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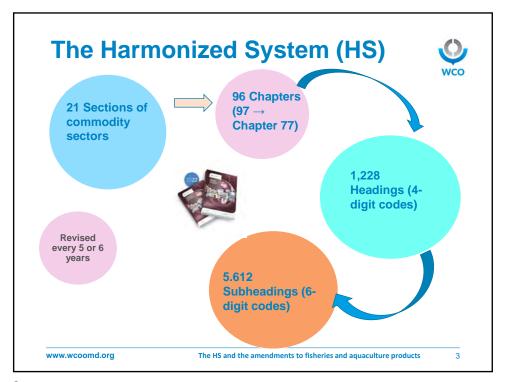
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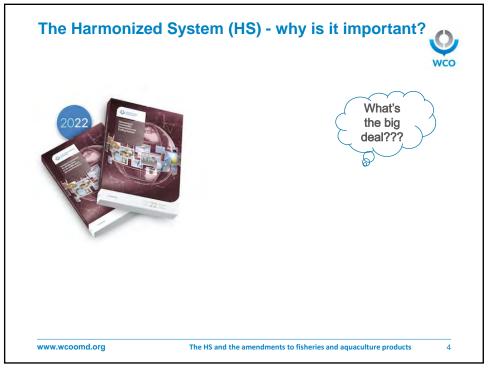
## COMMITTEE ON FISHERIES

# **SUB-COMMITTEE ON FISH TRADE Nineteenth Session** 11-15 September 2023 PRESENTATIONS OF EXTERNAL ORGANIZATIONS AND ENTITIES DURING THE COLLOQUIA AND SIDE EVENTS

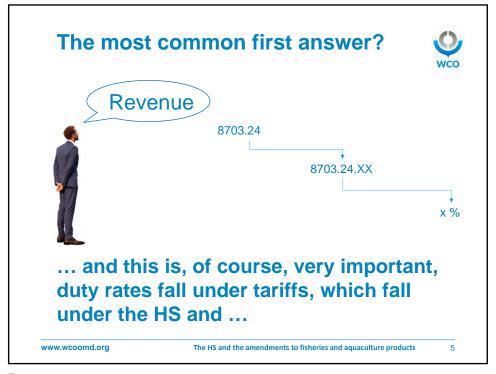


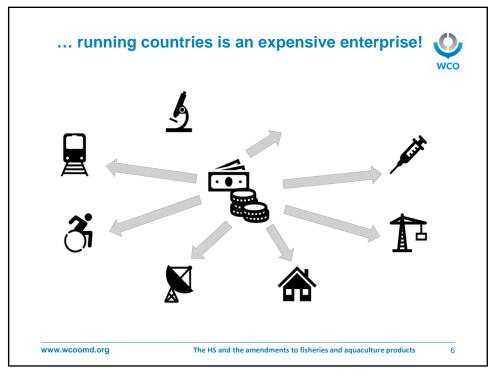


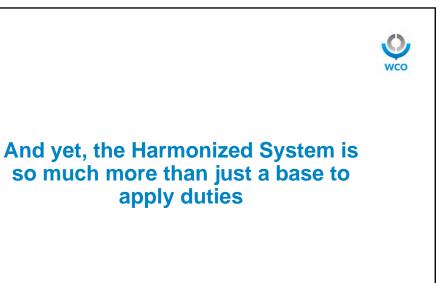




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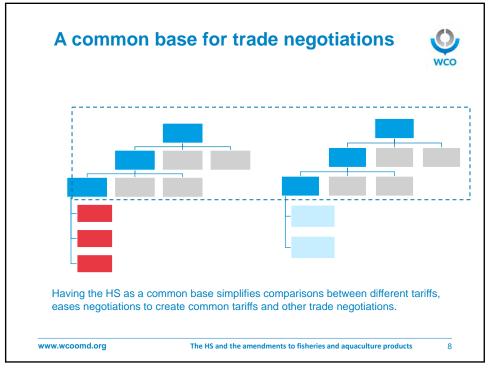




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## The HS is a major global policy tool



Any government policy or measure that requires the identification of specific types of trade goods as they cross borders depends on the HS.

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### But why are HS changes so important to this?



Because the HS numbers are just ways to group REAL goods

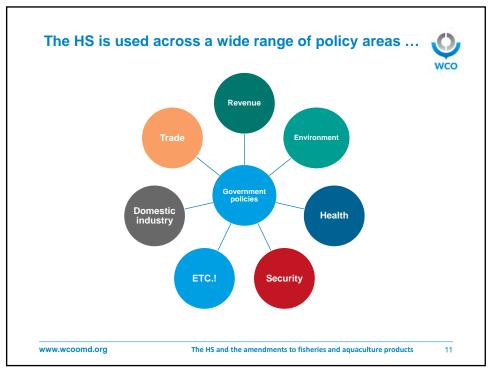


The way that the HS groups and names goods, can alter how easy it is to apply government policies through customs measures

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#### Many changes to the HS are either:



- Recognising changes in the trade importance of certain goods; or
- Simplifying classification

Often both of the above apply to the same goods (e.g. drones, heat-not-burn tobacco products, flat panel display modules)

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But there is also another important aspect of the development of the HS that is important to government policies and their resulting Customs measures –

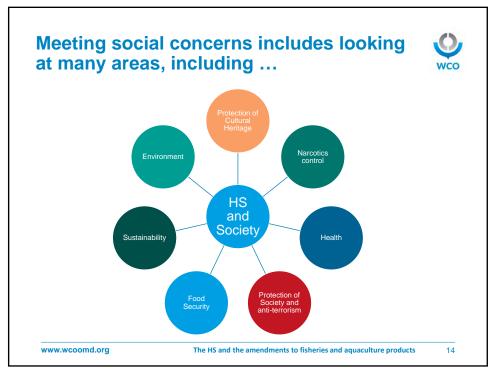
## Responding to social concerns

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The development of a new edition of the HS was takes into account the passing of the HS was taken in the passing of the HS was taken in the HS was administrations and governments and the obligations they need to fulfil ...

... and works to make it easier to fulfil those needs and meet those obligations

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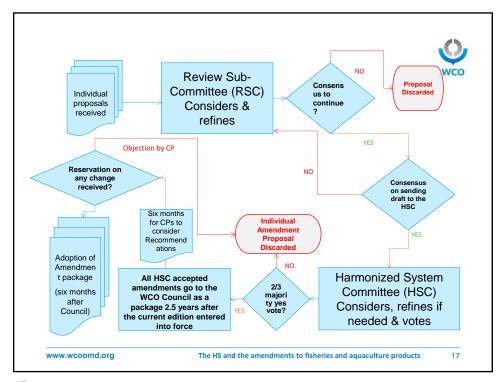
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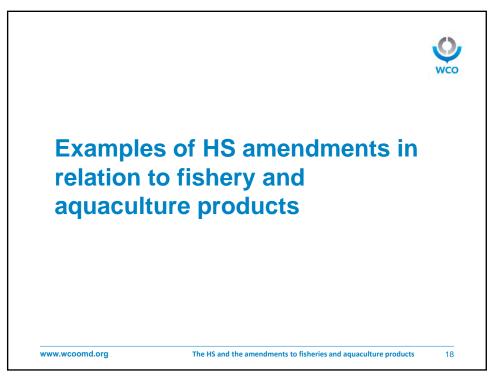


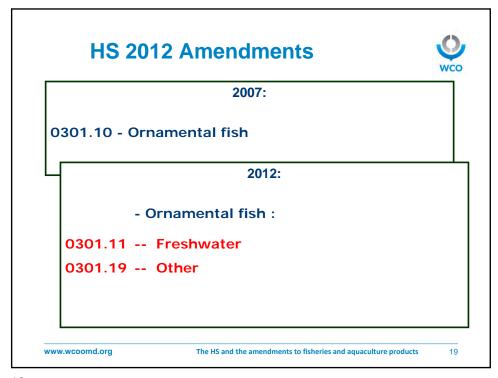
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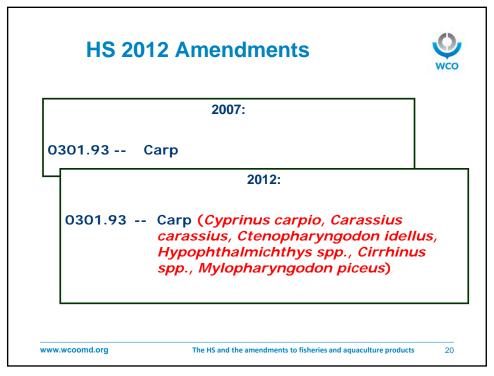
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#### **HS 2012 Amendments**



