

# WTO Work on Trade and Environmental Sustainability

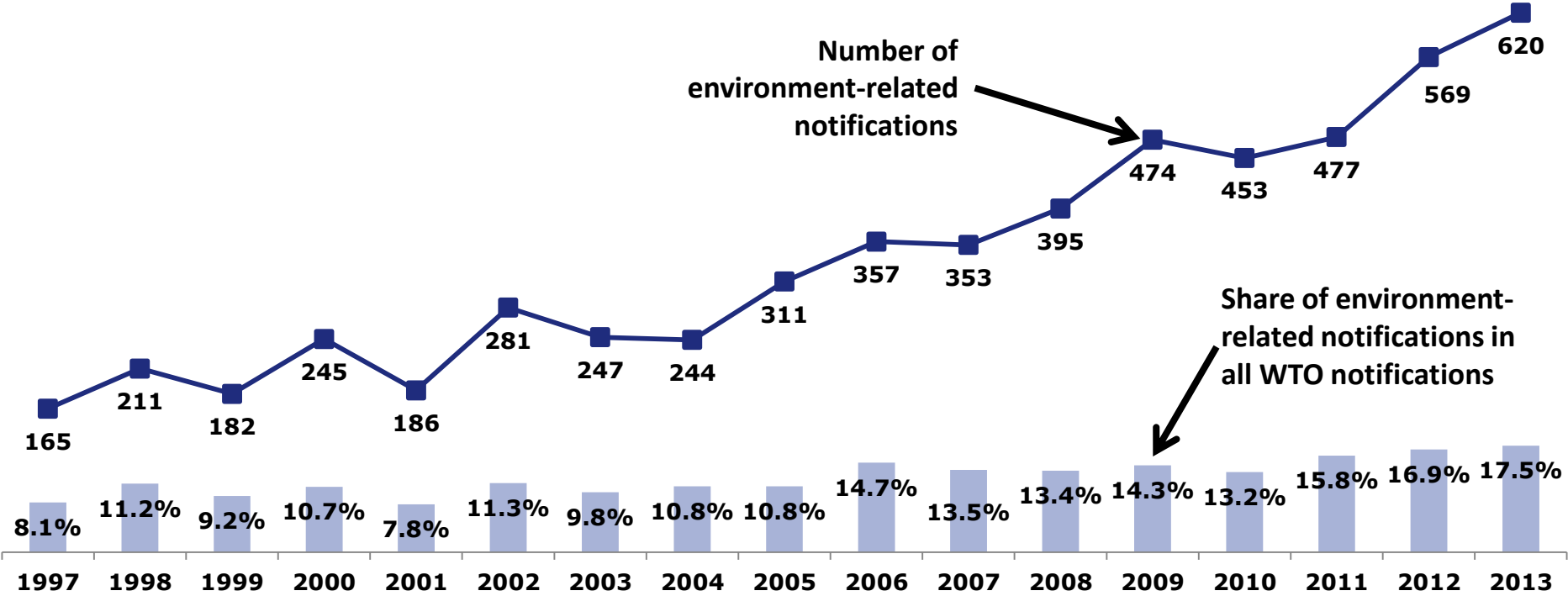
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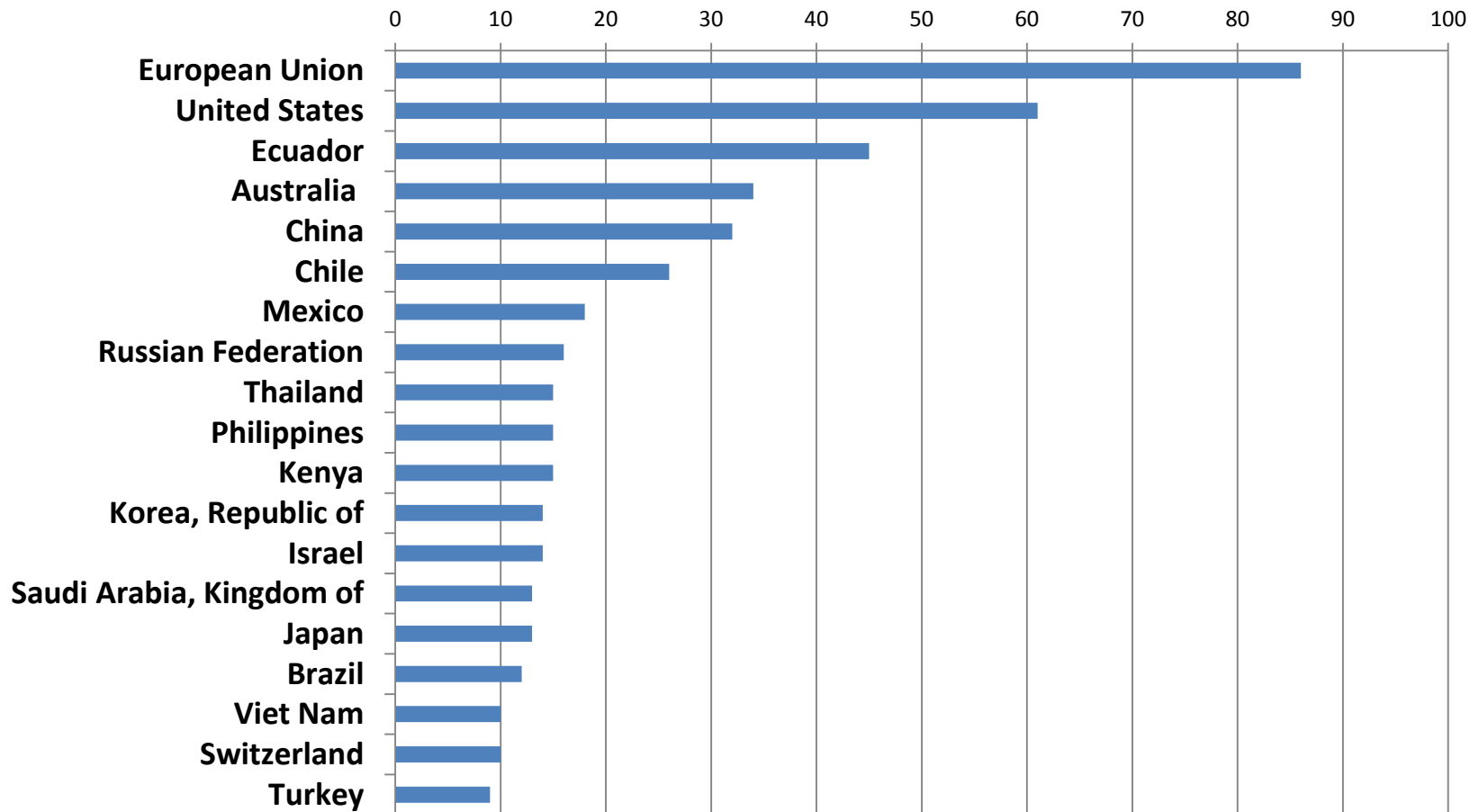
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# A growing number of environmental measures notified to the WTO...



