



4th Oceans Forum

Transparency and implementation mechanisms to support fish subsidies and NTMs reform

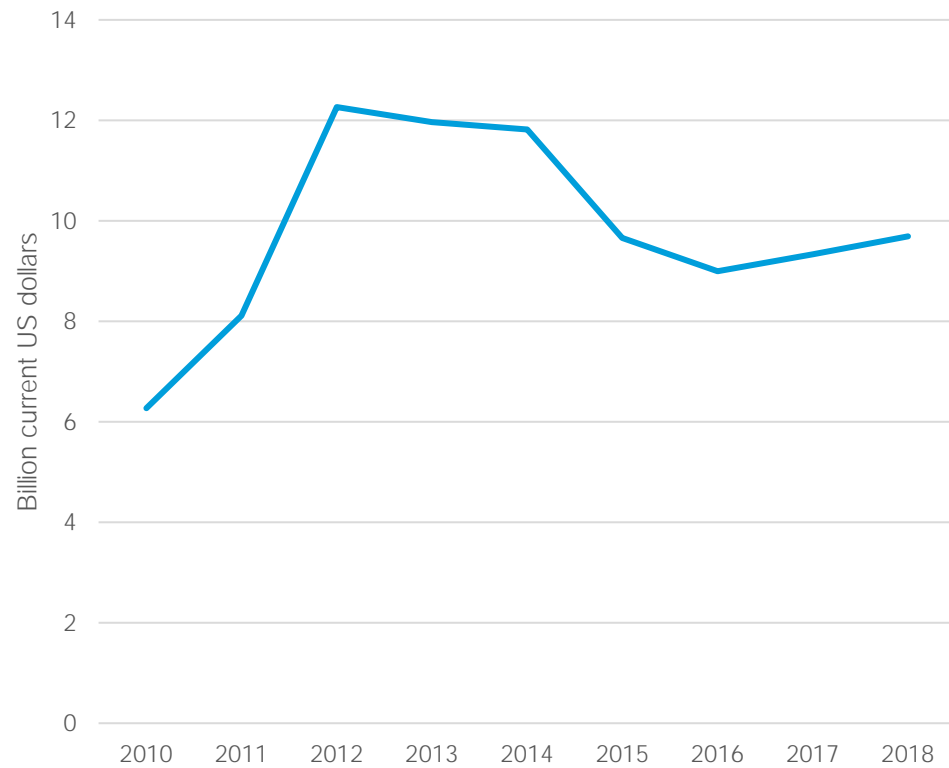
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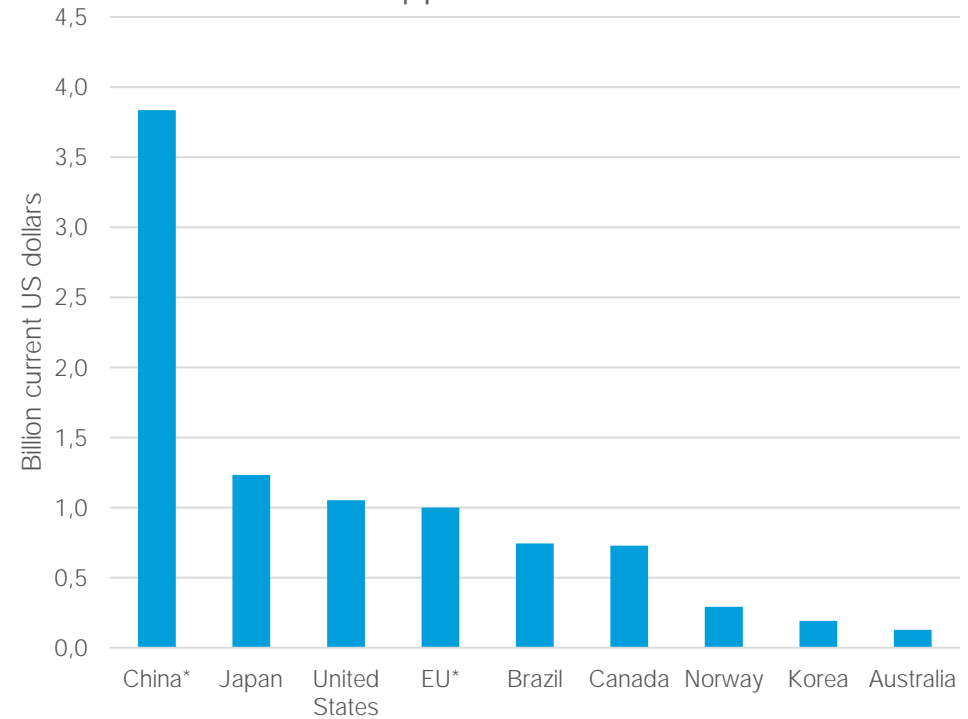


