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

**Multilateral efforts**

- **FAO**
  - IPOA
  - PSMA
  - CDS Guidelines
- **CITES**

**Regional efforts**

- **RFMOs**
  - TDS, import bans
  - CDS

**Unilateral efforts**

**United States**

- Identification: Magnuson-Stevens Reauthorisation Act (2006)
- Traceability: Importer responsibility for traceability of imports of at-risk fish species

**European Union**

- Identification: Yellow / Red / Green card system (2010)
- Certification: catch documentation requirement covers all marine fish imported into the EU

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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 targeting overfished stocks

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