2007:

0301.94 -- Bluefin tunas (Thunnus thynnus)

2012:

0301.94 -- Atlantic and Pacific bluefin tunas (*Thunnus thynnus, Thunnus orientalis*)

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#### **HS 2012 Amendments**



2007:

0302.12 -- Pacific salmon (Oncorhyncus nerka,
Oncorhyncus gorbuscha, Oncorhyncus keta,
Oncorhyncus tschawytscha, Oncorhyncus
kisutch, Oncorhyncus masou and
Oncorhyncus rhodurus), Atlantic salmon
(Salmo salar) and Danube salmon (hucho
hucho)

2012-

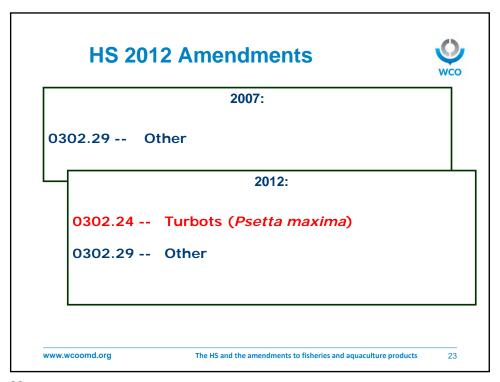
0302.13 -- Pacific salmon (Oncorhyncus nerka,
Oncorhyncus gorbuscha, Oncorhyncus keta,
Oncorhyncus tschawytscha, Oncorhyncus
kisutch, Oncorhyncus masou and
Oncorhyncus rhodurus)

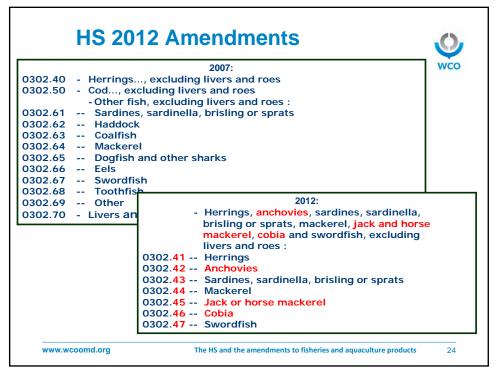
0302.14 -- Atlantic salmon (Salmo salar) and Danube salmon (hucho hucho)

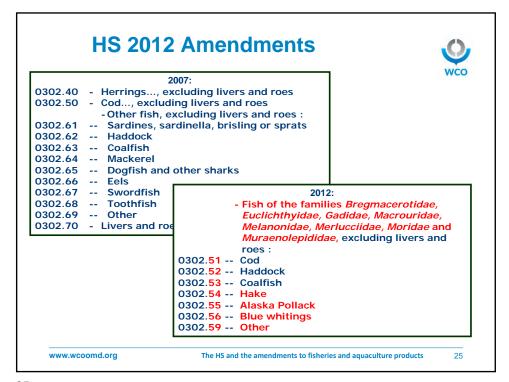
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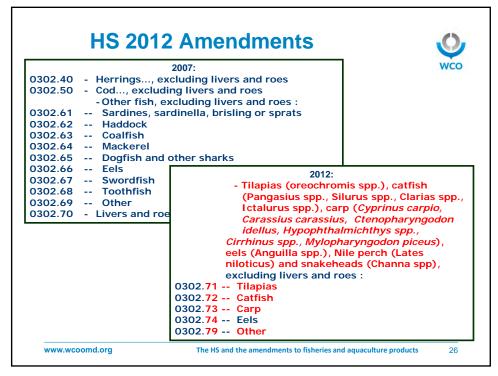
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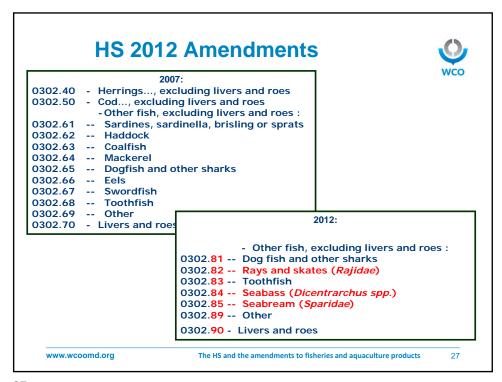
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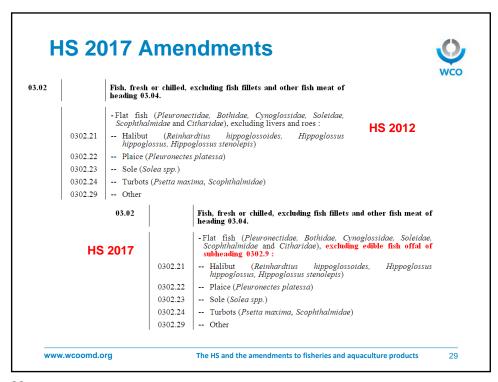


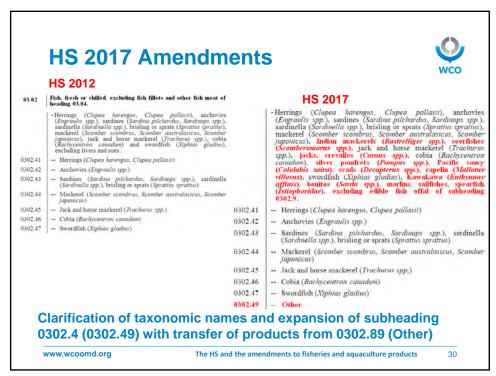


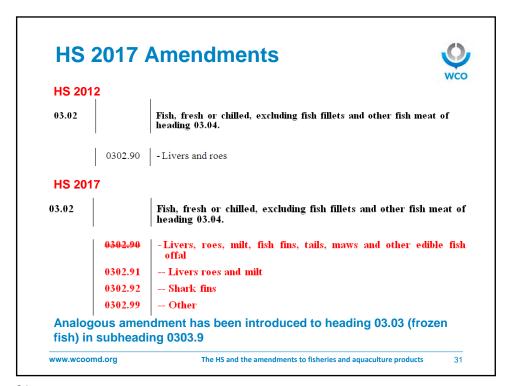




#### **HS 2017 Amendments** 03.01 Live fish. - Ornamental fish : 0301.11 -- Freshwater 0301.19 - Other live fish: -- Trout (Salmo trutta, Oncorhynchus mykiss, Oncorhynchus clarki, Oncorhynchus aguabonita, Oncorhynchus gilae, Oncorhynchus apache and Oncorhynchus chrysogaster) 0301.91 0301.92 -- Eels (Anguilla spp.) -- Carpes (Cyprinus spp., Carassius spp., Ctenopharyngodon idellus, Hypophthalmichthys spp., Cirrhinus spp., Mylopharyngodon piceus, Catla catta, Lubeo spp., Osteochilus hasselti, Leptobarbus hoeveni, Megalobrama spp.) 0301.93 -- Atlantic and Pacific bluefin tunas (Thumnus thymnus, Thumnus orientalis) 0301.94 0301.95 -- Southern bluefin tunas (Thunnus maccoyii) 0301.99 -- Other The scope covered by subheading 0301.93 is expanded to cover new families of The same applies to the following subheadings: 0301.93, 0302.7, 0302.73, 0303.2, 0303.25, 0304.3, 0304.51, 0304.93, 0305.31, 0305.44, 0305.64 and the new subheading: 0305.52 www.wcoomd.org The HS and the amendments to fisheries and aquaculture products









#### **HS 2017 Amendments**



#### **HS 2012**

Fish, dried, salted or in brine; smoked fish, whether or not cooked before or during the smoking process; flours, meals and pellets of fish, fit for human consumption. 03.05

-- Cod (Gadus morhua. Gadus ogac. Gadus macrocephalus)

#### **HS 2017**

New subheadings 0305.52 to 0305.54

"0305.52 — Tilapias (Oreochromis spp.), catfish (Pangasius spp., Silurus spp., Clarias spp., Ictalurus spp.), carp (Cyprinus spp., Carassius spp., Ctenopharyngodon idellus Hypophthalmichthys spp., Cimhinus spp., Mylopharyngodon piceus, Catla catla, Labeo spp., Osteochilus hasselfi, Leptobarbus hoeveni, Megalobrama spp.), eels (Anguilla spp.), Nile perch (Lates niloticus) and snakeheads (Channa spp.)

