



# UNCTAD-FAO GLOBEFISH partnership: Ten years of cooperation on trade-related aspects of SDG 14 (2014-2024)

40 Years of the FAO GLOBEFISH Project

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# Overview: The UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD) and its role in the industry

- As a permanent **intergovernmental body** established by the United Nations General Assembly in 1964
- As part of the **UN Secretariat**: We report to the **UN General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council** but have our own membership, leadership, and budget (195 Members)
- As the **UN focal point for trade, development, investment and transfer of technology**
- Our trade-related aspects of SDG 14 and its implementation **mandate**

UNCTAD is the only entity within the UN system with an **ocean trade database** (goods and services)



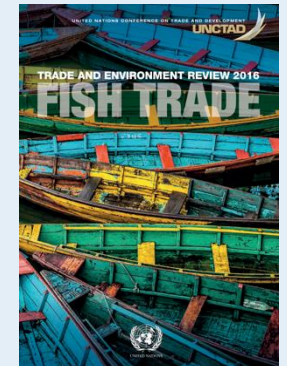
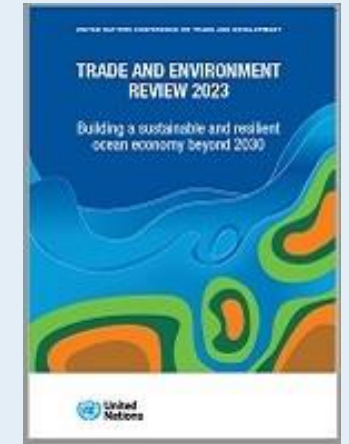
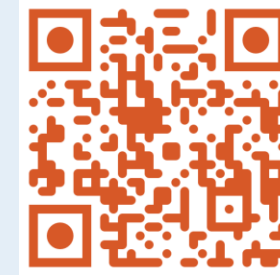
## History of collaboration: Key milestones and significant projects between UNCTAD and FAO GLOBEFISH

- **Joint UNCTAD-FAO-UNEP voluntary commitment** to assist Member States in the implementation of effective and inclusive policies for Sustainable Trade in fisheries UNOC-1 (2017)
- **UNCTAD-FAO as the co-leading agency of the Informal Working Group on Fisheries Management and Trade:** UNOC 1, 2 and 3 (2017-2022)
- **Inter-Agency Plan of Action** for the implementation of trade-related aspects of SDG 14 by UNCTAD, FAO and UNEP (2019-25)
- Organization of **four United Nations Oceans Fora** on trade-related aspects of SDG 14 in Geneva: UNCTAD, FAO, UNEP, OACPS, Commonwealth, CAF and IOI (2017-2024)



## Achievements and impacts of the UNCTAD-FAO collaboration

- Production of the **Trade and Environment Reviews** on **Fisheries Trade (2016)** and a **Sustainable Ocean Economy (2023)**
- **2,000+ stakeholders** participating in UN Ocean Fora and Ad Hoc Expert meetings
- **5,000+ delegates and public functionaries** involved in more than 30 UNCTAD & FAO Globefish seminars, workshop, side events and speakers' corners over a decade
- **100+ action-oriented policy recommendations** for UNOC 1, 2 and 3
- **Direct UNCTAD engagement and technical support** for COFI, COFI-FT and Globefish activities





# Casting the UNCTAD-FAO partnership lines forward...

5th Oceans Forum on trade-related aspects of Sustainable Development Goal 14:  
Oceans economy, trade policy, the climate and development nexus

Official United Nations event in the road to the United Nations Ocean Conference  
3-5 March 2025



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- Blue transformation
- Ocean sector decarbonization
- NDC implementation
- BBNJ Treaty and WTO Fisheries Subsidies Agreement Implementation
- Regional and South-South Trade
- Emerging marine resources-based sectors
- Blue Finance



# Thank you

and our most heartfelt congratulations on your  
40<sup>th</sup> anniversary, FAO GLOBEFISH!

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