Legal Framework

• General Law for Ecological Equilibrium and Environmental Protection (LGEEPA)
• General Law for Wildlife (LGVS)
• General Law for Sustainable Fisheries and Aquaculture (LGPAS)
• Mexican Official Standards for environmental and fisheries issues
General Law for Sustainable Fisheries and Aquaculture (LGPAS)

• **Objectives:**
  – To establish and define the principles to ordain, promote and regulate the management and sustainable use of fisheries and aquaculture, considering social, technological, productive, biological and environmental aspects.
  – To establish a regime for permits and authorizations for fisheries and aquaculture activities.
Principles of the National Policy on sustainable fisheries and aquaculture

• Fisheries and aquaculture strengthen the food sovereignty, are matters of national security and are priority in the national planning for development.
• Extraction of fisheries and aquaculture resources must be compatible with their natural recovery and availability.
• Fishing gear and methods must be selective and cause the least possible environmental impact in order to maintain the structure of populations and quality of products.
• Fisheries authorities should adopt the precautionary principle while defining capture quotas and effort.
National Fisheries Chart

• Technical publication which is informative for the productive sectors and binding for the fisheries authorities decision making process

• Contains the technical information necessary for the adoption and implementation of measures for the control of fishing effort, resolution of authorization requests and permits for fisheries and aquaculture activities
Fisheries Ordainments and Management Plans

• Group of instruments intended to regulate and manage the fisheries activities, promoting the sustainable exploitation of fishing resources based on their availability, historical information of levels of exploitation, potential for development, and fishing capacities, in a way that is coherent with the ecological ordainment of the territory.
Considerations for a successful sustainable fisheries-

- Strengthen fishermen community capacities
- Transparency and efficient communication
- Resource appropriation
- Confidence on the institutional and legal framework
- Fair trade and markets
- Coordination among institutions at different governmental levels and with the fishermen communities.
- Self-regulations and surveillance investment
- Technical assistance in resources assessment
- Analysis of market forces
- Law enforcement
Thank you very much!

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