0305.53 - Fish of the families Bregmacerotidae, Euclichthyldae, Gadidae, Macrouridae, Melanonidae, Merlucciidae, Moridae and Muraenolepididae, other than cod (Gadus morhua, Gadus ogac, Gadus macrocephalus)

0305.54 — Herrings (Clupea harengus, Clupea pallasiri), anchovies (Engraulis spp.) sardines (Sardina pilchardus, Sardinops spp.), sardinella (Sardinella spp.) brisling or sprats (Sprattus sprattus), mackerel (Scomber scombrus, Scomber australasicus, Scomber japonicus), Indian mackerels (Rasthelliger spp.), seertifishes (Scomberomorus spp.), ack and horse mackerel (Trachrurs spp.), jacks, crevalles (Caranx spp.), cobia (Rachycentron canadum), silver pomfrets (Pampus spp.), Pacific saury (Cololabis saira), scads (Decapterus spp.), capelin (Mallotus villosus), swordfish (Xiphins gladius), Kawakawa (Euthynnus affinis), bonitos (Sarda spp.), marlins, sailfishes, spearfish (Istiophoridae)\*.

Creation of new subheadings 0305.52 to 0305.54 with transfer of products from 0305.59

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0305.51

#### **HS 2017 Amendments**



#### **HS 2012**

Crustaceans, whether in shell or not, live, fresh, chilled, frozen, dried, salted or in brine; smoked crustaceans, whether in shell or not, whether or not cooked before or during the smoking process; crustaceans, in shell, cooked by steaming or by boiling in water, whether or not chilled, frozen, dried, salted or in brine; flours, meals and pellets of crustaceans, fit for human consumption. 03.06 -Frozen:

Rock lobster and other sea crawfish (Palinurus spp., Panulirus spp., Jasus spp.)

- Lobsters (Homarus spp.) 0306.14

0306.11

0306.15 - Norway lobsters (Nephrops norvegicus) 0306.16

 Cold-water shrimps and prawns (Pandalus spp., Crangon crangon) 0306.17 - Other shrimps and prawns -- Other, including flours, meals and pellets of crustaceans, fit for human consumption 0306.19

- Not frozen :

0306.21 Rock lobster and other sea crawfish (Palinurus spp., Panulirus spp., Jasus spp.) 0306.22 - Lobsters (Homarus spp.)

0306.24 -- Norway lobsters (Nephrops norvegicus) 0306.26 -- Cold-water shrimps and prawns (Pandalus spp., Crangon crangon)

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0306.27 -- Other shrimps and prawns -- Other, including flours, meals and pellets of crustaceans, fit for human consumption 0306.29

Crustaceaus, whether in shell or not, live, fresh, chilled, frozen, dried, salted or in brine; smoked crustaceaus, whether in shell or not, whether or not cooked before or during the smoking process; crustaceaus, in shell, cooked by steaming or by boiling in water, whether or not chilled, frozen, dried, salted or in brine; flours, meals and pellets of crustaceaus, fit for human consumption.

0306.11 -- Rock lobster and other sea crawfish (Palinurus spp., Panulirus spp., Jasus spp.)

-- Lobsters (Homarus spp.) 0306.12

0306.14 -- Crabs -- Norway lobsters (Nephrops norvegicus) 0306.15

-- Cold-water shrimps and prawns (Pandalus spp., Crangon 0306.17 -- Other shrimps and prawns 0306.19

-- Other, including flours, meals and pellets of crustaceans, fit for human consumption

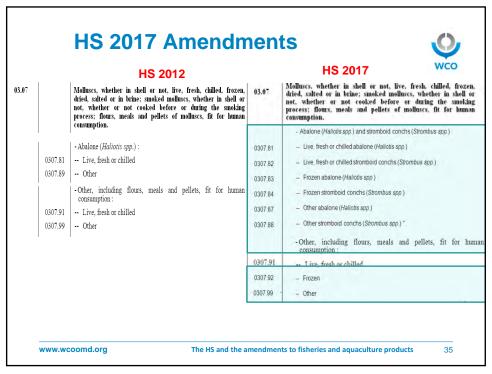
- Live fresh or chilled:
- Rocklobster and other sea crawfish (Palinurus sea, Panulura sep., Jasus sep.)
- Lobsters (Homarus sep.)
- Crabs
- Norway lobsters (Nephnops norvegicus)
- Cold-water strimps and prawns (Pandalus sep., Crangon crangon)
- Other shimps and prawns
- Other 0306.32 0306.33 0306.34 0306.35 0306.36 0306.39

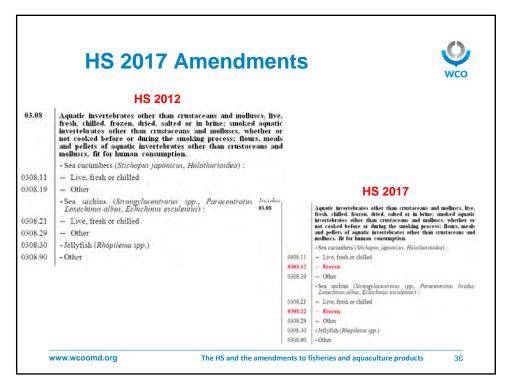
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 Rock lobster and other sea crawfish (Palinurus spp., Panulirus spp., Jasus 0306.91

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#### **HS 2022 Amendments**



Editorial amendment to align the use of Latin names with the entries on the FAO ASFIS list.

- 0302.3 Tunas (of the genus Thunnus), skipjack or stripebellied bonito (Euthynnus (Katsuwonus) pelamis), excluding edible fish offal of subheadings 0302.91 to 0302.99:
- 0302.3 Tunas (of the genus Thunnus), skipjack tuna (stripe-bellied bonito) (Katsuwonus pelamis), excluding edible fish offal of subheadings 0302.91 to 0302.99:

Similar amendments for 0302.33, 0303.4, 0303.43, 0304.87 and 1604.14

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#### **HS 2022 Amendments**



Editorial amendment to correct the common name in the English version:

- 0302.55 - Alaska Pollack (Theragra chalcogramma)
- 0302.55 - Alaska Pollock (Theragra chalcogramma)

Same amendments for 0303.67, 0304.75, 0304.94 and 0304.95

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#### **HS 2022 Amendments**



#### Clarification of the classification

Flours, meals and pellets of fish, crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates

- Four headings (03.05, 03.06, 03.07 and 03.08) and five subheadings in Chapter 3 for the classification of flours, meal and pellets, fit for human consumption
- New single heading (03.09) with two subheadings

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#### **HS 2022 Amendments**



03.05

Fish, dried, salted or in brine; smoked fish, whether or not cooked before or during the smoking process; flours, meals and pellets of fish, fit for human consumption.

0305.10

Flours, meals and pellets of fish, fit for human consumption

Similar amendments for headings 03.06 to 03.08

#### New Note 3 to Chapter 3

Headings 03.05 to 03.08 do not cover flours, meals and pellets, fit for human consumption (heading 03.09).

03.09

Flours, meals and pellets of fish, crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates, fit for human consumption.

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### What about the next version?

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### What about the next version?



- Possible amendment to headings 03.06, 03.07, 03.08 and 03.10 during the 2027 Review of the HS
- Possible amendment to Chapter 3 concerning "striped catfish" (Pangasianodon hypophthalmus)
- Possible amendment to headings 03.02, 03.03, 03.04, and 03.05 regarding the taxonomic name for Alaska Pollock