Public fisheries support continues to grow and can even grow more with energy and commodities price peaks in a post COVID-19 and under the current conflicts' scenario

Global fisheries support estimate, 2010-2018



Top 10 countries providing most fisheries support, 2018



**A WTO
Fisheries
Subsidies
Agreement
can be
close**

Massive political efforts and high-level discussions

- Political and technical “acquis”

Main pillars of the negotiation process

- IUU fishing
- Overfishing and overfished stocks
- Overcapacity

WTO Members pledged to conclude negotiations

- WTO Ministerial Conference (week of 13 June 2022)

Second UN Oceans Conference

- Portugal
- 27 June – 1 July 2022
- Progress assessment

A Possible Joint FAO-UNCTAD Support Programme

Support to obligations of not doing it

Support to obligations of doing it

Country assessments based on demands & specific requests

Transparency

Provide linkages to complementary initiatives

Engage relevant UN agencies

Special & differential treatment special clauses

Expand and increase Overseas Development Assistance (ODA)

IUU fishing

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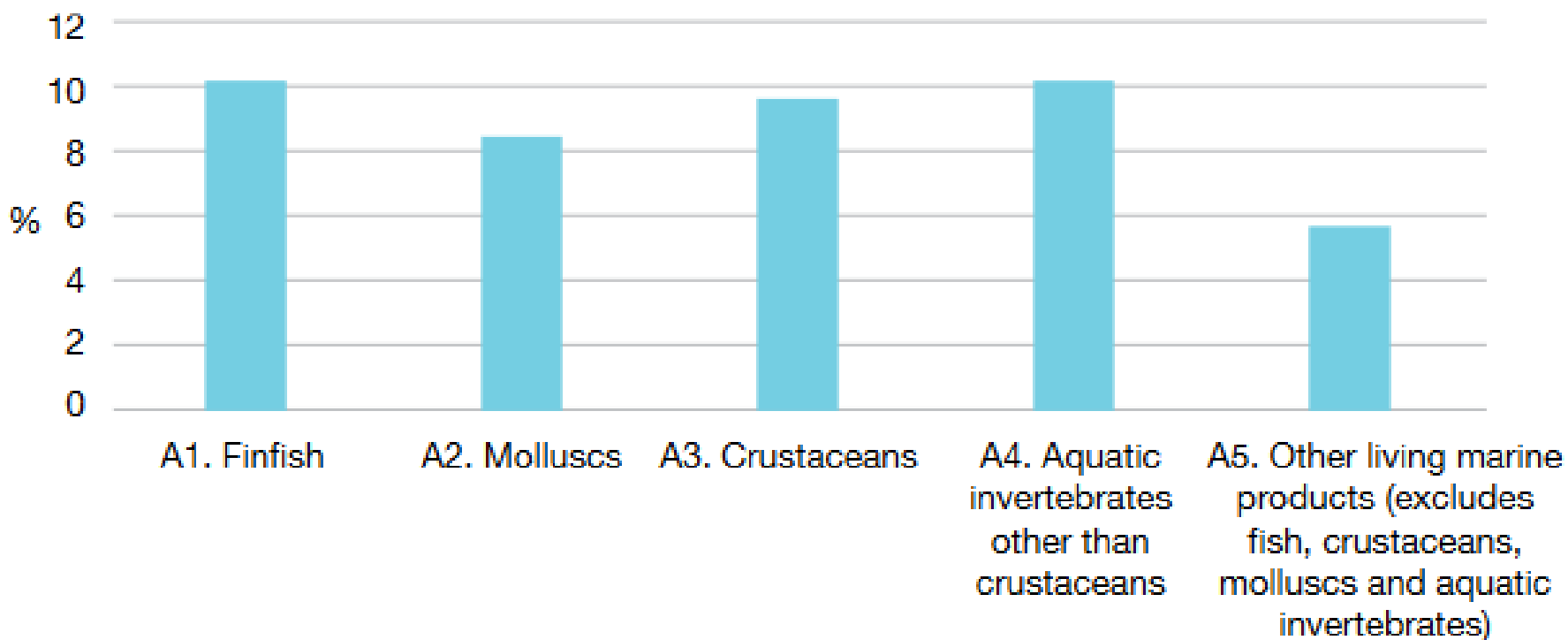
Implementing systems (laws, regulations, administrative procedures, transparency mechanisms, notifications)

