



# Global fisheries information exchange at FAO

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# FAO's fisheries work areas relevant to UN/CEFACT and FLUX

1. Supporting policy making through trends monitoring
  - Global fishery statistics and information
2. Responsible supply chain and trade
  - Traceability of fishery products
3. Combatting illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing
  - Global Record, PSMA, RFMOs...



# Combating IUU fishing

- FAO Global Record of Fishing Vessels, Refrigerated Transport Vessels and Supply Vessels (Global Record)
  - ✓ Mainly a flag State responsibility (vessel details, history, authorizations...)
  - ✓ Transparency and traceability (vessels, activities, products)
  - ✓ Information exchange is essential!
  - ✓ Key in verification of information and supporting risk assessment
  - ✓ Publicly available since 9th July 2018 at: [www.fao.org/global-record/information-system/en](http://www.fao.org/global-record/information-system/en)
  - ✓ 52 countries so far with 1/3 of the global eligible fleet

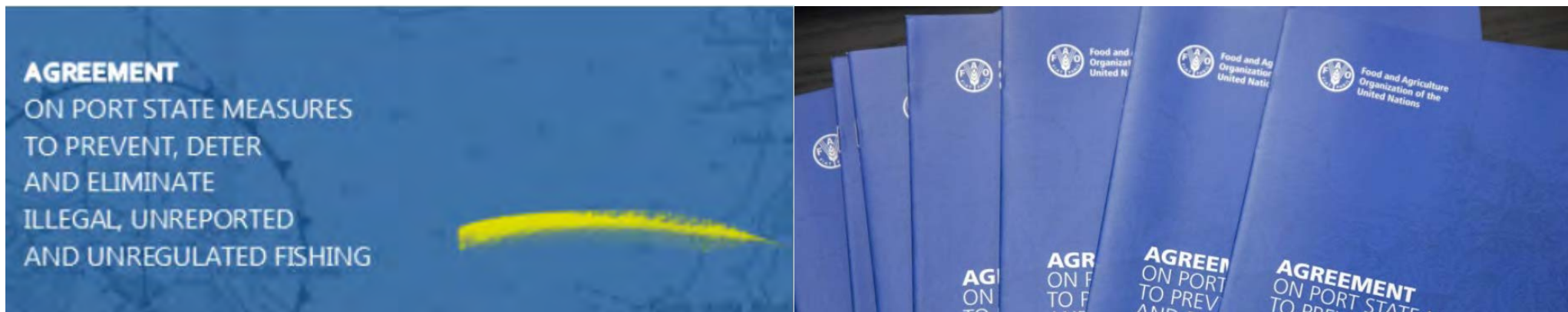


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## ➤ FAO Port State Measures Agreement (PSMA)

1st legally binding agreement - IUU fishing (5 June 2016)

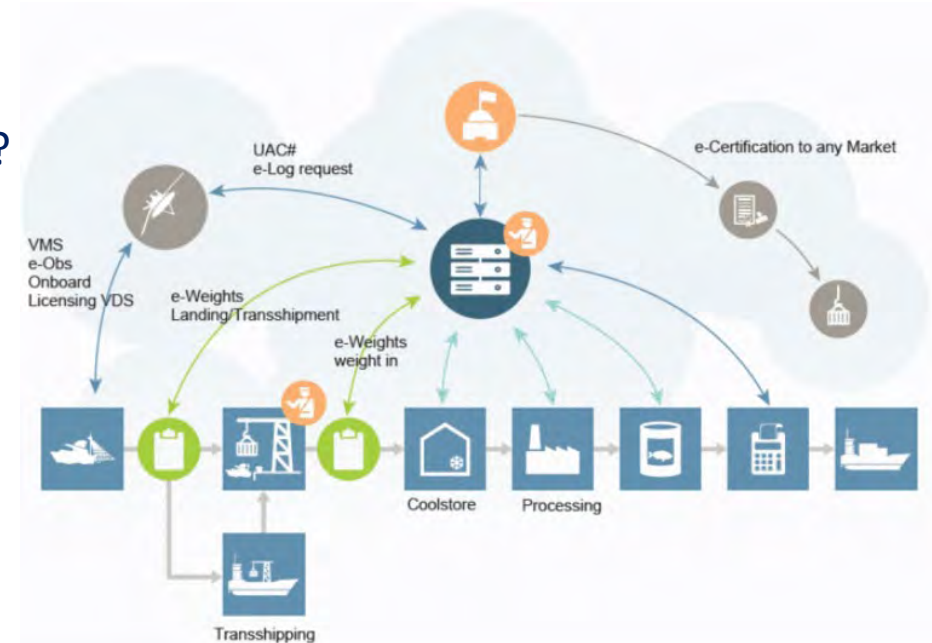
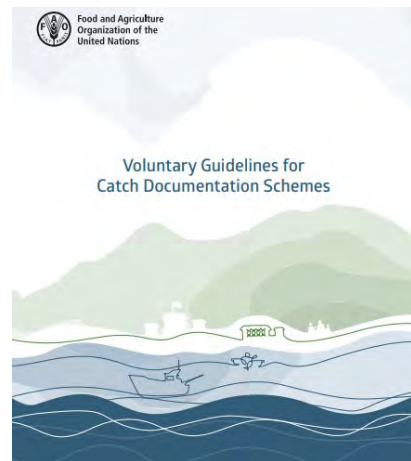
- ✓ Port State responsibility (port entry/use denial, port inspections)
- ✓ Ratification → Implementation → Info Exchange (essential!)
- ✓ Development underway of the PSMA Global Information Exchange System
- ✓ Real-time data exchange needed for hundreds/thousands daily inspections worldwide
- ✓ 57 Parties to date (56 + EU) - <http://www.fao.org/port-state-measures/en/>



# Combating IUU fishing

## ➤ Other instruments such as Catch Documentation Schemes

- ✓ Flag/Market State responsibility
- ✓ Traceability of fish products
- ✓ Production → processing → distribution
- ✓ Future global information exchange mechanism?



## ➤ Regional Fisheries Management Organizations (RFMOs)

- ✓ Key role in implementation of PSMA
- ✓ Support Contracting Parties' participation to Global Record
- ✓ Other information exchange

# Concrete actions for 2019

- ✓ Continued participation/contribution to the work of the Team of Specialists on Sustainable Fisheries
- ✓ Promote use of FLUX for fisheries information exchange
- ✓ Implement FLUX-TL (transportation layer) and become a FLUX node
- ✓ Test information exchange with:
  - ✓ EU
  - ✓ NEAFC
  - ✓ GFCM?
  - ✓ State?



# UN/FLUX

THANK YOU

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