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SDGs*

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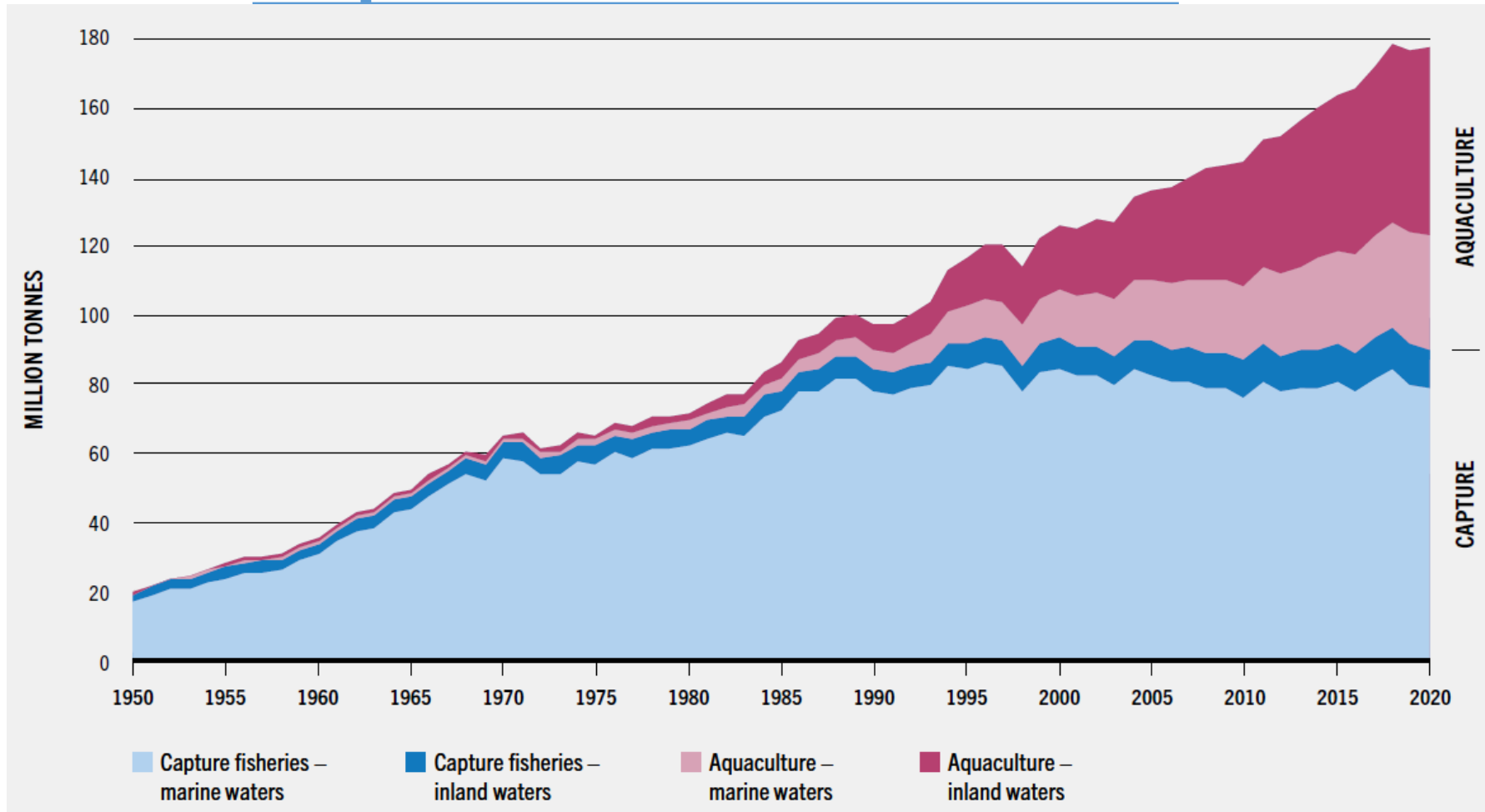
## Session 2

