



Division for Ocean Affairs and
the Law of the Sea
Office of Legal Affairs
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**ASSISTANCE FUND UNDER PART VII OF THE AGREEMENT FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION
OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION ON THE LAW OF THE SEA
OF 10 DECEMBER 1982 RELATING TO THE CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT
OF STRADDLING FISH STOCKS AND HIGHLY MIGRATORY FISH STOCKS**

APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE

Instructions

Application forms should be completed by the candidate in typewritten form or legible handwriting in English, French or Spanish. Each question must be answered clearly and completely. Detailed answers are required in order to ensure proper evaluation. If necessary, additional pages of the same size (letter) may be attached. Please read carefully the Terms of Reference of the Assistance Fund before completing this application.

1. Information about the requesting State/Organization

a) State: _____

or

b) Sub-regional, regional organization or arrangement: _____

on behalf of (name of State): _____

2. Information about the focal point¹

Name (first, middle, last): Mr./Ms. _____

Title: _____

E-mail: _____

Telephone No.: _____ Fax No.: _____

Mailing address: _____

¹ This person will be contacted should FAO or DOALOS need further information regarding this application.

3. Purpose of assistance requested (please check one)

- a) Facilitating the participation of representatives from developing States Parties, in particular the least-developed among them and small island developing States Parties to the Agreement, in the meetings and activities of relevant regional and sub-regional fisheries management organizations and arrangements. Such assistance may include such costs as travel costs and, if appropriate, daily subsistence allowances for delegations participating in relevant regional and subregional fisheries management organizations or arrangements, including technical experts.
- b) Assisting with travel costs, and if appropriate daily subsistence allowances, associated with the participation of developing States Parties, in particular the least-developed among them and small island developing States Parties to the Agreement, in relevant meetings concerning high seas fisheries of relevant global organizations, such as the United Nations Development Programme, the Food and Agriculture Organizations of the United Nations and other specialized agencies, the Global Environment facility, the Commission on Sustainable Development and other appropriate international and regional organizations and bodies. **Applications for this purpose shall include details of how the meeting in question relates to implementation of the Agreement.**
- c) Supporting ongoing and future negotiations to establish new regional and subregional fisheries management organizations and arrangements in areas where such bodies are not currently in place, to renegotiate founding agreements for such organizations and arrangements and to strengthen existing subregional and regional fisheries management organizations and arrangements in accordance with the Agreement. **A condition for such support is that reference to implementing the Agreement is made in founding documents and/or work programmes of the regional or subregional fisheries management organizations or arrangements and in the national fisheries policies and/or management plans of States Parties.**
- d) Building capacity for activities in key areas such as effective exercise of flag State responsibilities, monitoring, control and surveillance, data collection and scientific research relevant to straddling and highly migratory fish stocks on a national and/or regional level.
- e) Facilitating exchange of information and experience on the implementation of the Agreement.
- f) Assisting developing States Parties to the Agreement, in particular the least-developed among them and small island developing States, with human resources development, technical training, and technical assistance in relation to conservation and management of straddling and highly migratory fish stocks and development of fisheries for such stocks, consistent with the duty to ensure the proper conservation and management of such stocks.
- g) Assisting in meeting the costs involved in proceedings for the settlement of disputes between States Parties to the Agreement concerning the interpretation or application of the Agreement in accordance with Part VIII of the Agreement or proceedings concerning the interpretation or application of a subregional, regional or global fishery agreement relating to straddling fish stocks or highly migratory fish stocks to which they are parties, including any dispute concerning the conservation and management of such stocks and complementary to any assistance provided under the ITLOS Trust Fund established by General Assembly resolution 55/7 or the Trust Fund for the International Court of Justice established by General Assembly resolution 47/444 or the financial assistance fund established by the Permanent Court of Arbitration.

4. Please specify how, in your case, the assistance requested relates to the implementation of the Agreement

5. Description of desired outputs of the project/expenditure

6. Itemization of anticipated costs

7. Describe any existing alternative sources of assistance that are available

I certify that the statements above are true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge. If assistance is granted, I am hereby informed that the State concerned will be required to provide a report on the purpose, outcome and use of the approved expenditure to FAO in accordance with relevant rules and procedures of FAO or such arrangements as may be included.

Date: _____ Signature: _____

Name (print): _____

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Date received by DOALOS: _____ Date forwarded to FAO: _____

Comments: