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Impacts and challenges for ACP countries

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Fighting against Illegal Unreported Unregulated (IUU) Fishing:
Challenges on Catch Certification system EC 1005/2008 for PNG

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Executive Summary

The presentation will be based on PNG CA experience with the implementation of Seafood Safety Program. Before 2000 PNG was on list two of the Third Country's exporting to EU. The triggered government reforms which saw the establishment of the National Fisheries Authority and the creation of the Audit and certification Unit which started the process of establishing a Competent Authority (CA) to the European Union.

Since 2002, PNG is now on the list of third Country exporting to EU. Compliance of EU regulations on Fish and Fishery is and will always be a challenge for the CA of any third Country. The new IUU 1005/2008 regulation will have more challenges for the PNG CA, especially with the harmonization of systems between CA of vessel Flag Countries. PNG's NFA being the only current CA in the Pacific faces new challenges every time there is a change in EU regulations.