

- (h) “Fisheries resources” means all fish, mollusks, crustaceans and other marine species caught by fishing vessels within the Convention Area, excluding:
 - (i) sedentary species insofar as they are subject to the sovereign rights of coastal States consistent with Article 77, paragraph 4 of the 1982 Convention and indicator species of vulnerable marine ecosystems as listed in, or adopted pursuant to, Article 13, paragraph 5 of this Convention;
 - (ii) catadromous species;
 - (iii) marine mammals, marine reptiles and seabirds; and
 - (iv) other marine species already covered by pre-existing international fisheries management instruments within the area of competence of such instruments;
- (i) “Fishing activities” means:
 - (i) the actual or attempted searching for, catching, taking or harvesting of fisheries resources;
 - (ii) engaging in any activity that can reasonably be expected to result in locating, catching, taking or harvesting of these resources for any purpose;
 - (iii) the processing of these resources at sea and the transshipping of these resources at sea or in port; and
 - (iv) any operation at sea in direct support of, or in preparation for, any activity described in subparagraphs (i) to (iii) above, except for any operation related to emergencies involving the health and safety of crew members or the safety of fishing vessels;
- (j) “Fishing vessel” means any vessel used or intended for use for the purpose of engaging in fishing activities, including fish processing vessels, support ships, carrier vessels and any other vessel directly engaged in such fishing activities;
- (k) “IUU fishing” refers to the activities as set out in paragraph 3 of the 2001 FAO *International Plan of Action to Prevent, Deter and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing*, and other activities as may be decided by the Commission;
- (l) “Precautionary approach” means the precautionary approach as specified in Article 6 of the 1995 Agreement;