



**COFI 32**

**Rome, 11-15 July 2016**

# FAO

194 Member Nations

## 3 STRATEGIC GOALS

Eradication of hunger/food insecurity

Elimination of poverty

Sustainable management and utilization of  
natural resources

# FAO Fisheries

Committee on Fisheries (COFI)  
established 1965

Serves as a forum to address fisheries  
and aquaculture issues of international  
importance

Meets biannually

Works by consensus (in 6 languages)

# Consensus process

- Member states offer interventions on agenda items
- COFI chair summarizes interventions
- FAO Secretariat's office supplements the chair's summary
- Member states intervene
- Summaries and subsequent interventions form basis for Drafting Committee

# Intervention



# Drafting Committee



# COFI 32

- IUU Focus
  - FAO characterizes IUU as a major risk to sustainable fisheries, marine ecosystems, and food security
- COFI 32 welcomed the entry into force of the FAO Agreement on Port States Measures
  - Establishes standards for port states

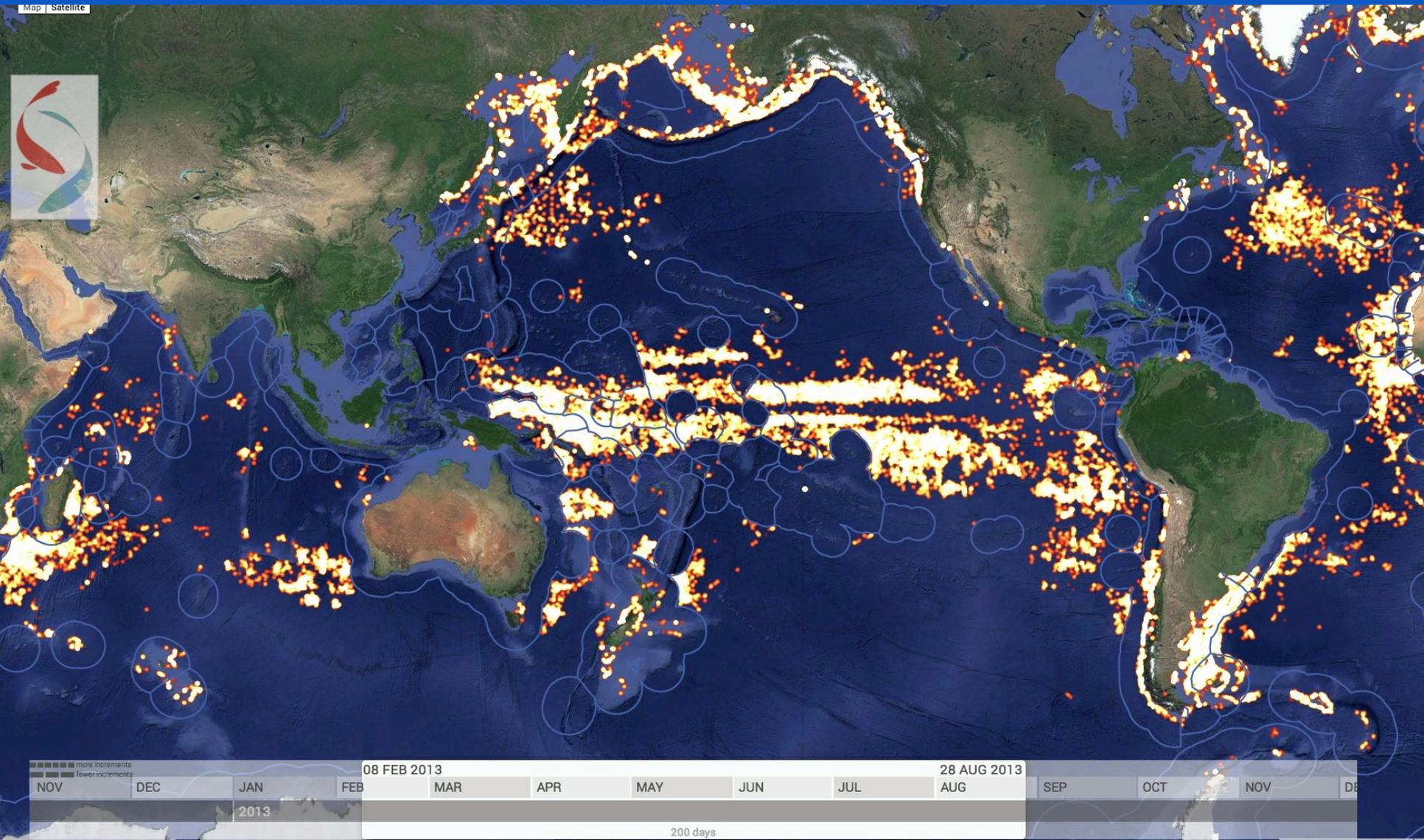
# Other supported foci

- Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries
- Importance of small-scale fisheries sustainability
- Need for performance reviews of RFBs
- Proposed FAO climate change strategy and action plan
- Voluntary Guidelines for Catch Documentation Schemes to be resolved through technical consultation in 2017

# Side events

- Daily, 90-minute sessions
- Presentations and panels
- Fora for exchanging experiences, technologies, dialogue
- Topical and wide-ranging
  - From IUU monitoring to rights-based management and artisanal fisheries

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# Looking ahead

- Officers elected
  - Bill Gibbons-Fly (U.S. Department of State) will chair COFI 33 through 2018

## Recommendations for consideration

1. Establish a dialogue with State to receive periodic updates on Bureau activity and COFI agenda development
2. Organize or participate in a side-event at COFI 33 on behalf of the U.S. RFMCs

THANK YOU...

