



THE PROMOTION OF THE ILO188 CONVENTION IN THE FISHERIES SECTOR



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About the ITF

The International Transport Workers' Federation (ITF) is an international trade union federation of transport workers' unions.

Around 700 unions representing over 4.5 million transport workers from some 150 countries are members of the ITF.

The ITF was founded in **1896** in London by European seafarers' and dockers' union leaders who realized the need to organize internationally against strike breakers. Today the ITF organizes workers in ships, ports, railways, road freight and passenger transport, inland waterways, **fisheries**, tourism and civil aviation.

The aims of the ITF are set out in its Constitution:

- to promote **respect for trade union and human rights** worldwide
- to work for peace based on **social justice and economic progress**
- to help its affiliated unions **defend the interests** of their members
- to provide **research and information** services to its affiliates
- to provide general **assistance to transport workers in difficulty**

“FISHING IS ONE OF THE MOST CHALLENGING AND HAZARDOUS OCCUPATIONS”

International workforce: more than 16 million fishers engaged globally.



“Sustainability is not complete & achievable without decent working conditions”



ILO 188

WHY IS IT NEEDED TO IMPROVE THE CONDITIONS OF FISHERS???



TO STOP THIS:



Forced and child labor, discrimination against migrant workers...



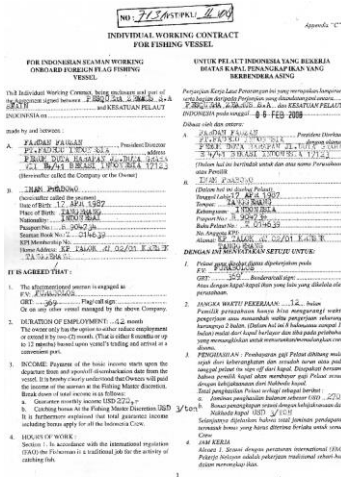
AND THIS...



Isolation, long term of employment, fatigue,
unsafe practices, *substandard vessels* ...



AND THIS...



US\$ 200/300 month US\$ 1/ Ton



Worthless or non existing employment contracts, fake certificates, poor pay and systematic cheating by owners and their agents of the fishers well deserve wages, blacklisting..



AND THIS...



Inadequate food, unsanitary and precarious living conditions...



AND EVEN WORSE SCENARIOS, SLAVES IN XXI CENTURY...

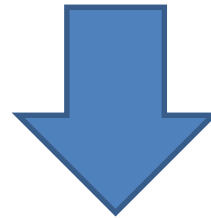


Physical abuse, human trafficking, violence, murders, abandonment of fishers...



It's now clear that there is an integral link between illegal fishing and unacceptable labour practices and abuse of fisher's human rights

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UNFAIR COMPETITION





ILO Work in Fishing Convention, C.188



safety of fishers and vessels

blacklisting



minimum age



occupational safety and health



periodic medical examinations

signed work agreement

medical care & social security provisions



living accommodation and food on board



repatriation



sufficient rest periods.



sufficiently and efficiently manning

regulated and controlled crewing agencies;





ILO Guidelines for Port State Control Officers C.188

Deficiencies requiring **further investigation** & possible **detention** of the ship:



- those affecting the **safety** of the ships and fishers on board
- when **under aged** fishers are found working on board
- when there are **not valid medical certificates**
- when there are **fatigued** fishers
- when **protective clothing and equipment** is not provided
- when there is not protection for cases of **work related sickness, injuries or death.**





CONCLUSSIONS

➤ **URGENT** RATIFICATION OF ILO 188 2007 BY COUNTRIES



➤ **PROMPT IMPLEMENTATION BY FLAG STATES**

➤ **EFFECTIVE CONTROL BY PORT STATES.**

➤ **WORK TOGETHER: GOVERMENTS, INDUSTRY AND WORKERS' REPRESENTATIVES,
SUPPORTED BY NGOs WITH COMON TARGETS...**





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