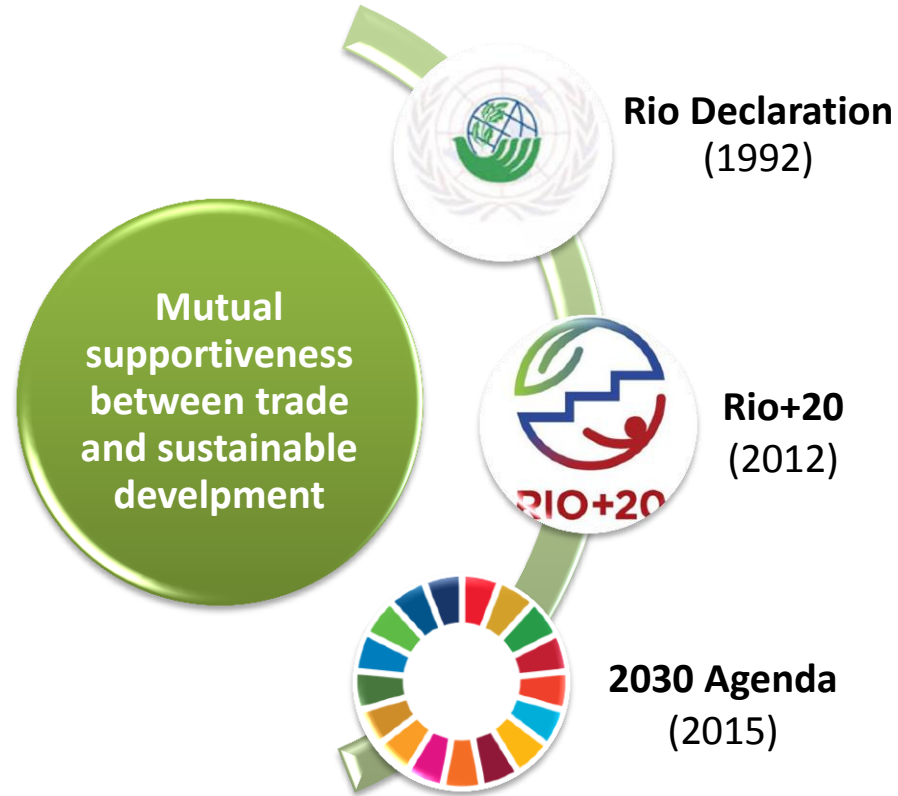
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## ... by both developed and developing countries

