

Fisheries Subsidies and the Current WTO Negotiations

The Fisheries International Framework, the Main Pillars of the WTO Negotiations on Fisheries Subsidies and their Crosslinks with FAO Instruments

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Why the Importance of the WTO Negotiations on Fisheries Subsidies?



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An Important Commodity



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Unique Importance of Fish in International Markets

Exports (US\$)

56% Fish 

18% **Beef** 

14% **Pork** 

12% **Poultry** 

37% of fish production enters international markets

Total Exports
US\$ 165 billion



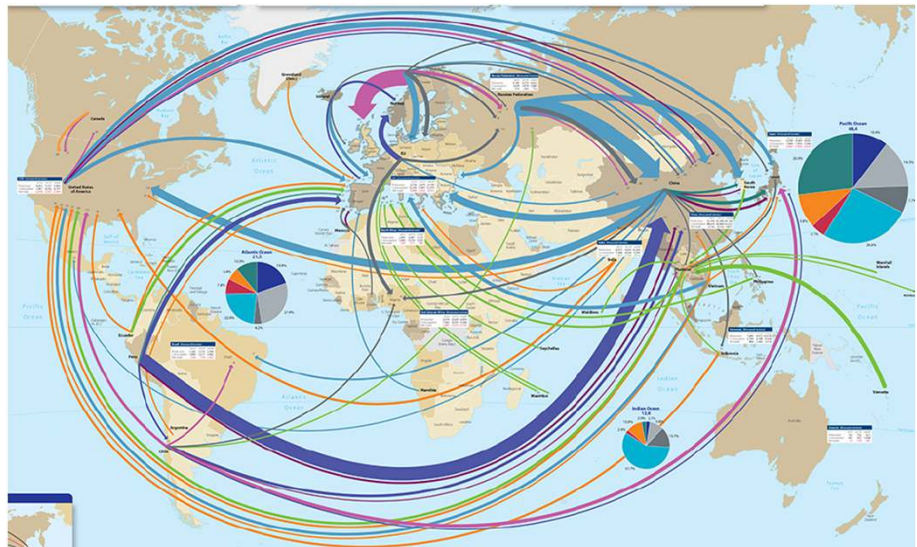
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An Inclusive Participation of Countries



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Int'l Flow of Fish and Fish Products



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Fisheries – Its Uniqueness and WTO



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The Uniqueness of Fisheries at the WTO

Traditional products

- Attachment to a geographical territory

Fish

- Without any pre-determination of origin

Subsidies at the WTO

Agriculture Products

Industrial Products
and Fish



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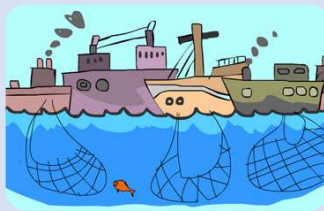
Main “Fish Concepts” in the WTO Negotiations on Fisheries Subsidies



