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PARTNERSHIP FOR SUSTAINABLY MANAGED FISHERIES

The oceans health is critical to fight against climate change, the global economy, and food security. The worldwide export value of fish from developing countries is greater than rice, sugar, and coffee combined. In Peru alone, the export of fishmeal, oil, and canned and frozen fish is estimated to be worth \$3 billion per year (10% of global fish consumption), and the fishing industry supports around 700,000 jobs. Illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing (IUUF) is damaging important fisheries and critical marine habitats. This partnership seeks to prevent IUUF while promoting sustainable management of critical marine species and ecosystems.

The Partnership for Sustainably Managed Fisheries is a joint interagency agreement between the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the United State Agency for International Development (USAID), and aims to support the governments of Colombia, Ecuador, and Peru: 1) Effectively enforce domestic fisheries regulations and international fisheries agreements, 2) Document and share relevant information across government agencies and with neighboring countries, and 3) Develop and implement plans to sustainably manage economically and ecologically important species or areas within coastal and marine.

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HOW DOES THE ACTIVITY WORK?

The partnership will build the capacity of fisheries and other authorized enforcement agencies in Peru, Ecuador, and Colombia to: implement the operational requirements under the Port State Measures Agreement (PSMA), conduct thorough fisheries inspections of foreign-flagged fishing and fishing-support vessels that enter a country's port, enhance information sharing within governments and across the region, as well as develop and enforce fisheries management regulations, and improve management of environmentally and economically important species and/or areas. Additionally, NOAA will support modernization of data collection and sharing within and between each country. NOAA will also build the capacity of fisheries management agencies in each country to develop and implement fisheries management plans and relevant regulations focusing on approaches such as the Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management.

WHAT RESULTS ARE EXPECTED?

- Improved capacity to enforce national fisheries regulations and operationally implement international fisheries agreements such as the Port State Measures Agreement (PSMA), developed and offered to inspectors in Colombia, Ecuador and Peru.
- Increased regional coordination to combat IUUF through the exchange of experiences and best practices through regionally focused training.
- Analysis and recommendations for modernization of fisheries data collection and dissemination systems.
- Effective information sharing system approved and implemented by participating agencies in each country.
- Improved management of species and areas of ecological and economic importance.

PROJECT INFORMATION

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