Oceans Economy and Trade UNCTAD

Blue Transformation and Sustainable Food Systems FAO

integrated approach: UNCTAD, FAO, UNEP and IFAD

Tariffs Fisheries sector

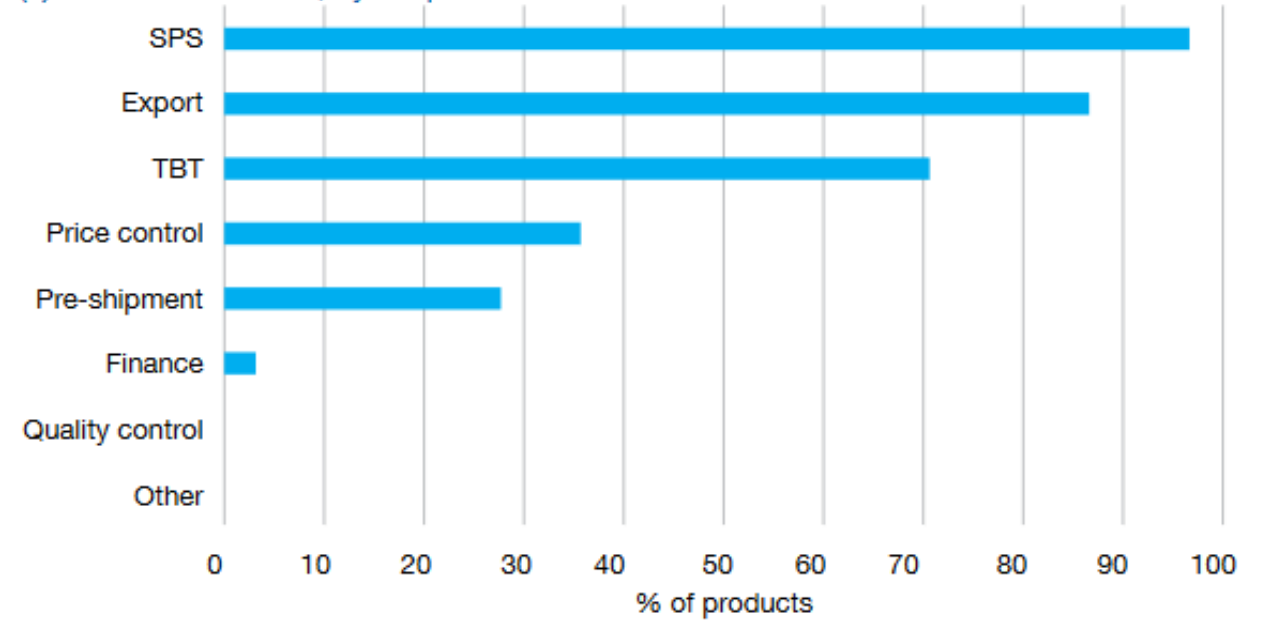


**Average
tariff by
fisheries'
subsectors
(2018)**

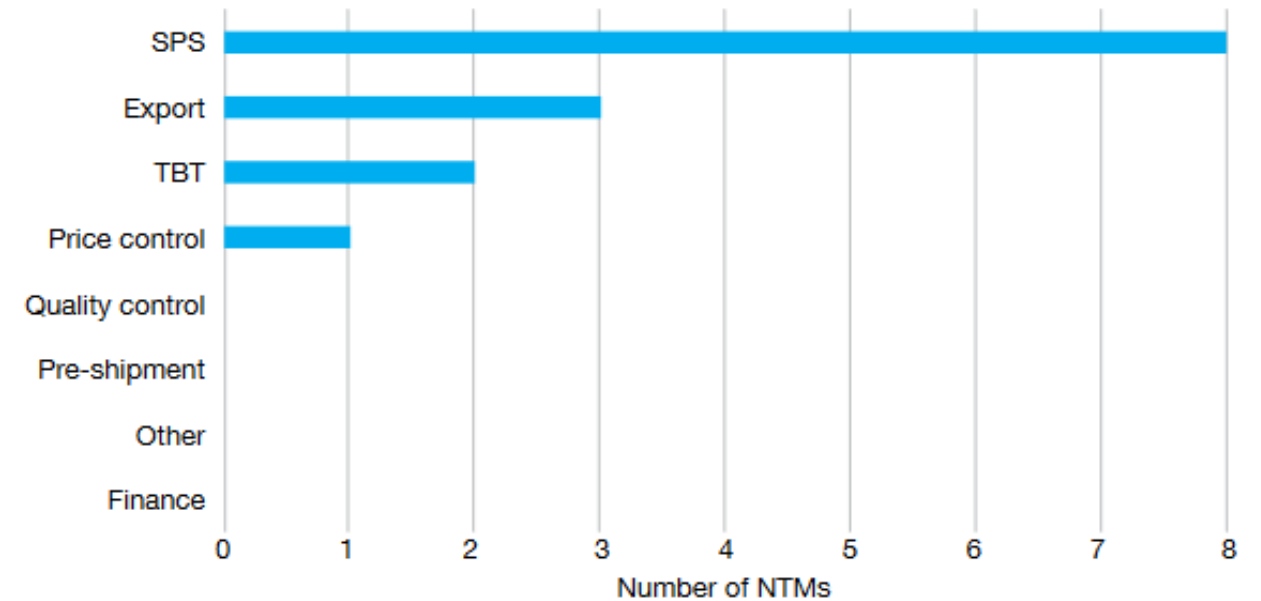
Source: UNCTAD calculations based on WITS, TRAINS data.