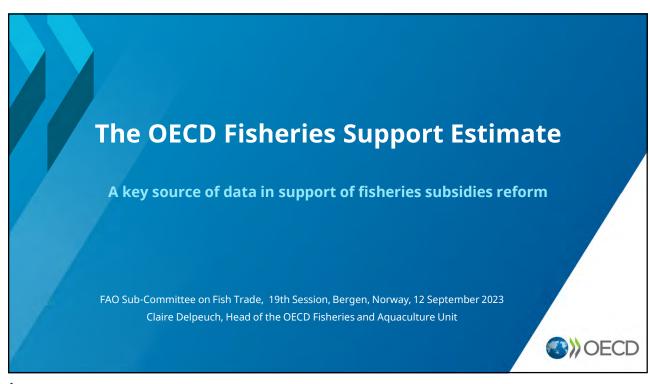
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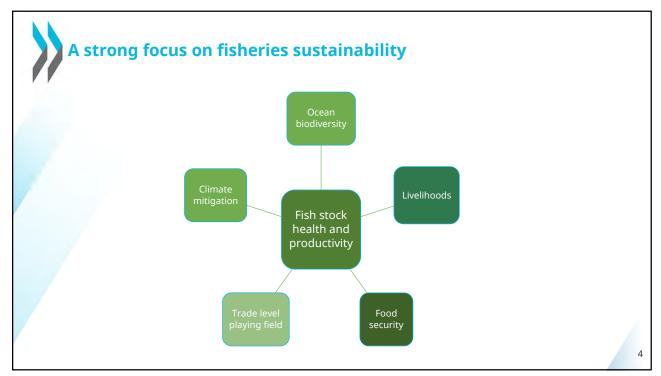
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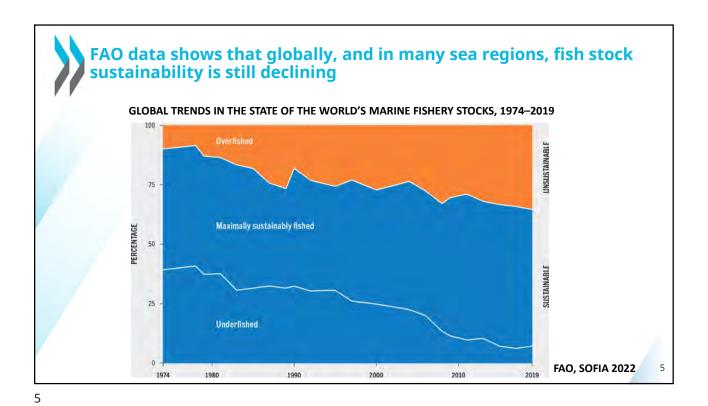












Looking at assessed fish stocks with the OECD approach also calls for reform

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Fish stock sustainability

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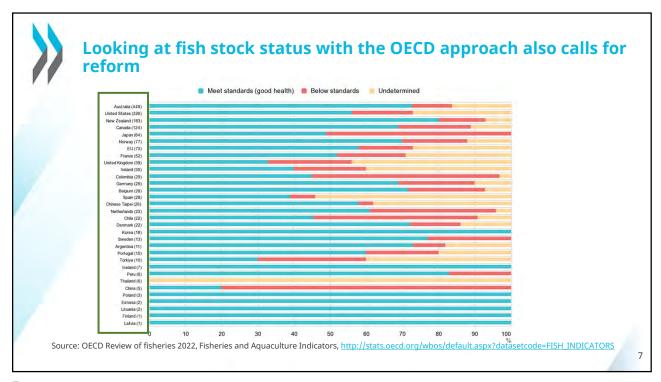
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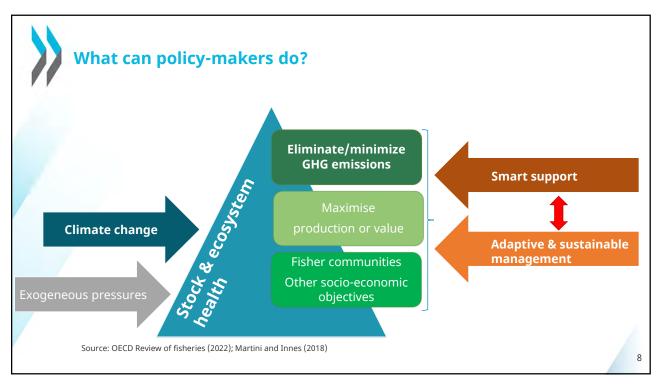
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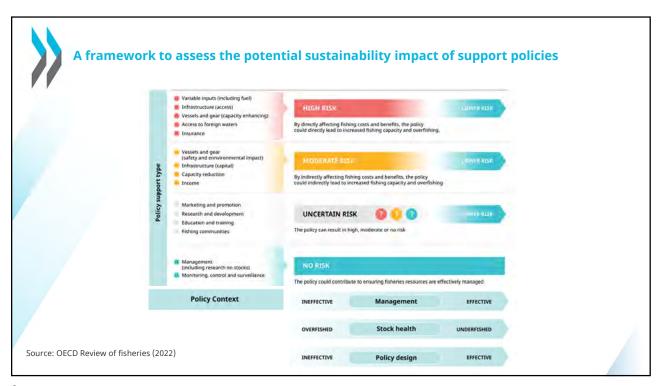
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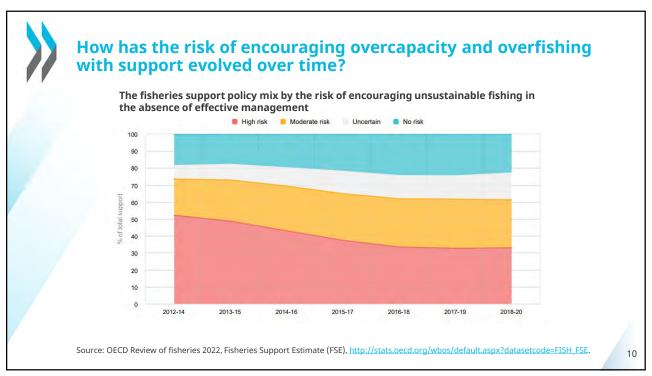
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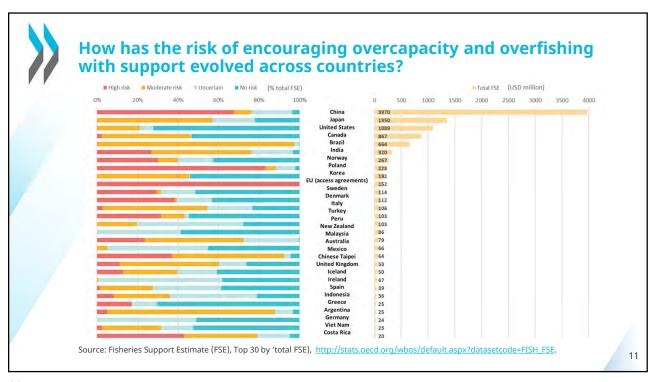
Source: OECD Review of fisheries 2022.















## What can be found in the OECD FSE database?



Data on fisheries support = subsidies +



40 countries to date: OECD + other key fishing nations



The nature of policies: what is being supported/ paid for by the sector?



Amounts spent or collected by the government with each policy, each year



Key characteristics of those policies

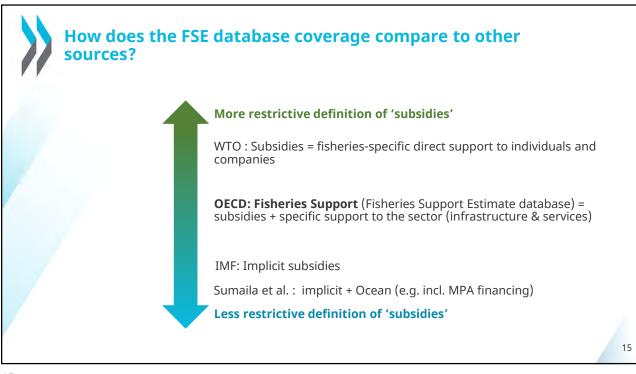
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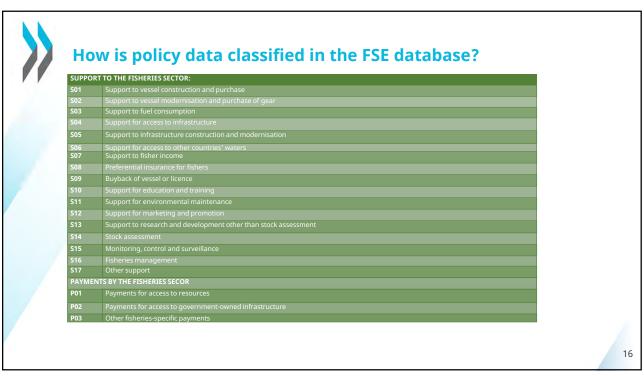
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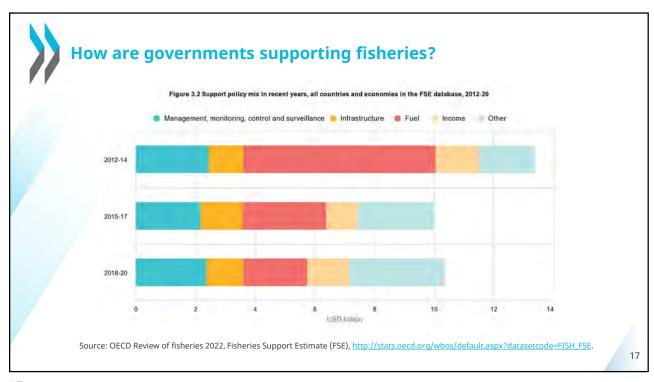


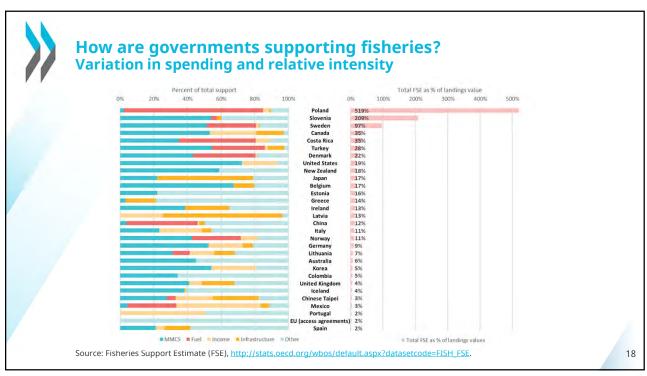
### What does the FSE database cover?

