 1:

## Already well entrenched in Policy

- Conservation Biology Perspective –
  - Aichi Target 6 addresses target species, depleted species, bycatches, habitats, ecosystem structure and function
- Fisheries Management Perspective
  - Reykjavik Declaration 2001 - references bycatch, habitats, ecosystem structure & function etc
  - UN Resolution 61/105 –burden of proof on fishing States and RFMOs

# Message 2

## Guidance on “how to” already exists

- Conservation Biology Perspective –
  - Malawi Principles for an Ecosystem Approach (CBD COP/4/inf 9)
- FAO Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries and Annexes on specific issues–
  - Guidance Doc 443 (2003 – 71 pages)
  - Multiple updates and revisions since

# Message 3 - Coherence of Polices & Measures Crucial for Success

- Everyone agrees coherence between actions of conservation agencies and fisheries management agencies is necessary BUT COHERENCE IS NOT BOTH DOING THE SAME THING
- Coherence IS
  - Aligning goals of the agencies within their respective mandates
  - Each using their effective tools in complementary ways to reach those goals.
  - COMMUNICATION NOT POWER STRUGGLES

# CAPACITY TO IMPLEMENT EXISTING GUIDANCE REMAINS A CHALLENGE

Side event on 13<sup>th</sup> to discuss  
mainstreaming further