

## Sustainable fisheries and trade policy: Selected issues

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# ICTSD's Three Coordinated Pillars of Activity

## ICTSD Mission:

By empowering stakeholders in trade policy through information, networking, dialogue, well-targeted research, and capacity building, the Centre seeks to influence the international trade system such that it advances the goal of sustainable development.

### Enabling interaction: information & communication

Enabling interaction among trade policy makers and influencers through the production of a consistent flow of non-partisan reporting and analysis

### Facilitating interaction: policy dialogues

Facilitating dialogue by providing a space for relevant actors to interact and explore common and different interests in an informal and non negotiating setting

### Supporting interaction: research & capacity building

Supporting interaction through policy oriented ground-breaking research and capacity building services by drawing on the best human and academic resources.

# ICTSD work on sustainable fisheries : Trade and IUU fishing

## Multilateral efforts

- **FAO**
  - IPOA
  - PSMA
  - CDS Guidelines
- **CITES**

## Regional efforts

- **RFMOs**
  - TDS, import bans
  - CDS

## Unilateral efforts

### United States

- Identification: Magnuson-Stevens Reauthorisation Act (2006)
- Traceability: Importer responsibility for traceability of imports of at-risk fish species

### European Union

- Identification: Yellow / Red / Green card system (2010)
- Certification: catch documentation requirement covers all marine fish imported into the EU

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See: Gilles Hosch (2016) *Trade Measures to Combat IUU Fishing: Comparative Analysis of Unilateral and Multilateral Approaches*. International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development, Geneva.

## **E15 Initiative Oceans and Fisheries Expert Group**

### **Policy Options Work Package 1: Market access conditions to Prevent, Deter and Eliminate IUU Fishing**

- Build consultative, effective and coordinated unilateral import measures
- Create a network of regional measures to address IUU fish trade
- Develop a system of multilateral instruments on trade in IUU fish products
- Support the expansion of private sector schemes

*Inclusiveness – Transparency – Policy coherence – Capacity-building*

# ICTSD work on sustainable fisheries : Fisheries Subsidies

## WTO fisheries subsidies rules could include:

- **Subsidies to vessels or operators engaged in IUU fishing**
  - Listed / identified by RFMOs, flag or coastal states or subsidizing member
  - Identified under domestic legislation
- **Subsidies to vessels or operators fishing overfished stocks**
  - Some proposals suggest limiting discipline to fishing targeting overfished stocks

## TPP-11

- Prohibition of subsidies to vessels listed by flag states or RFMOs for IUU fishing
- Commitments to address IUU

See: Carl-Christian Schmidt (2017) *Issues and Options for Disciplines on Subsidies to Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing*. ICTSD.

See: ICTSD (2016). *Environment in the Trans-Pacific Partnership: A Legal Analysis*.