- 1. Public support policies targeting the fisheries sector, including:
- Direct payments to individuals and companies in the fishing sector
- Public financing of services or investment in infrastructure that benefit fisheries
- Tax concessions (i.e. tax reductions or exemptions)
- Concessional finance, sometimes also referred to as 'below-market finance'
- **2. Policies resulting in payments by the fisheries sector** to public finances
- Taxes and fees on fishing volume/profits/activities
- Payments for access to fish resources and fishing infrastructure.











### Data collection: who, how when?

- FSE data are compiled and submitted to the OECD by national authorities
- FSE data are sometimes also collected by consultants using official government documentation.
- The request takes the form of country-specific FSE Excel questionnaires pre-filled with historical data series.
- The data cycle runs every two years. With each cycle, data are collected for the two
  previous years.
- New countries could be included in the FSE database if there is interest, resource-permitting.

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### What does it take to report FSE data?

Reporting data in the FSE database generally requires five main steps:

- 1. **Identifying** all the support polices that fall within the scope of the FSE;
- 2. **Quantifying** the cost of support (or value of payments) of each policy;
- 3. **Allocating** each policy to the correct FSE category (or categories);
- 4. **Describing** the key characteristics of each policy according to the set of labels provided;
- 5. **Completing** the FSE questionnaire with all the information required (including metadata).



## Publicly-accessible stadardised information on support to

#### Detailed data on support to fisheries

Based on information submitted by national authorities, the OECD Fisheries Support Estimate (FSE) database measures, describes and classifies fisheries support policies consistently and transparently to facilitate their evaluation against defined objectives.

The FSE database covers 40 OECD Members and other large fishing nations, which, together, represented 90% of global capture fisheries production by volume in the period 2018-20.

The database records support to fisheries in two main categories of policies: support for services to the sector (which comprises investment in management, research or infrastructure for example) and direct support to individuals and companies in the fisheries sector (such as fuel and vessel subsidies, income support, or payments for capacity re

Access the FSE data via the OECD data portal

Download the FSE data in Excel format

FSE data were used to produce country-level indicators on the intensity of support to fisheries in the potential impact of support on fish stock health.

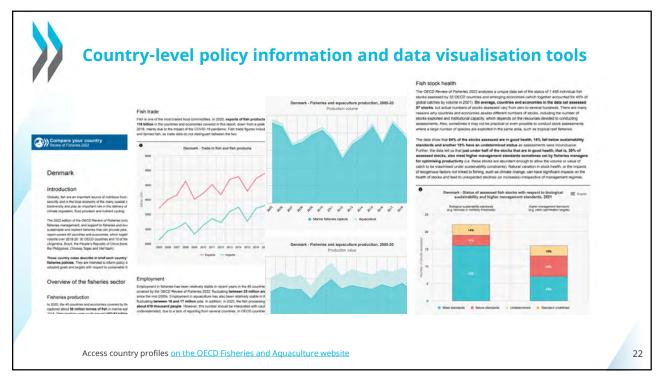
Access the fisheries indicators via the OECD data portal

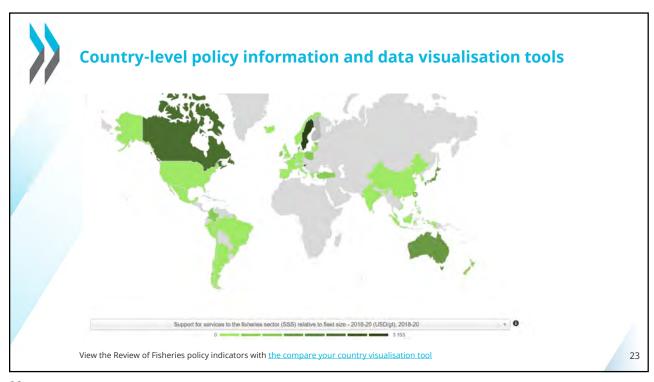
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Access all our data from the OECD Fisheries and Aquaculture website

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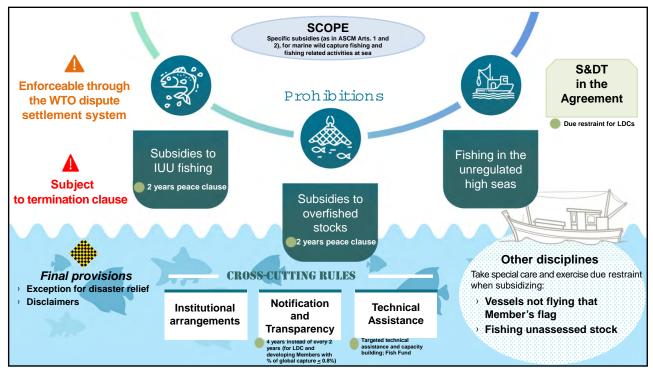


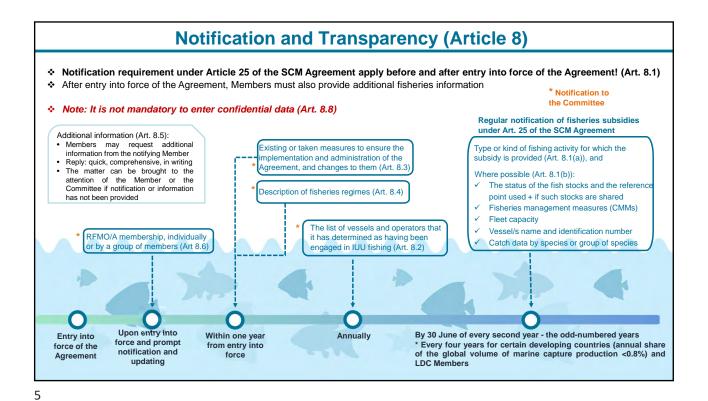
## **Overview**



- I. Technical details of the WTO Agreement on Fisheries Subsidies
- II. What next
- III. Relationship with FAO









# Deposit an "instrument of acceptance" of the Agreement

- Members should complete their domestic acceptance procedures and deposit their "instruments of acceptance"
- No single, uniform approach for drawing up an instrument of acceptance. But, in line with established depositary practice, the instrument of acceptance must:
  - clearly identify the Protocol by its full title and by the place and date of its adoption (i.e. "the Protocol Amending the Marrakesh
    Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization, Agreement on Fisheries Subsidies, done at Geneva on 17 June 2022" or,
    alternatively, reproduce the Protocol as an attachment to the instrument of acceptance);
  - o state that the Member concerned formally accepts the Protocol and expresses its consent to be bound by it;
  - o state the date and the place of issuance of the instrument of acceptance;
  - o be signed; and
  - state the <u>name and title of the person</u> signing the instrument.(normally one of the Big Three Head of State, Head of Government,or Minister of Foreign Affairs)
- In accordance with paragraph 3 of Article X of the WTO Agreement, once two-thirds of WTO Members deposit their "instruments of acceptance" in the WTO, the Agreement enters into force
- So far, 43 Members have deposited their instruments
- \* Please share draft instrument of acceptance with Secretariat for rapid technical check before signature



\*Further information on how to accept the Protocol of Amendment to insert the Agreement on Fisheries Subsidies into Annex 1A of the WTO Agreement

https://www.wto.org/english/tratop\_e/rulesneg\_e/fish\_e/agreement\_fisheries\_subsidies\_e.htm

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# **Second Wave of Negotiations**

### Paragraph 4 of the Ministerial Decision of June 17 2022 (WT/MIN(22)/33:

- "(...) the Negotiating Group on Rules shall continue negotiations based on the outstanding issues in documents WT/MIN(21)/W/5 and WT/MIN(22)/W/20 (...)"
- "(...) additional provisions that would achieve <u>a comprehensive agreement</u> on fisheries subsidies, including through further disciplines on certain forms of fisheries subsidies that contribute to <u>overcapacity and overfishing</u>, recognizing that appropriate and effective <u>special and differential treatment</u> (...)"

