Oceans Economy and Trade Strategies (OETS): An implementation tool for SDG 14

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Setting the course

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1. SDG 14: Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources

By 2020, effectively regulate harvesting and end overfishing, illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing and destructive fishing practices, in order to restore fish stocks in the shortest time feasible, at least to levels that can produce maximum sustainable yield as determined by their biological characteristics.

By 2020, prohibit certain forms of fisheries subsidies which contribute to overcapacity and overfishing, eliminate subsidies that contribute to (IUU) fishing and refrain from introducing new such subsidies, recognizing that appropriate and effective special and differential treatment for developing and least developed countries should be an integral part of the World Trade Organization fisheries subsidies negotiation.

By 2030, increase the economic benefits to SIDS and LDCs from the sustainable use of marine resources, including through sustainable management of fisheries, aquaculture and tourism.

Provide access for small-scale artisanal fishers to marine resources and markets.

Enhance the conservation and sustainable use of oceans and their resources by implementing international law as reflected in UNCLOS (...).
UNCTAD's mandate on SDG 14

• Nairobi Maafikiano (Consensus) Para 100 (t)

• In cooperation with other relevant international organizations and other stakeholders, UNCTAD should support developing countries, in particular SIDS, in the advancement of Sustainable Development Goal 14 in the design and implementation of regional and/or national economic development strategies for the conservation and sustainable use of oceans and their resources seeking to promote sustainable trade in ocean-based sectors...

• ...including through analysis of fisheries subsidies that lead to overcapacity and overfishing and subsidies that contribute to illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing and the challenges they pose to developing countries, particularly in connection with the conservation of marine resources and food security
2. What is the Oceans Economy and how much is it worth?

- Promote economic growth key oceans based sectors under a sustainable marine ecosystems approach
- Seeks sustainable access and use of living and non-living resources
- Subject to a multilayer jurisdictional and multi agency
- Incorporates the maintenance of the livelihoods of coastal populations
- Incorporates low carbon activities but also seeks to address climate change impacts
- Highly important for countries with High EEZ / land territory ratio. (e.g. the Costa Rica has a land territory of 51'100 km² and an EEZ of 574'725 km, a 1/10 ratio)
Oceans based sector **will double** in sizes by 2030.

Demand and growth are driven by population growth, limits in land territories and resources, and technological change.
Marine Resources

- Living Resources
  - Fish
  - Coral
  - Genetic Resources

- Non-living Resources
  - Oil & Gas
  - Other energy sources
  - Sand & Gravel
  - Other conventional minerals
  - Newly discovered minerals
  - Water
Uses of the oceans

- Construction: Offshore Installations, Terminals etc.
- Transportation: Shipping, Pipelines
- Communication: Cables
- Trade
- Recreation: Tourism
- Waste Disposal
- Other Services: Research, Education, Defence etc
Oceans’ services

- **Provisioning Services**
  - Food Production
  - Water
  - Wood and Fiber
  - Fuel

- **Supporting Services**
  - Nutrient Cycling
  - Soil Formation
  - Primary Production
  - Habitat Provision

- **Cultural Services**
  - Spiritual
  - Aesthetic
  - Educational
  - Recreational

- **Regulating Services**
  - Climate Regulation
  - Flood Regulation
  - Water Purification

Source: Millenium Ecosystem Assessment, 2005.
3. UNCTAD's classification of Oceans based sectors

Key oceans based sectors

I. Goods (HS codes):

A. Marine Fisheries (HS 03.1-6)
B. Aquaculture (production data)
C. Seafood processing (HS 16.03-06; HS 2301.20; HS 2501.00)
D. Blue BioTrade (HS 0509; HS 1504.10-20; HS 1212.21-29; HS 2008; HS 0301.1100 and .19; HS 711.709; HS 050800)
E. Ships and parts manufacture (HS 89.01-02 and 05-06; HS 840610; HS 840721; HS840729 and HS 840810)

II. Services (W120 and CPC V2.1 2015)

F. Marine & Coastal Tourism
G. Trade in Fisheries services
H. Marine Transport
I. Marine Biotechnology & bioprospecting
J. Port Services
K. Coastal and marine area management, protection and restoration + Carbon sequestration
L. Ocean energy & renewable energy
4. UNCTAD's interventions on Oceans Economy

- Exploring potential and promoting dialogue
  - The Oceans Forum on Trade related aspects of SDG 14
  - 2 International Expert Meetings on Oceans economy in key sectors: fisheries, transport and tourism
  - Dozens of briefings, side events and seminars

- Research and analysis
  - Several ground braking publications on Oceans Economy and SIDS, Trade in Sustainable fisheries, maritime transport and tourism

- Consensus building
  - The UNCTAD/FAO/UNEP declaration on regulating fish subsidies

- Key partners:
  - FAO, UNEP, DOALOS, UNECE, Commonwealth, the ACP Group, and IOI
United Nations Secretariat:
DOALOS: focal point in UN System for ocean affairs and law of the sea; discharges certain functions of Secretary-General as stated in UNCLOS and General Assembly resolutions; secretariat functions for CLCS
Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea

• Performs responsibilities of the Secretary-General under the:
  – The United Nations Fish Stocks Agreement

• Performs the mandate provided to the Division in General Assembly resolutions
DOALOS: FUNCTIONS AND ACTIVITIES

• Core functions and activities in relation to UNCLOS:
  - Promote universal participation
  - Facilitate uniform and consistent application
  - Assist in implementation through:
    - advice and assistance
    - servicing of meetings
    - cooperation and coordination
    - discharging Secretary-General’s responsibilities e.g. depository functions
    - monitoring and dissemination of information
Other United Nations bodies and organizations involved in ocean issues
Legal/Policy Framework (Global)

- Safety of navigation
- Environmental protection
- Rights of workers at sea
- Migration & refugees
- Maritime warfare
- Energy
- Fisheries

UNCLOS
Legal/Policy Framework (National)

- Labour laws
- Laws and regulations for specific activities (e.g. navigation)
- Environmental laws and regulations
- Natural resources laws (e.g. fish, oil & gas)
- Marine scientific research laws
- Laws and regulations for transport and trade

OCEANS’ POLICY
Oceans Economy and Trade Strategy

The OETS aims to support developing countries in realizing economic benefits from promising products and/or services in key ocean economy-based sectors within the UNCLOS framework. This will be done under the perspective of UNCTAD Oceans Economy pillars.

