



Constraints and challenges in common

Overcoming challenges to implement improved MCS systems

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Lack of knowledge of the PSMA

- **Officials are often not aware of international agreements such as the PSMA**
- **More coordination of services and departments/agencies is needed to create cooperation, improve awareness and facilitate training**
- **Decision makers need to be informed and sensitised to the importance of the PSMA to their countries**



Policy and Legal Framework

- Policy needs to be revised to reflect international obligations and new responsibilities as well as regional cooperation
- Laws need revision to include and reflect international instruments such as the PSMA.
- Laws needs revision to face new challenges in IUU – e.g. Lacey Act provisions to create a legal fundament for regional and pan-African cooperation



Operational Difficulties

- Lack of human capacity: human power, training, equipment and specific skills such as species identification
- Poor coordination and communication amongst government agencies: Confidentiality requirements prevent some information being shared
- Lack of general MCS resources
- Need to set up standard operating procedures, and also consider regional SOP's and MOUs for information sharing



Regional Cooperation and Information Sharing

- Benefits are to be gained from strengthening regional and pan-African cooperation – communication and information sharing
- It was a strong message that we need to move to the next higher level in order to implement a regional and pan-African information sharing solution



Information Issues

Conditions for sharing Licensing info:

- Vessel details and history published
- For individual cases on request – share all info on licensing

VMS information sharing:

- All data on request for case investigation (not to be released to unauthorized persons and only in confidence for a particular case).

Other MCS information sharing:

- Much more information can be shared on a request basis in accordance with regional or bilateral rules and reciprocity



Governance

- Many participants described less than effective governance systems
- Transparency and participation in decision-making described as an area needing improvement
- Corruption, conflict of interest and nepotism represents a problem for effective MCS

The Way Ahead

- Priority actions to be taken nationally and regionally
- Who does what – how can we make sure we move forward?
- What can you do to improve MCS upon your return
- What can we do to assist you?
- How can we improve a third CCAMLR Workshop – what to focus on?