### **Outstanding issues**

- ☐ Subsidies that contribute to overcapacity and overfishing (Art. 5 in W/5 and W/20) including:
  - Hybrid approach
  - Subsidies contingent on distant water fishing and flexibility for payments under government-to-government access agreements
- ☐ Special and differential treatment (Art. 5.4 in W/5 and Art. 5.5 in W/20; Article 6 in W/5 and W/20)
- □ "Notification and flexibility" provision (Art. 8.6 in W/5 and W/20)
- ☐ Transparency regarding the use of forced labor in fishing (Art. 8.2(b) in W/5 and Art. 8.3(b) in document W/20
- ☐ Treatment of non-specific fuel subsidies

### Chair Starting Point Draft Text (RD/TN/RL/174)

- Circulated to Members on 4 September 2023
- Four Articles:
- ❖ Article A Subsidies contributing to OCOF
  - Hybrid approach Prohibition with sustainability conditionality
    - 2 tiers stricter for largest subsidizers (data issues to address)
    - Demonstration of sustainability elements starts with notification and Committee review specific information to be notified
  - Subsidies contingent on distant water fishing
    - Placeholder for possible flexibility (known issue non-recovery of access fees)
- ❖ Article B Special and Differential Treatment for Dev'g C/LDC Members
  - LDC exemption + graduation clause
  - ❖ Dev'g C Members:
    - Transition period + 2 year peace clause
    - Possibility to extend peace clause progress in implementing OCOF discipline
    - \* Exemption for subsidies to low-income, resource-poor and livelihood fishing, close to shore [12/24 nm]
    - ❖ De minimis exemption: small share of global catch [0.8%] or small value of subsidies [X USD]

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# Chair Starting Point Draft Text (RD/TN/RL/174) - cont'd

- Article C Notification and Transparency
  - Article 25 SCM/Article 8 AFS apply to the new disciplines, in addition to specific provisions in Articles A, B and C
  - Transparency on information indicating use of forced labour
  - Information on access agreements7arrangements in force
  - $\begin{tabular}{ll} $\bigstar$ Transparency in respect of non-specific fuel subsidies to extent possible \\ \end{tabular}$
- ❖ Article D Other OCOF provisions (placeholders)
  - Possible substantive provision on non-specific fuel subsidies
  - Other possible provisions





# **Knowledge Sharing**

- Continuous cooperation and knowledge sharing between the Secretariats
- Highlights from 2023:
  - FAO participated in technical workshops in Geneva in January 2023
  - FAO participated in regional workshop for Latin America, in Panama
  - Three Geneva Fisheries Trade Talks sessions organized by FAO
- ❖ FAO is key partner in WTO Fisheries Funding Mechanism aimed at implementation of Agreement on Fisheries Subsidies

# **Data collection and sharing**

- The new rules include certain criteria concerning highly technical fisheries questions such as catch data, fish stock analysis, quality of management systems, in respect of which the WTO does not have expertise.
- This implies a need for information and expertise that is housed at the FAO, with the view of ensuring that new rules are implementable and enforceable.
  - WTO Committee on Fisheries Subsidies to maintain close cooperation with FAO and RFMOs



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## The Fisheries Fund

- ❖ Article 7 of the Agreement provides for the establishment of a voluntary WTO funding mechanism, to provide targeted technical and capacity building assistance to developing and LDC Members, supporting their implementation of the new disciplines.
- ❖ The role of specialized partner organizations, including the FAO, would be to provide expertise and collaboration assisting beneficiary Members to strengthen their fisheries management and meet the specific requirements of the new Agreement.
- ❖ Jonathan Werner, Manager of the Fisheries Fund, will present on its current status







# WTO Fisheries Funding Mechanism Trust Fund



### SUB-COMMITTEE ON FISH TRADE

13 September 2023

Bergen, NORWAY

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# Agenda

### I. The Fisheries Funding Mechanism Trust Fund

- Overview of the Fisheries Fund
- Key Principles

### II. Access to Funding and Focus Areas

- □ TACB and Areas of Support
- ☐ Hypothetical PG and PPG application process

### III. Main Considerations Moving Forward

- ☐ Immediate Next Steps
- ☐ Key Considerations for the Initial Stakeholder Discussions
- Expected Timeline and Milestones





### **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

The information presented in this slide deck is primarily based on the document WT/BFA/INF/15 - Notification of the Establishment of a Fisheries Funding Mechanism Trust Fund.

The Fisheries Fund is presently in the initial stages of development, with ongoing stakeholder consultations and the formulation of key governance and implementation arrangements.

### **Overview of the Fisheries Fund**



WT/BFA/INF/15 - Notification of the Establishment of a Fisheries Funding Mechanism Trust Fund



### Objective

- Facilitate the implementation of the new Agreement on Fisheries Subsidies.
- Provide technical assistance and capacity building (TACB) to make necessary changes.



### Strategy

- Offer funding through Project Preparation Grants and Project Grants.
- The TACB program, financed by the Fund and leveraging expertise from the  $\,$ WTO, and associate partner organizations, including the FAO.



### **Deliverables**

- Enable WTO Members to implement the disciplines of the Agreement.
- Aid Members in incorporating fisheriesrelated elements into their existing subsidy policies and practices.



### **Financial target**

- Initial funding target of CHF 10 million, with options for voluntary replenishment.
- Aim to secure a total budget of CHF 20 million over the Fund's operational period.



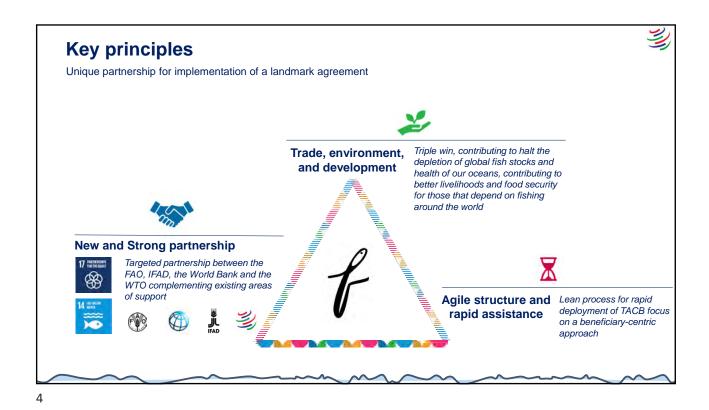
### Beneficiaries

Developing and Least Developed Country (LDC) WTO Members that have accepted the Agreement and deposited the instrument.



### **Duration**

- · The Fund will operate for a finite period yet-to-be-determined.
- · Regular reviews will be conducted to assess the ongoing need for the Fund.



# **TACB** and Areas of support



- TACB to developing and LDC WTO Members for notification and reporting of subsidy data and fisheries-related information required by the Agreement.
- □ TACB for institutional support and for strengthened fisheries management in the ways required by the Agreement.

### **Data Collection and Reporting**

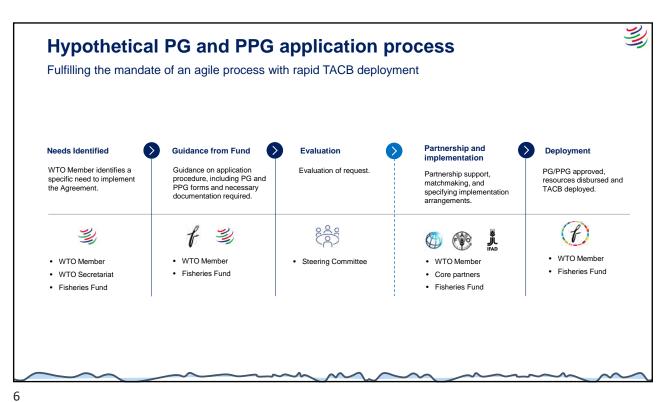
- Implement data collection mechanisms for fisheries.
- Report on subsidized fishing activity types.
- Provide catch data for subsidized fisheries.
- Report stock status (e.g., overfished, sustainably fished, underfished) and indicate if stock is shared with other Members or managed by RFMO/A.

### Inter-Agency Coordination and Legal Frameworks

- Establish institutional arrangements and linkages among relevant agencies.
- Assist beneficiary Members in aligning subsidy programs with new requirements.
- Develop and implement necessary legislative and regulatory amendments.