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Overcapacity



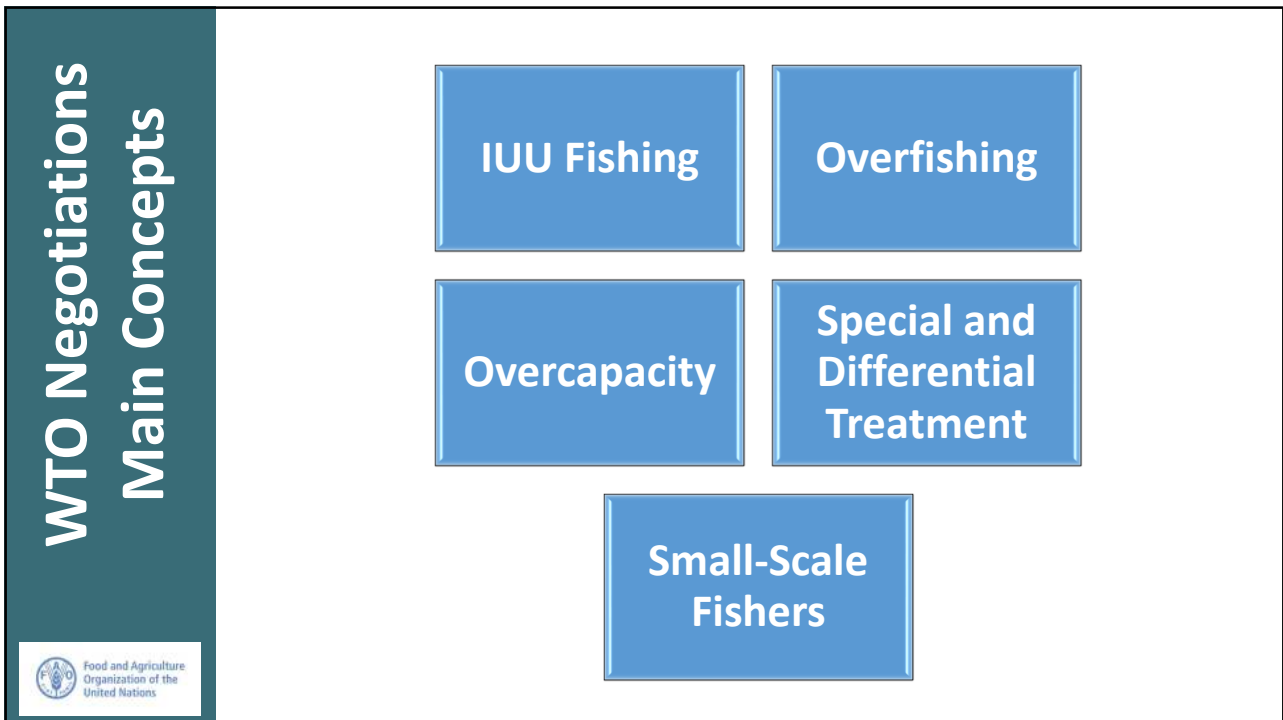
Overfishing



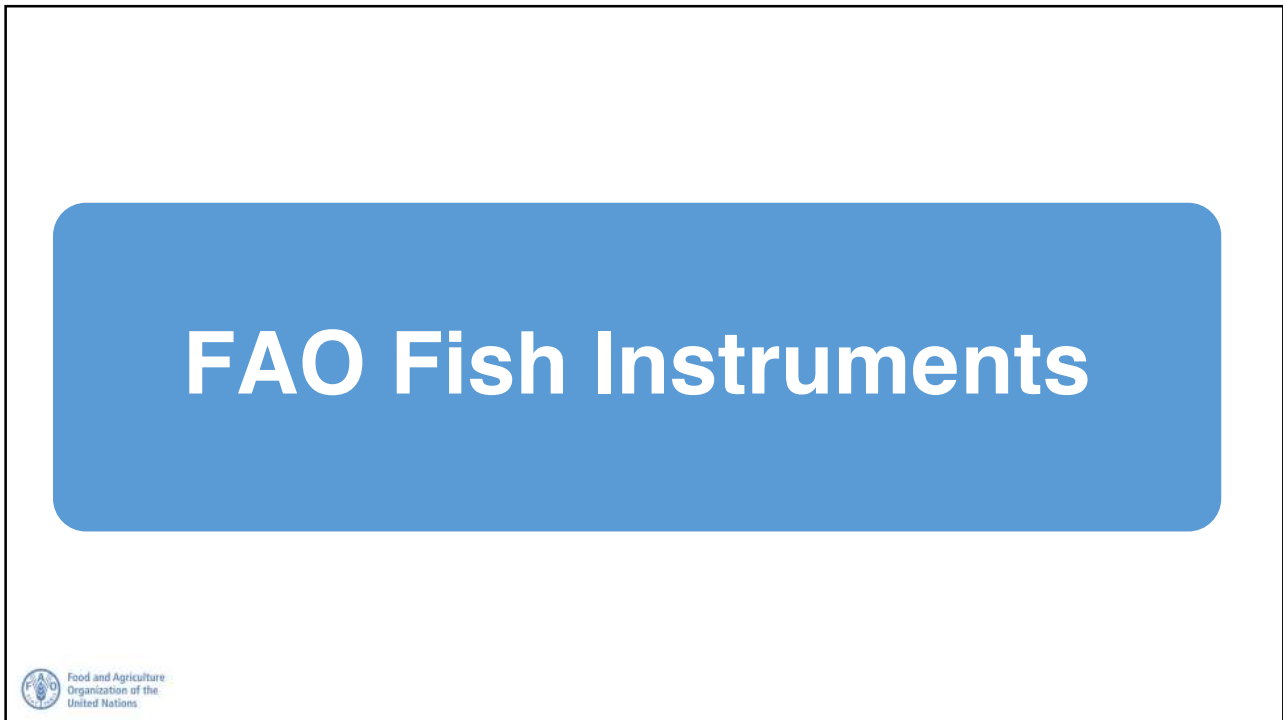
IUU Fishing




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**Main
Applicable
FAO
Instruments**

Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries (CCRF) – 1995


International Plan of Action IPOA-IUU - 2001

Port State Measures Agreement (PSMA) - 2009

International Plan of Action IPOA-Capacity - 2009


Voluntary Guidelines for Small-Scale Fishers - 2014

Voluntary Guidelines for Catch Documentation Schemes (CDS) - 2017



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**Other
Applicable
Instruments**

**UN Convention of the
Law of the Sea
(UNCLOS)**

Basic Principles

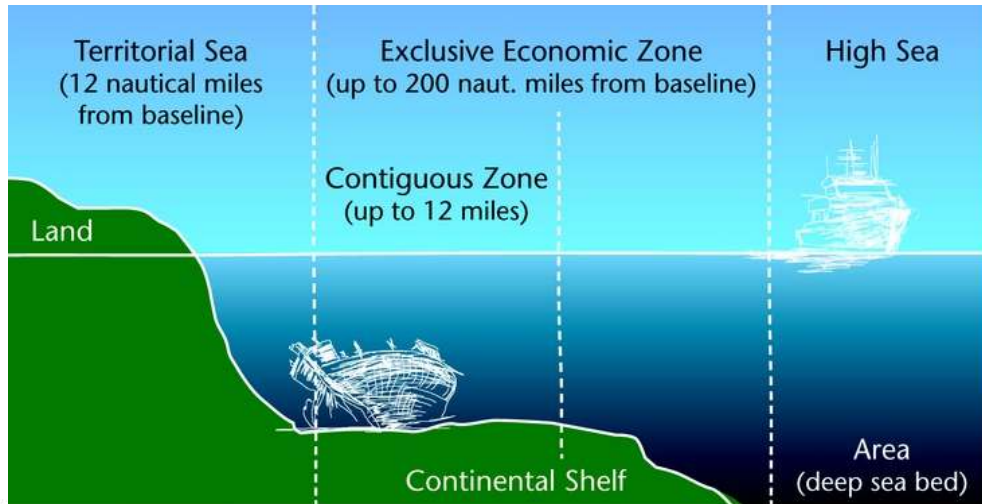
- Maritime Zones
- Shared stocks
- Sustainability Issue
- Coordination among States



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UNCLOS Maritime Zones



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FAO Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries

Comprehensive Instrument

Basic Axiological Values

- Solid, sustainable, precautionary and inclusive actions
- Shared responsibilities
- Holistic approach
- Good source of guidance for the main pillars of WTO Fisheries Subsidies negotiation process

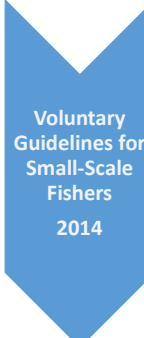
Main Covered Areas

- Fisheries management
 - Overfishing
- Small-Scale Fishers
 - Specific approach
- Post-Harvest Issues




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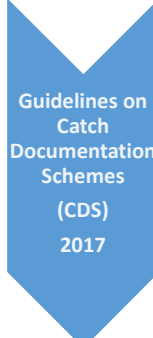
Possible FAO Instruments to inform the WTO Negotiation Process



Voluntary Guidelines for Small-Scale Fishers
2014


- Facilitate Market access
- Promote non-discriminatory trade
- Access to information on markets and trade






Guidelines on Catch Documentation Schemes (CDS)
2017


- Supporting tool to assess the legality of the origin of the product
- Value-chain instrument
- Aligned with International and national regulations
- Global Market implications







Port State Measures Agreement (PSMA)
2009

- Focused on Countries
- Basic principle of cooperation
- Risk reduction of unloading illegal fish
- Mandatory instrument




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SDG Mandate



THE GLOBAL GOALS
For Sustainable Development

- 17 Goals
- 169 Targets
- 232 Indicators


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Information on Fish Markets



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Information on Markets and Trade



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International Trade

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Events and Conferences

Website

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