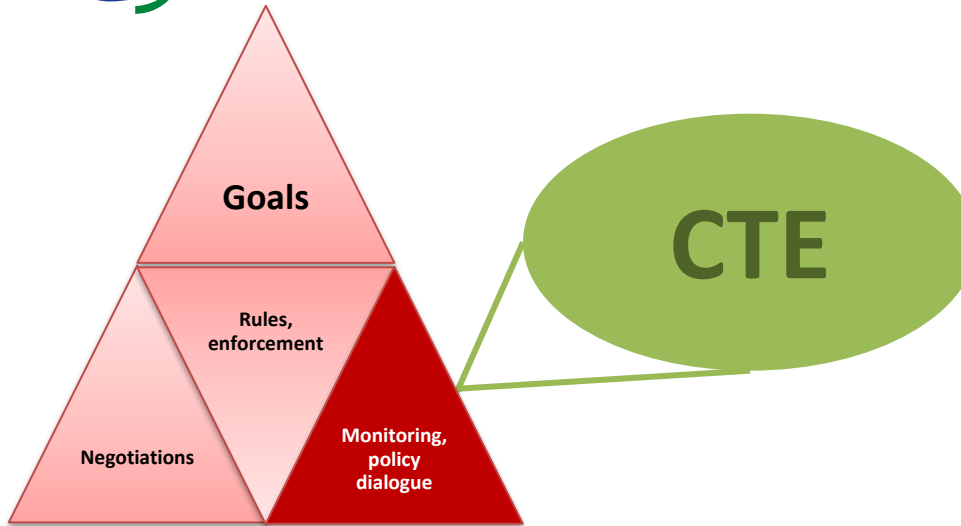


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# ... reflecting the close links between trade and environmental policies



# A unique forum for policy dialogue: The WTO Committee on Trade and Environment (CTE)



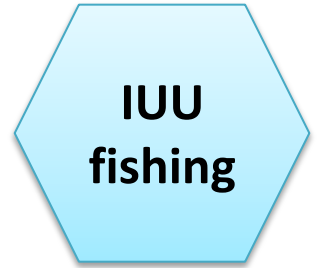
## Supports WTO members in:

- Understanding the **links between trade and environmental policies**
- Learning from **national experiences**
- Enhancing the **positive interaction** between trade and the environment and avoiding **green protectionism**

## The CTE: Recent areas of work



# **Selected issues raised in the CTE on IUU fishing**



- **Traceability: permitting, reporting and recordkeeping requirements; catch certification schemes**
- **Fishing vessel registration, fishing authorization, vessel monitoring systems**
- **National and international law, including Port State Measures Agreement**
- **Economic incentives (subsidies)**

## **Selected issues raised in the CTE on illegal logging**

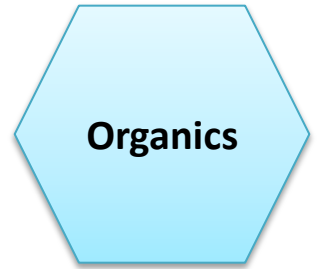


**Illegal logging**

- **Legality verification systems; “due diligence”, record-keeping requirements for operators**
- **Certification and labelling schemes**
- **Sustainable forest management; economic opportunities, including of non-wood forest products**
- **Bilateral and international cooperation and partnerships**



## **Selected issues raised in the CTE on organics and other sustainability criteria**



- **Standards (including carbon and water “footprinting”), harmonization, data quality issues (life cycle analysis)**
- **Labelling and conformity assessment procedures**
- **“Connectivity” to local and international markets, including specific barriers facing small producers**
- **Legal framework, stakeholder participation, capacity building**

## **Selected issues raised in the CTE on waste and hazardous chemicals**



- **Illegal traffic; permitting, notification and tracking systems, prohibitions**
- **Chemicals management plans and risk management measures, challenges**
- **E-waste: policy framework; development of management systems, facilities; economic opportunities**

**Thank you for your attention**

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