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Objectives of fishery conservation

1. Conservation is essential in the development of a rational exploitation of the living resources of the seas. Consequently, conservation measures should be applied when scientific and other evidence shows that fishing activity adversely affects the magnitude and composition of the resources or that such effects are likely.
2. The immediate aim of conservation of living marine resources is to conduct fishing activities so as to increase, or at least to maintain, the average sustainable yield of products in desirable form. At the same time wherever possible sound positive measures should be taken to improve the resources.
3. The objective of conservation of the living resources of the seas is to obtain the optimum sustainable yield so as to give the greatest benefits to mankind by securing a maximum supply of food and other marine products.

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