### Fisheries Management, including;

- Implement fisheries management systems if providing subsidies.
- Ability to prevent or halt subsidies to entities engaged in IUU fishing.
- Identify overfished stocks based on best scientific evidence.
- Avoid subsidizing or implement measures to rebuild overfished stocks.
- Review subsidies to vessels with foreign flags or unknown stock status.
- Integrate sustainability considerations in subsidygranting processes.







### **Immediate Considerations**

### Deliverables

### **Steering Committee**

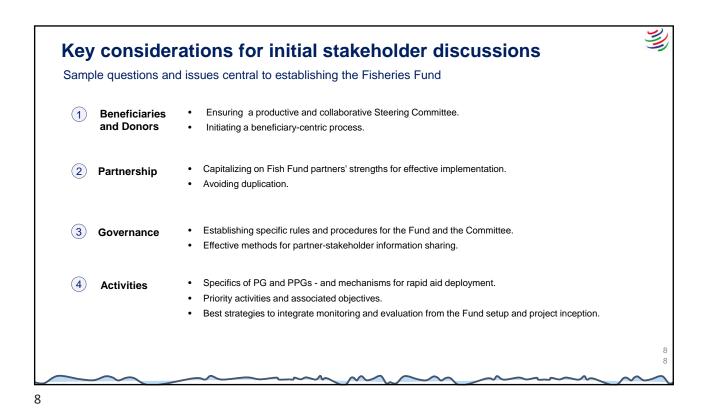
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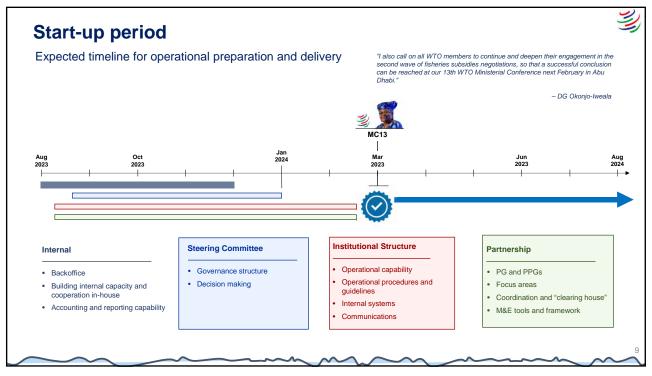
- Oversight & Fund Duties: Specifies Steering Committee and Fish Fund responsibilities
- Partnership Operations: Details the working mechanisms
- Review Frequency: Establishes intervals for consultations
- Terms of Reference: Outlining SC member roles, guidelines, and rotation protocols.
- Establish Schedule for Meetings: Setting dates and frequency for gatherings.

### **Institutional Structure**

Make sure all needed conditions are set up for beneficiaries to get funding quickly and smoothly.

- Funding Access Criteria: Rules for applicant eligibility
- Evaluation Procedures: Systems for assessing PG and PPG applications
- Reporting & Accountability: Establishes compliance and oversight measures
- Project Grant Definitions: Clarifying Project Grants (PG) and Project Preparation Grants (PPG), including amounts.
- Operational Guidelines: Procedures for handling PG and PPGs
- Monitoring Tools: M&E framework and instruments
- Communications Plan: Communications strategy
- Execution Details: Implementation arrangements













- Transparency in fisheries Not as clear as it seems?!
- 'KnowYourFisheries' -**Transparency in action**
- **Outlook of upcoming FiTI priorities**

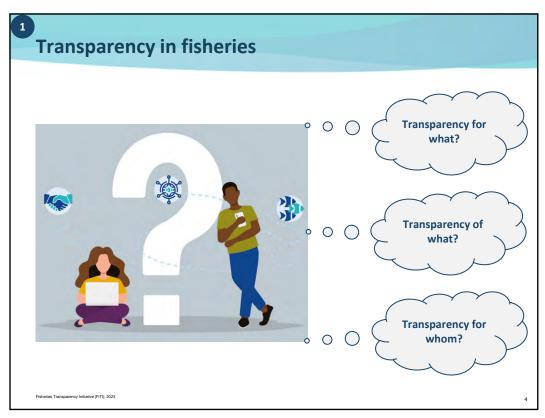
# Sustainable fisheries need transparency

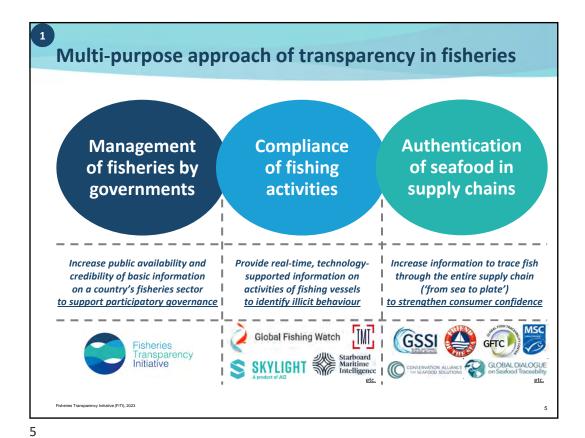
"Lack of basic transparency could be seen as an underlying facilitator of all the negative aspects of the global fisheries sector – IUU fishing, fleet overcapacity, overfishing, illdirected subsidies, corruption, poor fisheries management decisions, etc."

United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), State of the World Fisheries Report 2010

Fisheries Transparency Initiative (FiTI), 2023

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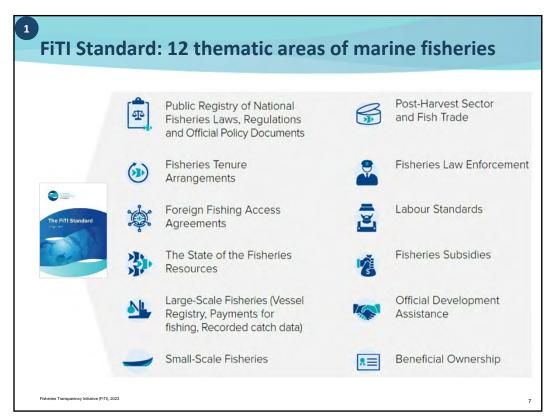


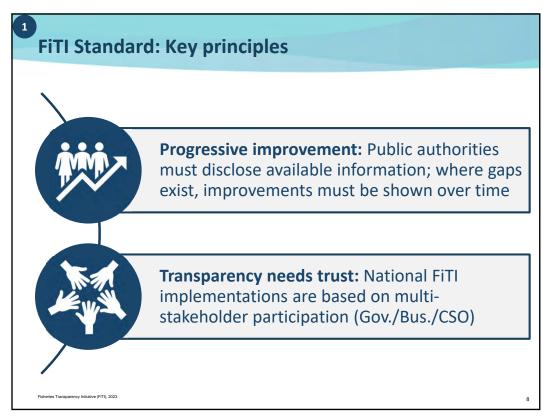


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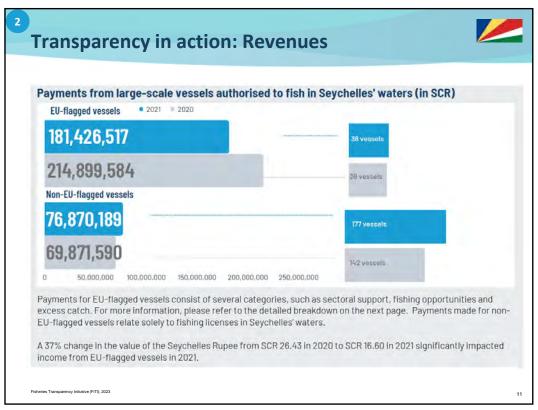
The FiTI is a global multi-stakeholder
partnership that supports coastal
countries in increasing the
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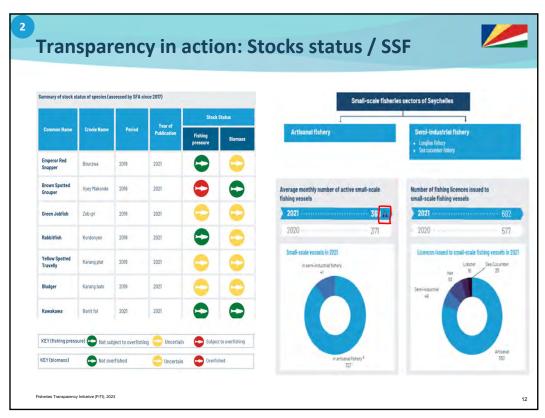


