The Role of Fisheries Agreements in Promoting Equity within Resource Allocation
Equity in fisheries law

Schachter: “from ideal and/or general and broad principle towards a practical social policy”
Development & International Fisheries Law

Are equity-related provisions incorporated in international fisheries law?
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I. Economic orientated principles
II. ‘Need-based’ principles
III. Participatory rights
Findings:

Equity related provisions in international fisheries instruments:

- Mainly found in legally non-binding treaties
- Formulated in general and broad terms
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Fisheries Agreements

Are equity-related provisions incorporated in Fisheries Partnership Agreements (FPAs)?
Categories(1):

I: Integration of environment and development

• Fisheries surveillance and monitoring
• Scientific and technical programmes
Categories(2):

II: Specification of equity in fisheries law

- Institutional support
- Training
- Development of small-scale fisheries
- Participation at the international level
- Health quality and inspection
- Strengthening human resources
Conclusions

The role of fisheries agreements in promoting equity within resource allocation can be:

• to provide a specific content to equity within fisheries law
• the progressive development of principles agreed at the international level
Multilateral level

Framework

Standardsetting

Concretize

Progressive development

Bilateral level