Focus on: products, sectors and value chains

Expected accomplishments

• Improved capacity of national stakeholders to assess and identify promising products and/or services in key ocean economy-based sectors within the UNCLOS framework.

• Strengthened capacity of stakeholders in defining policy options and implementing priority actions to support sustainable trade in products and services in ocean economy-based sectors in beneficiary countries.

• Increased understanding at the regional level on how to design and implement OETS as tool to promote sustainable trade of products and services in ocean economy-based sectors within the UNCLOS framework.

Beneficiary countries

• 3 developing countries or one sub region. Requests received so far: Barbados, Belize, Costa Rica & Saint Lucia.
OETS Outcome indicators

- **IA1.1** Two potential goods and/or services are identified by national stakeholders in each of the participating countries.

- **IA1.2** 70 per cent of responding participants in the National Stakeholder Workshops indicate that they have a better understanding of key principles and obligations under UNCLOS for developing oceans economic sectors.

- **IA2.1** The OETS and its action plan is validated by two national ministries in each of the beneficiary countries.

- **IA2.2** One priority action derived from the OETS to promote sustainable trade of products and services in ocean-based economic sectors is implemented in each beneficiary country.

- **IA3.1** 70 percent of responding participants in the regional workshop have acknowledged to have increased understanding on how to design and implement OETS as a tool to promote sustainable trade of products and services in ocean-based economic sectors within the UNCLOS framework.

- **IA3.2** Three additional countries show interest in obtaining further support to develop OETS.
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Main objectives of the field mission

• To introduce the OETS Project
• To have a list of consultants with all contact information and CVs
• To have an opportunity to meet and interact with government officials in relevant sectors and potential consultants
• To build partnerships with FAO and UNDP and other relevant agencies
• To gather sources of data and statistics
• To identify all relevant national regulations applicable to selected sectors
• To undertake the stakeholder mapping

For more information on the OETS Project see:
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| Sustainable Crustacean aquaculture                        | • Development of cultivated shrimp projects with a sustainability approach  
• Directed to vulnerable populations of the North Slope and to coastal populations of the Gulf of Nicoya  
• Value of sustainable aquaculture certifications/standards                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Goods (production data exist): Sector B: Aquaculture  
Services (low probability of data)  
CPC V2.1 (2015): 86154: Support services to aquaculture                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| The seafood manufacturing sector                         | • Export, marketing and labelling of seafood Costa Rica  
• Best manufacturing practices  
• Development of a local and international marketing strategy, and brands  
• Value and use of sectoral and certification marks                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Goods (trade data exists)  
Sector C: Seafood processing  
Services (low probability of data)  
CPC V2.1 (2015): 61 Whole trade services                                                                                                                                  |
8. Global trends in fish stocks

- Current level of wild catch = 90 million tons. if we apply **good fish management policies** we may arrive to 93-94 million tons by 2035 (WB, FAO, IFPRI and AES)
- We have **reached the limit** and **recovery is too slow**

Global trends in aquaculture

• The **gap in the supply over the next 15 years** of fish will be filled by aquaculture by 2030

• Importance and urgency of **global fish and sustainable aquaculture management**

• Aquaculture **business** will be located mainly in **developing countries** in Asia, Latin America, Africa & Middle East
Developing countries are the main exporters with 56% of total world exports by 2014 (in value)
Tariffs in fish products


- **Tariffs** are coming down regardless of lack of advances in the Doha Round.
- **MFN and average applied tariffs** (wild capture and aquaculture) are not particularly high as compared to bound rates. This is the consequence of unilateral tariff reduction & WTO accession commitment.
Some fish products in certain countries face tariff peaks and tariff escalation.

Most tariff peaks: high-income countries (usually linked to level of processing).

Tariffs peaks are an important barriers to add value in developing countries.

It's in the interest of fish export and importing countries to reduce tariff and tariff peaks.

The WTO negotiations and the UNCTAD's Global System of Trade Preferences among developing countries could have a role in facilitating trade in sustainable fisheries.

Subsidies in fish and fish products

• Global fisheries subsidies have been estimated to be as high as **$35 billion worldwide**

• **About 57% of fishery subsidies** can be categorized as negative, enhancing capacity to extract an already quite depleted natural resource

• Subsidies represent about **41% of the total fish exports value by 2014** (UNCTAD, 2016)

Non Tariff Measures

- 80% of all fish related NTMs are technical and phytosanitary measures
  
  Source: UNCTAD (2016) *Trade in Sustainable Fisheries* based on WTO data.

- 1'250 fish related SPS/TBT measures, growing at 11.2 % since 2010
- There are 2.5 times more SPS/TBT measures in fish that in manufactures
- And they are accumulating!
- NTMs could be important barriers for access to markets by small scale and artisanal fishermen (SDG 14.b)
- Urgent need to increase transparency, understanding, harmonization, capacity building and mutual recognition
MUCHAS GRACIAS

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