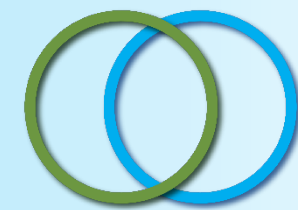


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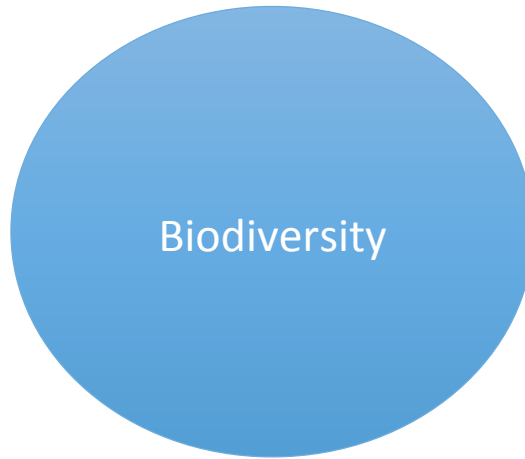


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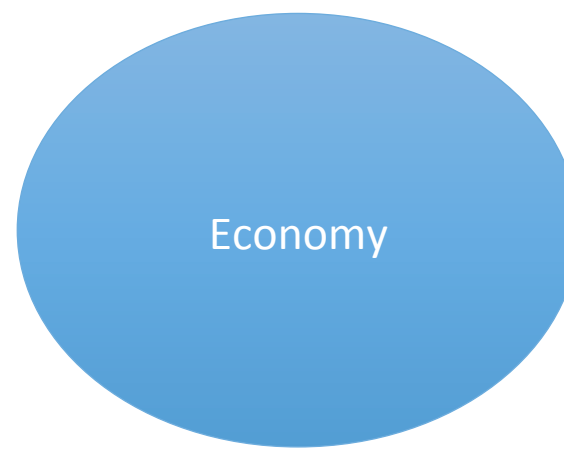
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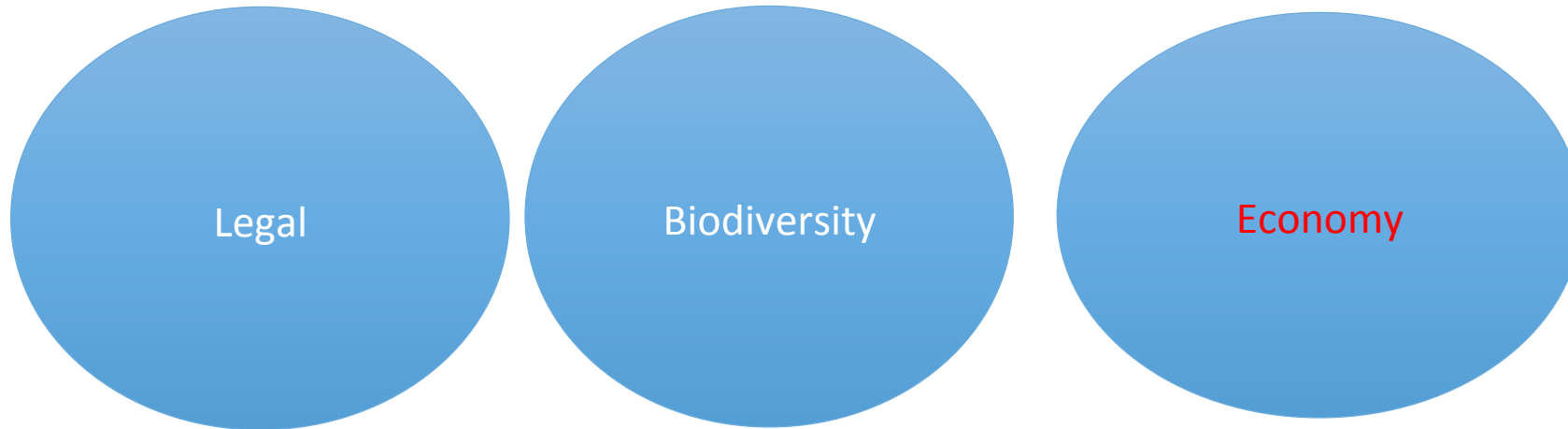
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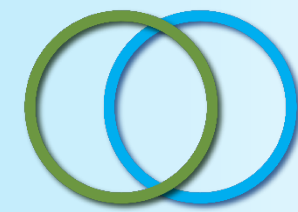


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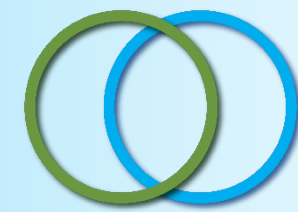
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About:

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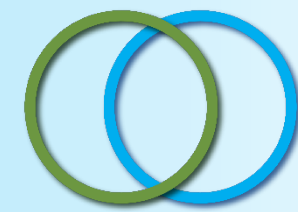
Work related to Fisheries and Standards:

- Trade-related aspects of SDG 14, particularly: 14.4 and 14.6
 - Fisheries subsidies and Sustainable Fisheries Management
 - Fisheries subsidies at the WTO
- Sustainability standards and certification



Subsidies work

- Research on the impact of fisheries subsidies
 - Resource impact , impact on overfishing
 - Country-level studies
- Reforming Fisheries Subsidies at the WTO
 - Strengthening WTO Disciplines on the use of subsidies that contribute to IUU, overcapacity, overfishing
- Sustainability criteria for fisheries subsidies

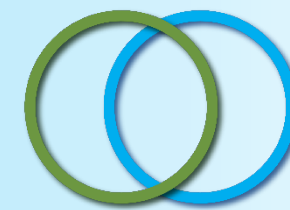


Subsidies work: Joint Voluntary Commitment

- UN Environment, UNCTAD, FAO Joint Voluntary Commitment « Sustainable Trade in Fisheries – Assisting Member States to Implement Effective, Inclusive and Sustainable Policies »
 - SDG targets 14.4, 14.6, 14.b
 - Capacity building and technical assistance on trade and trade-related policies to better position themselves in relevant trade negotiations and undertake internal policy and regulatory reform aligned with SDG 14

Type of commitment relating to FLUX:

- 14.4:
 - Eco-labelling, traceability, certification
 - Compliance, monitoring and enforcement
- 14.6
 - Information relating to harmful subsidies?
- 14.b
 - Access and capacity building for eco-labelling and traceability systems

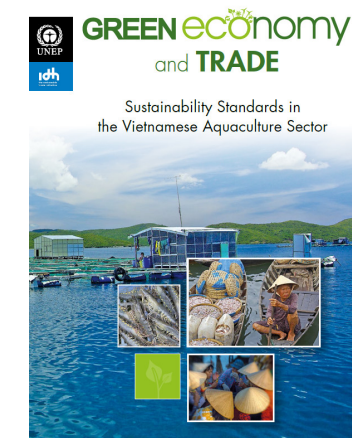
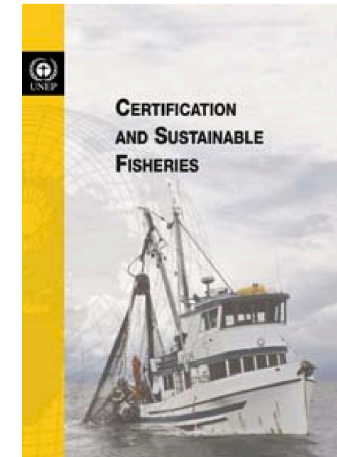


How does Flux relate to subsidies work?

- Subsidies to IUU
 - Improve traceability-> improve data base for determining illegal, reduce unreported activities
 - facilitate implementation of IUU subsidy elimination
- Subsidies to overfished fish stocks
 - Improved traceability-> may assist countries with accuracy of stock assessment
 - may facilitate countries to determine overfished stocks -> basis for elimination of subsidies for overfished stocks
- Open questions: FLUX data field linked to subsidy provision?

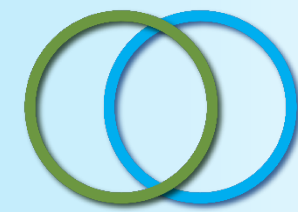
Sustainability Standards and Certification

- Certification and Sustainable Fisheries Report, 2009
 - Assess benefits and challenges of certification and eco-labelling
- Sustainability Standards in the Vietnamese Aquaculture sector - Green Economy and Trade Opportunities Project
 - shows positive results for the application of sustainable certification in the shrimp sector, and to a lesser extent, for pangasius.
- 10YFP: China Sustainable Consumption Research Programme: Consumer Awareness and Behavioural Change:
 - sub-component: Guidelines for Retailers on Responsible Sourcing of Seafood Products



United Nations Forum on Sustainability Standards (UNFSS)

- UN Environment, along with UNCTAD, FAO, ITC and UNIDO jointly established UNFSS in 2013 and serve as members of the Steering Committee
- Provides a platform for dialogue and exchange on the role of voluntary sustainability standards in achieving the SDGs
- Assists developing countries to better understand address and benefit from sustainability standards
- Supported the launching on National Platforms on voluntary sustainability standards in India, Brazil and China, to date



Thank you

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