Incidence and prevalence of NTMs in marine fisheries by chapter

(a) Incidence of NTMs, by chapter



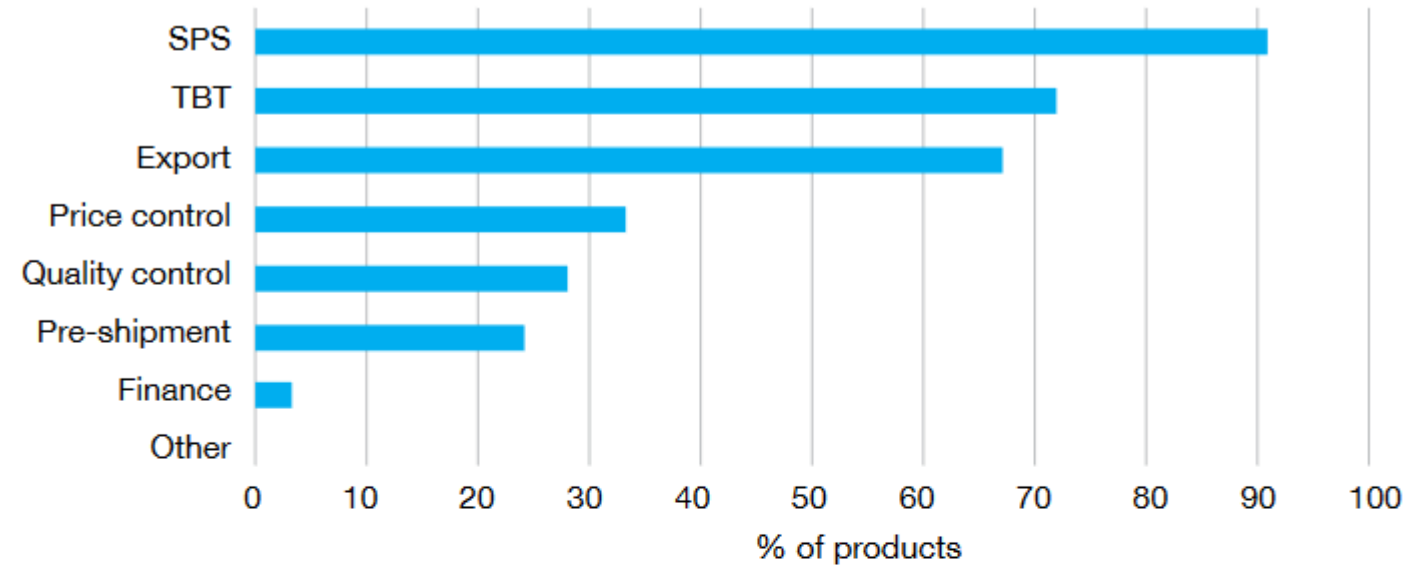
(b) Prevalence of NTMs, by chapter



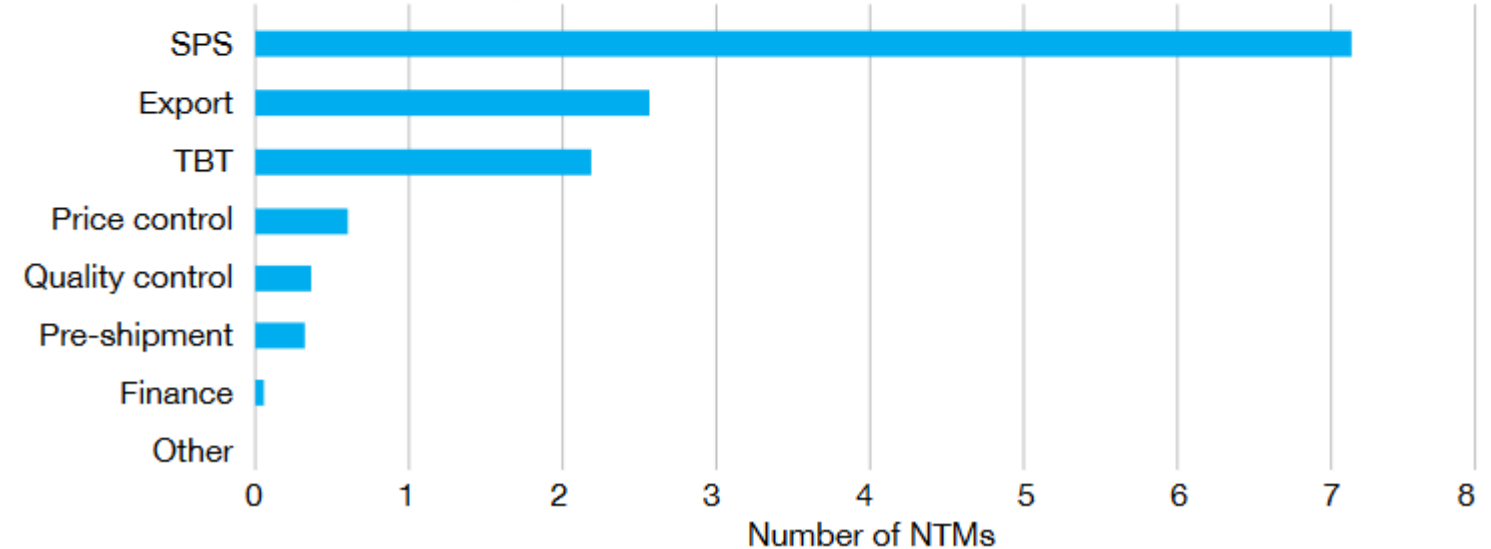
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Incidence of NTMs on seafood processed products by chapter

(a) Incidence of NTMs, by chapter



(b) Prevalence of NTMs, by chapter



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One-stop shop for importers/exporters, policymakers, and researchers to access data on trade regulations, Non-Tariff Measures (NTMs), as well as some practical information on target markets.

Interactive Map on NTMs Coverage

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NTMs from which country(ies)?

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Which market(s) are affected?

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Products affected

Select ▾

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Some suggestions in the way forward for the 4th Oceans Forum and 2022 Ocean Conference

- Expand the monitoring of economic and trade trends on ocean-based sectors including evolution of tariffs and non-tariff measures in a Post COVID-19 recovery phase
- Welcome progress in the WTO negotiations on Fisheries Subsidies and call for strengthening cooperation with United Nations in its implementation, taking fully into account United Nations' acquis on trade, fisheries, environmental and Law of the Sea agreements and considering target 6 of SDG 14
- Support national and regional fish subsidies reform in terms of objectives, targets, volumes, and modalities so resources can be channeled towards stocks management, the fight against IUU fishing and the development of sustainable ocean-based sectors
- Explore options to support small scale fishers and other small marine based producers to comply and overcome tariff and non-tariff measures
- Options for action could include creating economies of scale, join eco-labeling and branding, supporting the application of risks assessment and best sanitary practices, facilitating testing and recognition of third country sanitary authorities, conducting NTMs requirements assessments, and providing capacity building

Thank you!



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