





Competent authority and coordination

Article 7

Each Member shall:

- (a) designate the competent authority or authorities; and
- (b) establish mechanisms for coordination among relevant authorities for the fishing sector at the national and local levels, as appropriate, and define their functions and responsibilities, taking into account their complementarities and national conditions and practice.



Strengthening national inter-agency coordination	Some examples of such practices at national level
Multi-disciplinary / joint inspections by labour, maritime and fisheries departments – provided with labour inspection tools and trainings	Ghana, Indonesia, Fiji, Thailand, Philippines
MOUs between enforcement agencies to define roles and responsibilities of each in conducting labour/multi-disciplinary inspections	Indonesia (labour and fisheries); Philippines, Thailand; South Africa (forthcoming)
Mechanisms for the improvement of working conditions in the fishing sector including social partners (trade unions and employers' organizations)	Indonesia, Ghana, South Africa, Namibia, Thailand