Sustainable fisheries and trade policy: Selected issues



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ICTSD's Three Coordinated Pillars of Activity

ICTSD Mission:

By empowering stakeholders in trade policy through information, networking, dialogue, well-targeted research, and capacity building, the Centre seeks to influence the international trade system such that it advances the goal of sustainable development.

Enabling interaction: information & communication

Enabling interaction among trade policy makers and influencers through the production of a consistent flow of non-partisan reporting and analysis

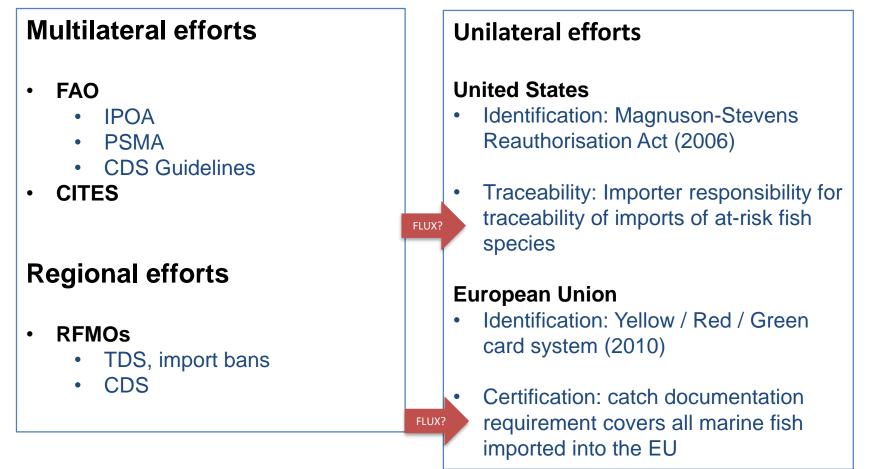
Facilitating interaction: policy dialogues

Facilitating dialogue by providing a space for relevant actors to interact and explore common and different interests in an informal and non negotiating setting Supporting interaction: research & capacity building

Supporting interaction through policy oriented ground-breaking research and capacity building services by drawing on the best human and academic resources.



ICTSD work on sustainable fisheries : Trade and IUU fishing



See: Gilles Hosch (2016) *Trade Measures to Combat IUU Fishing: Comparative Analysis of Unilateral and Multilateral Approaches*. International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development, Geneva.







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Policy Options Work Package 1: Market access conditions to Prevent, Deter and Eliminate IUU Fishing

- Build consultative, effective and coordinated unilateral import measures
- Create a network of regional measures to address IUU fish trade
- Develop a system of multilateral instruments on trade in IUU fish products
- Support the expansion of private sector schemes

Inclusiveness – Transparency – Policy coherence – Capacity-building



ICTSD work on sustainable fisheries : Fisheries Subsidies

WTO fisheries subsidies rules could include:

- Subsidies to vessels or operators engaged in IUU fishing
 - Listed / identified by RFMOs, flag or coastal states or subsidizing member
 - Identified under domestic legislation
- Subsidies to vessels or operators fishing overfished stocks
 - Some proposals suggest limiting discipline to fishing <u>targeting</u> overfished stocks

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- Prohibition of subsidies to vessels listed by flag states or RFMOs for IUU fishing
- Commitments to address IUU

See: Carl-Christian Schmidt (2017) *Issues and Options for Disciplines on Subsidies to Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing*. ICTSD.

See: ICTSD (2016). Environment in the Trans-Pacific Partnership: A Legal Analysis.

