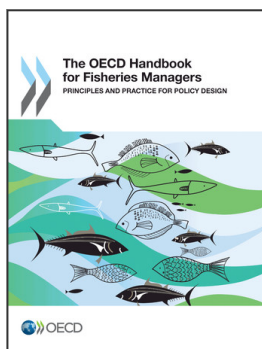


Foreword

The fisheries sector faces multiple challenges. Despite significant progress a considerable share of global fish stocks remain depleted or overfished and overcapacity is endemic to many fisheries. Policy makers and fishers are increasingly aware that action is needed. But the road to a sustainable fisheries sector is not an easy one. To get there, fisheries managers must challenge preconceived notions and embrace new ideas and engage stakeholders more broadly. Short-term questions of employment and profits of fishers must be carefully balanced against longer term sustainability. To do anything else is to court disaster: collapsed fisheries, empty harbours, and permanent crisis.

This handbook draws upon a decade of OECD work that identifies both the challenges facing fisheries and solutions to them. This work is based on the tenet that adopting coherent policy principles can deliver tremendous benefits. Most important among these principles are using the power of markets to solve problems and establishing an open and inclusive policy development process. For many countries, these messages will be familiar, while others are still working to integrate them into their fisheries management systems.

Fisheries reform is underway. There are many success stories of rebuilding stocks and reform leading to profitable and sustainable fisheries. Yet much remains to be done. OECD work identifies policies and approaches that can help put fisheries on a sustainable footing that balances economic, environmental and social objectives. The reader is encouraged to follow the ongoing work of the OECD, in particular the OECD Green Growth Strategy and the work of the OECD Committee for Fisheries. You can find the OECD on the web at www.oecd.org.



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