



Together we can stop **human rights violations** at sea

Fishers and fish farmers support the lives and livelihoods of 1 in every 10 people on our planet. Sadly, the same industry that provides jobs and incomes for millions of people, especially in developing countries, violates the rights of the world's most vulnerable.

Human rights abuses, forced labour, trafficking and slavery are still occurring at sea and are often unreported.

This year's World Fisheries Day will be an opportunity for **FAO and the Vatican** to **give a voice to victims of rights violations and abuse in the fisheries sector**, while **calling for urgent action** to free them from this scourge.

[REGISTER](#)

PROGRAMME

Master of Ceremony

Dr. Tebaldo Vinciguerra | Dicastery for Promoting Human Integral Development

09:00–09:05 | Opening

09:05–09:10 | Welcoming remarks

Message from **Qu Dongyu**, Director-General, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

Video Message from His Eminence **Cardinal Peter A. Turkson**, Prefect of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development

09:10–10:40 | Panel discussion moderated by Vera Agostini and Felix Martin, FAO

Jan de Boer, Senior legal Officer, IMO

Christine Bader, Specialist in shipping, fisheries and inland waterways, ILO (tbc)

Alicia Mosteiro, Fishery Officer, FAO

Kirill Buketov, IUF

Atty Javier Garat, President, ICFA

Vivienne Solàis Rivera, CoopeSolidar

Fr. Rico Talisic, Chaplain, Stella Maris Cape Town

10:40 | Concluding remarks

Msgr. Fernando Chica, Holy See Permanent Observer at the United Nations Organizations and Bodies for Food and Agriculture (FAO, IFAD, and WFP).

Interpretation will be available in **Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Italian, Russian, Spanish**
