

ICFA BENEFITS AND COSTS

BENEFITS of ICFA membership:

capacity building

- by understanding how industry associations in other countries work with their government officials for common objectives
- by developing coordinated fisheries sector positions among ICFA members for use in the international policy debates (at the UN, at FAO, and in RFMOs, for example)
- by understanding the benefits of (and how to) serve as industry advisors to national delegations in policy forums like the FAO, etc.

representation

- ICFA representatives frequently take part in key multilateral negotiations and meetings (e.g. UN Fish Stocks Review Conference; CITES COP; FAO Committee on Fisheries) on behalf of the organization
- the ICFA Secretariat ensures that ICFA delegations are accredited to international meetings and submits necessary documentation for ICFA delegations
- ICFA is accredited to the UN and UN specialized agencies (like FAO)
- ICFA member experts are suggested to FAO staff (for instance) to represent "the industry" when required, for example at FAO "expert consultations"

annual meeting

- for the past several years, ICFA has met in Rome and spent a full day with senior FAO Fisheries & Aquaculture Department staff, discussing issues of concern to each
- during the annual meeting, ICFA reviews the budget, agrees on key meetings that ICFA will attend, and
- elects officers

COSTS of ICFA membership:

- \$5,000.00 (US) per calendar year. We can help groups pay membership fees for 2010 and probably for 2011.
- Attend the annual meeting. An association considering membership is invited to attend our annual meeting. This year it will take place the week of September 27 in Rome (at the Sant Anselmo monastery on the Aventine Hill). We usually have a small reception on Sunday afternoon; one of the three days will be spent at the FAO; we are usually finished no later than noon on Wednesday (in this case, September 29).