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Introduction:



Sustainable Management Strategies:

1. **Ecosystem-Based Management:** Adopting an ecosystem-based approach ensures the protection of entire marine ecosystems rather than individual species. SEAFO are working towards integrating ecosystem considerations into its management strategies as far as possible given a data poor situation due to only two vessels fishing.
2. **Technological Innovations:** SEAFO embrace technological advancements such as AIS monitoring and artificial intelligence to enhance monitoring, control, and surveillance measures. These technologies can provide more information about the activities of fishing vessels in the Convention Area.
3. **Closed Areas:** SEAFO have implemented a system of closed areas where VME's may or do exist. Fishing outside of these areas are monitored closely by two hourly VMS positions from fishing vessels.

Conclusion:

The ocean remains a crucial source of sustainable food, but effective management is paramount to address the challenges posed by overfishing, climate change, and IUU activities. The RFMO plays a pivotal role in fostering international cooperation, implementing robust regulations, and promoting innovative solutions to ensure the long-term sustainability of oceanic food sources. By embracing these strategies, the RFMOs can contribute significantly to global food security while preserving the health and resilience of marine ecosystems. SEAFO commit itself to address the challenges in order to contribute to these objectives.

Yours sincerely

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