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SAFE Seas

Safeguarding Against and Addressing Fishers' Exploitation at Sea



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THE PROBLEM

- Challenges to **ending abusive practices** at sea (e.g., no employee-employer relationship, debt bondage, etc.)
- **Labor trafficking** is often not included in the list authorities use when inspecting fishing vessels
- Coordination between agencies with different **mandates and jurisdictions** that try to address the same problem
- Lack of awareness about **labor rights and acceptable working conditions**

WHAT WE WANT TO DO

- **Strengthen regulations and policies** to address labor exploitation on fishing vessels
- **Work with relevant government agencies** to improve coordination and raise the profile of labor issues
- **Encourage the use of multi-disciplinary inspection models** to include checks for forced labor, human trafficking and other exploitative practices on fishing vessels
- **Engage the private sector** to establish the Safe Fishing Alliance (SFA) that will include major fishing industry companies that want to promote a fair and transparent sector that eliminates exploitative and unfair competition, hand in hand with government, workers, and civil society
- **Engage fishers** to help ensure that reporting mechanisms are relevant, accessible and responsive to their cases and needs
- **Engage other international organizations** that have experience in forced labor (FL)/trafficking in persons (TIP) to work on solutions especially in Indonesia, to help reduce the incidence of FL/TIP through improved regulations and increased awareness

WHAT WE WANT TO ACHIEVE

1. **Improve enforcement** to combat labor exploitation including forced labor/trafficking in persons on fishing vessels
2. **Decrease indicators** of forced labor

