

Compliance with the FAO Fisheries Code of Conduct within the Coral Triangle: Private Sector Engagement and a role for NGO's?

The FAO Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries (CORF) is a blueprint for the sustainable and responsible use of fisheries resources. Yet recent analysis of more than 50 fishing nations shows compliance with the CORF, while inconsistent across these countries, remains poor overall. Further research shows the application of Ecosystem-based fisheries management (EBFM) principles, inherent in the CORF, is, with few exceptions, also poorly implemented across many of these same countries. Parties to the newly established Coral Triangle Initiative, Indonesia, Malaysia, and the Philippines, have been evaluated under these related studies. This presentation will review their performance both in terms of the CORF and in applying EBFM. The shortcomings of the voluntary nature of the code specific to governance in the Coral Triangle region will be identified. Given the recognised challenges of implementing the Code at a government level, WWF seeks to improve implementation through innovative market-based initiatives and these will also be examined using case studies from around the world and WWF's Coral Triangle Program.



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