

RECOFI WORKSHOP ON BYCATCH MANAGEMENT AND LOW IMPACT FISHING

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Iraq can be considered one of the marine countries, Situated at the head of the Arabian Gulf. The area of national territorial waters about 900 km², from FAW port . this area is characterized by lack of depth waters where the maximum depth is about 15 m and this waters are under effects of tidal currents, where the water levels rises and lowers about 2.40 m. regional coastal waters are directly continued with gulf waters and exchanging with marine waters by tidal movement, as the water flows from Gulf and Karun river to Shatt al-Arab and back, Therefore this area is characterized with high fertility water which attracts fishes for feeding or breeding purposes, few species of these fishes may continue to migrate to internal waters through Shatt al-Arab and marshes.



The geographical location allows Iraq to exercise fishing and build a national fishing fleet in neighboring waters (Arabian Gulf. Arabian Sea) and international waters (high seas) under international conventions.

Although Iraq has this area but this source have not been optimally used to boost marine fish production .



The picture for Iraqi marine fishing system is not clear due to internal and external political climate. Priorities must set up to develop and rebuild capacities which will lead to better understanding of this sector as well as the policy of the national fisheries strategies for inclusive cooperation between all regional countries with common awareness to upgrade this sector to protect what remains of these fishes (fish stocks), species and their habitats .



Summery

We can summaries marine fishing status as following-:

- **1. Owner ship** \ the ownership of this sector is privet sector, the stat is not involved directly or indirectly. Fishermen have non government organization (cooperative association) to regulate and represent their activities and needs with authorities
- **2. state contribution** \ the sole service given by the state is issuing license for fishermen and boats.
- 3- The fishing boats** \ small, simple and primitive most of them are for daily fishing .



Types of the gears, HP& Length \storage of fishing boats

Ggea No. of boats	Gears used	Power\HP	Length\m	Storage\T	Remarks
30	Gill nets	75-240	Up to 12 m	0.750-7	Licensed
15	Gill nets\traps	75-240	Up to 18	1. 3.5	Licensed
152	Traps\ multipurpose	65-826	Up to 24	3-8	Licensed
26	Trawls\ traps	150-916	Up to 30	3-5	Licensed
223 Total No. Of fishing boats		75- 916	12-30	0.75-5	Licensed

Total Catch

2005 = 2527 ton

2006 = 12774 ton

2007 = 9560 ton

2008 = 4814 ton

2009 = 6484 ton

2010 = 7118 ton

2011 = 1682 ton



TARGETED, NOT-TARGETED, DISCARDED FISHES

Nearly all captured fishes have market value in Iraq, of course their differences in

Prices depending on fish species, we can divide these fishes as targeted or not targeted

But this does not mean that these fishes are not required or desirable by the consumer, Iraqi markets receives all kinds of fish except unsuitable for human use fishes.

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