



# Briefing note on the relationship between UN/FLUX and fisheries subsidies



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# Draft WTO working document

- Fight IUU
- Prevent subsidising IUU and overfishing
- monitoring and reporting of fish activities and fish stocks
- specify information items
- set a definition of IUU



# Requirements for WTO

- Information position of the WTO member state
  - fish stock
  - history of the fisheries operator or vessel (not involved in IUU)
  - after granting subsidies: to monitor the fishing activities
- Member State is required to implement and operate a monitoring system
- Fishing is a global activity → international information exchange





# UN/FLUX

- designed for :
  - reporting about fishing activities
  - query and retrieve information about fishing activities
- about:  
vessels, fishing trips, inspection, catch data, landing, transport and licences
- UN/FLUX is supported with tools  
(FOCUS OpenVMS, ... )



# Conclusions

- To prevent subsidising IUU, the WTO member state requires information about the fishing activities of their vessels.
- UN/FLUX includes the WTO specified information set
- WTO member state has to install and operate a fisheries registration and monitoring system of their own choice, design and make.

## Recommendation:

- The WTO member state use communication interfaces based on the UN/FLUX specifications
  - UN/FLUX handbooks and guidelines are available
  - Tools and applications are available