# Building a Sustainable Ocean for Development

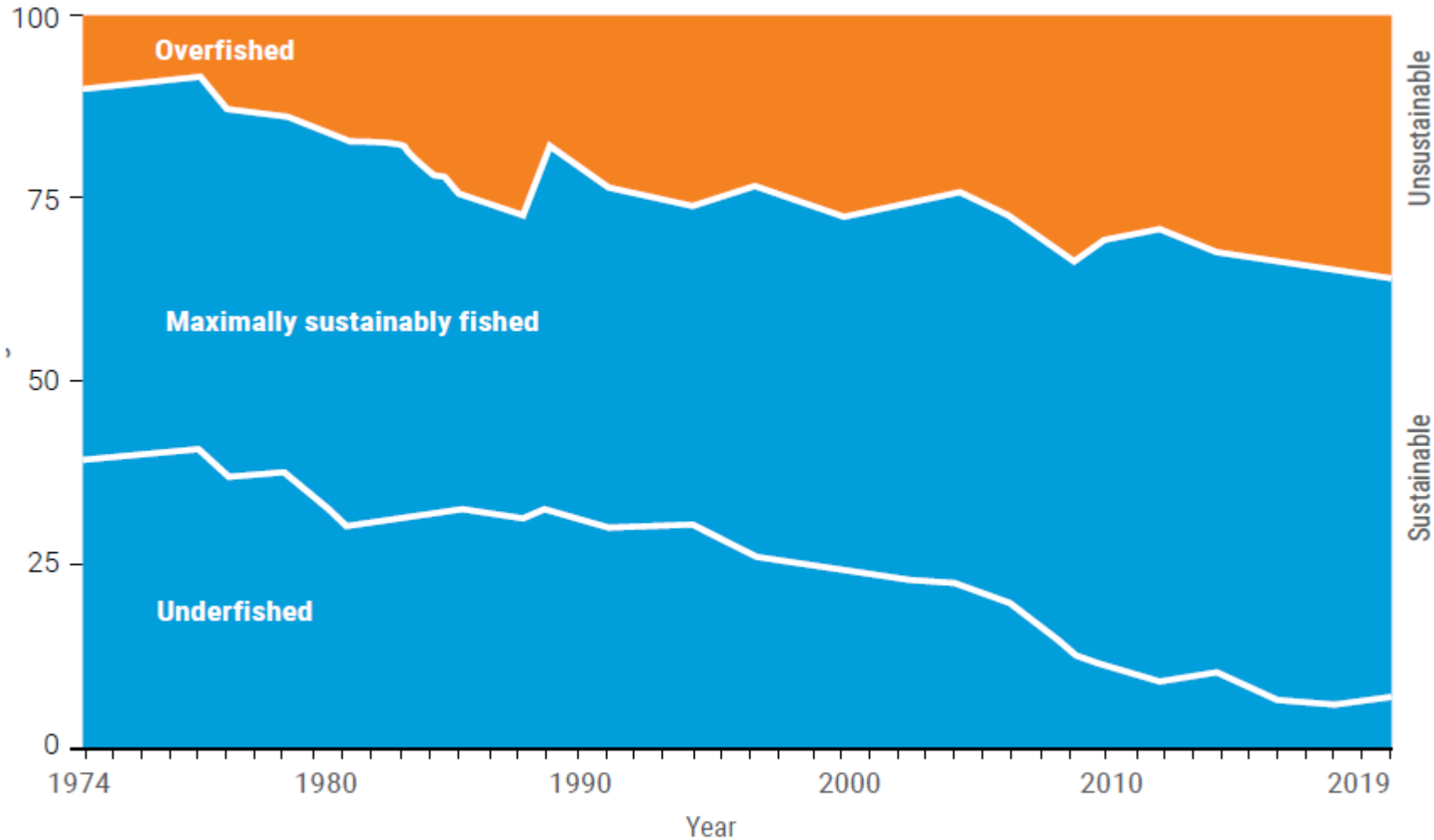


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# State of the Fisheries and Aquaculture Sector



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State of Fish Stocks  
2019



# The WTO Agreement on Fisheries Subsidies

3 pillars covered by the Agreement:

IUU Fishing

ABNJ and  
RFMOs

Overfished  
stocks

Not covered but  
under negotiation:

Overfishing

Overcapacity



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# Implementation of the WTO Agreement

Technical assistance

Capacity building to Members  
and WTO Secretariat

WTO Agreement has a specific  
reference to FAO in the  
implementation – article 7



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# Social Sustainability in the Fisheries and Aquaculture Value Chains

Fisheries: one of the most hazardous occupations.

Lack of respect for human and labour rights in the sector – abuses and violations throughout the entire value chains.

Numerous and complex international instruments, and the lack of their implementation.



# FAO Work on Social Responsibility

Since 2017, FAO mandate on social responsibility – address social challenges, and promote and respect human rights in the sector.

Under development: FAO Guidance on Social Responsibility in the Fisheries and Aquaculture Value Chains

Close collaboration with other UN Agencies, mainly IMO, ILO, UNCTAD and OECD

Since 2019, several multistakeholder consultations worldwide with governments, industry, trade unions, CSOs, NGOs, academia.

FAO COFI Declaration for Sustainable Fisheries and Aquaculture calls for the promotion of safe, healthy and fair working conditions for all in the sector.

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# Recommendations

Ratify and implement the WTO Agreement on Fisheries Subsidies.

Implement comprehensive and transparent regulations and policies to fight IUU fishing.

Promote decent work in the fisheries and aquaculture sector

Active collaboration and cooperation among stakeholders to implement and enforce better social practices at a national, regional and international level.

The importance of the FAO Guidance on Social Responsibility in the Fisheries and Aquaculture Value chains.

Recognize and acknowledge the role of women in the sector, including the small-scale sector.

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