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**List of ILO tools to assist in the ratification and
implementation of the
Work in Fishing Convention, 2007 (No. 188)**

[R199 - Work in Fishing
Recommendation, 2007 \(No.
199\)](#)

The Convention is supplemented by the accompanying Work in Fishing Recommendation (No. 199), which provides guidance on how to implement its provisions.

Sets out frequently asked questions (and answers) concerning the Convention.

[Frequently Asked Questions:
Work in Fishing Convention,
2007 \(No. 188\) - 2012](#)

[Guideline to undertake a
comparative analysis of the
Work in Fishing Convention,
2007 \(No. 188\) - 2011](#)

These guidelines recommend that Governments undertake a comparative or “gap” analysis to examine the extent to which national regulations and laws would need to be complemented or adjusted, in order to meet the requirements of C188. This “gap” analysis is the first step towards the ratification of the Convention.

This working paper outlines the flexibility clauses of C188 with a view to assisting those considering making use of these clauses when ratifying and implementing the Convention. The flexibility allows for member States to adapt the application of the Convention to national circumstances, as maybe necessary, and gradually achieve the goal of universal coverage.

[The flexibility clauses
of the Work in Fishing
Convention, 2007 \(No.
188\) - 2017](#)

[Guidelines on flag State
inspection of working and
living conditions on board
fishing vessels - 2017](#)

The Guidelines aim to provide flag States with supplementary practical information and guidance that can be adapted to reflect national laws and other measures through which Convention No. 188 is implemented. The Guidelines include chapters on the key concepts and contents of C188, on flag State inspection systems for the fishing sector. Further, they provide guidance on coordination with enforcement measures related to violations of fundamental principles and rights at work (i.e. forced labour).

The Guidelines outline the port State control responsibilities under C188. They aim to assist port State control officers through the provision of proper guidelines for the performance of their duties. They examine all aspects of conducting port State inspections and address basic requirements, indicative sources of information and examples of non-conformities for specific inspection areas.

[Guidelines for Port State Control Officers Carrying out Inspections under the Work in Fishing Convention, 2007 \(No.188\) - 2012](#)

[Handbook for improving living conditions on board fishing vessels - 2010](#)

This handbook intends to assist competent authorities, representative organizations of workers and employers, as well as other relevant stakeholders, to gain a more comprehensive understanding of the C188 and Recommendation No. 199. The Handbook is a useful tool for reviewing and improving existing legal protection mechanisms.

This training package compiles various training materials while being consistent with the requirements of C188 and R199. It incorporates the “Guidelines on flag State inspection of working and living conditions on board fishing vessels” (2017) and the “Guidelines for port State control officers carrying out inspections under the Work in Fishing Convention, 2007 (No. 188)” (2012). It further draws upon a wealth of practical experience on labour inspection in the fishing sector gained in recent years from ILO’s constituents and projects. In particular, it seeks to promote cooperation and coordination among the many authorities that may have a role in the inspection of living and working conditions on fishing vessels, with the aim of ensuring decent work for all fishers.

For further information, see:
www.ilo.org/fishing