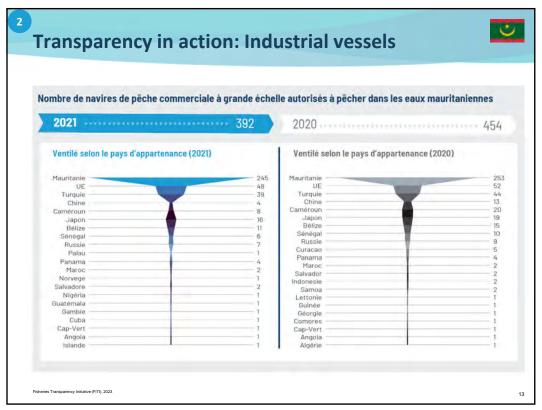


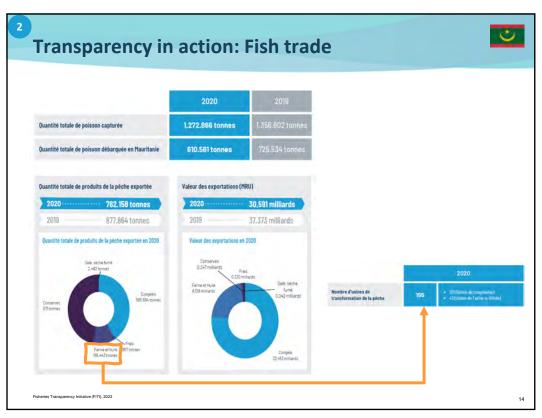


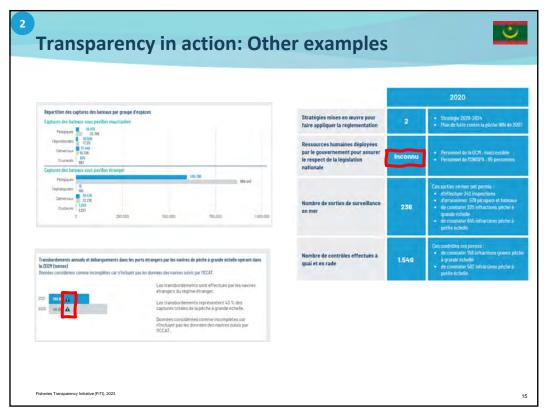


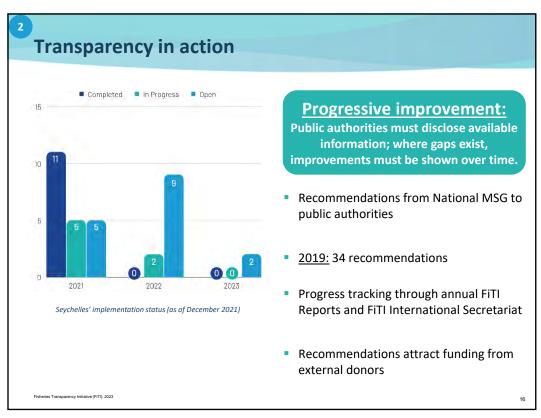


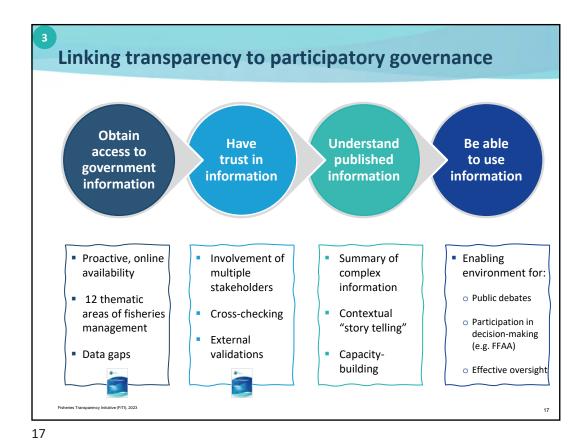


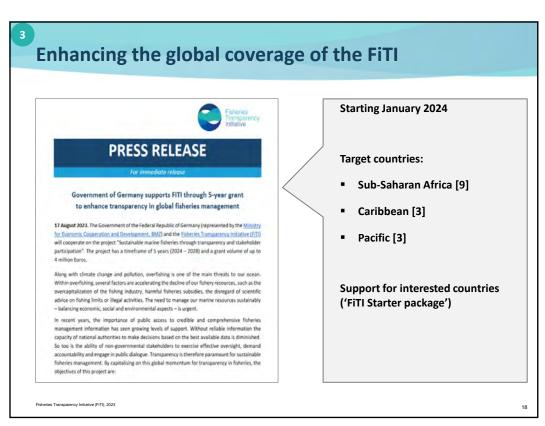




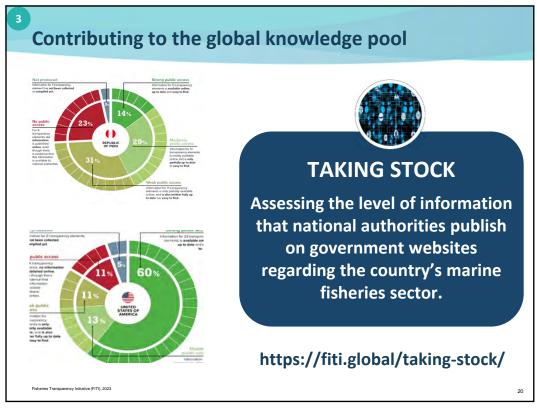












# Strengthening the FiTI Standard



- First major review since 2017
- Procedural and transparency-related improvements, e.g.:
  - Implementation and validation process
  - Subsidies (WTO Agreement)
  - Beneficial ownership
- Public consultation phase in Q1 2024
- Responsibility with FiTI International Board

Fisheries Transparency Initiative (FiTI), 202

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# **Transparency: Prerequisite for meaningful participation**

"An inclusive process, which incorporates data and views from the full range of impacted stakeholders both within and outside government, is essential to ensure policies and policy changes are accepted and upheld by fisheries actors."

Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), OECD Review of Fisheries 2020, Chapter 5 'Governing fisheries'

Fisheries Transparency Initiative (FiTI), 20

# Thank you for your attention



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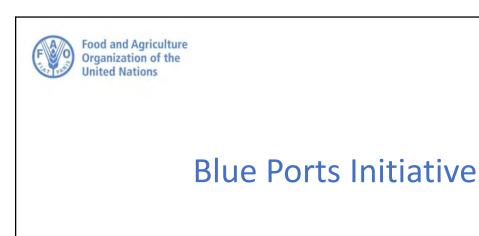
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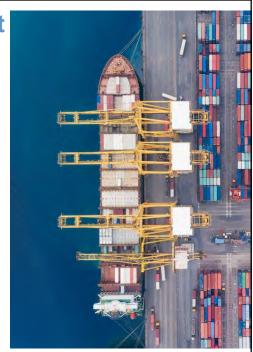






# **Benefits of Becoming a Blue Port**

- · Identifies them as drivers of sustainable local development
- Reinforces inclusiveness, competitiveness and efficiency in their strategic planning, aligned with sustainability principles and stakeholder's needs
- Ensures they become catalytic hubs for collaboration between private and public sectors
- Improves the relationship between the port and the community, including by promoting decent work in ports and its vessels
- Promotes their role as drivers of innovative solutions, attracting investors and entrepreneurs
- Results in improvements in commercial operations in terms of volume and earnings for the value chain of ports



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### Environmental

- De-carbonization, including reduction of GHG emissions
- Inclusion of marine conservation goals
- Waste management and circular economy models
- Limited knowledge and funding for environmental sustainability

# Sustainability challenges



### Social

- Facilities and infrastructure
- Communication & dialogue
  - Skills and training
- Attitude, policies and actions towards inclusiveness
- Cultural valorization of the fishing sector
  - Capacity building programmes incl. ocean literacy



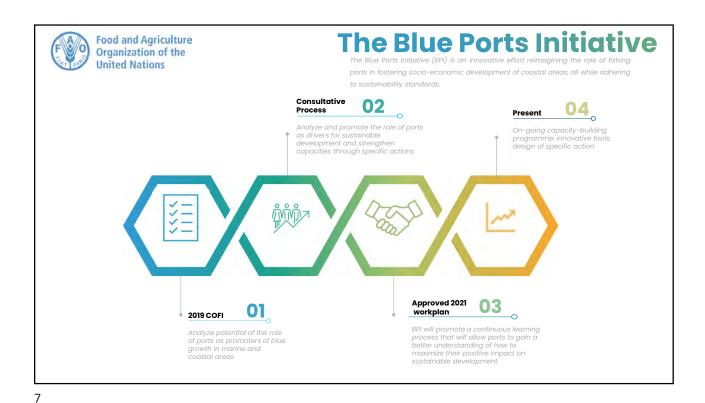
### Economic

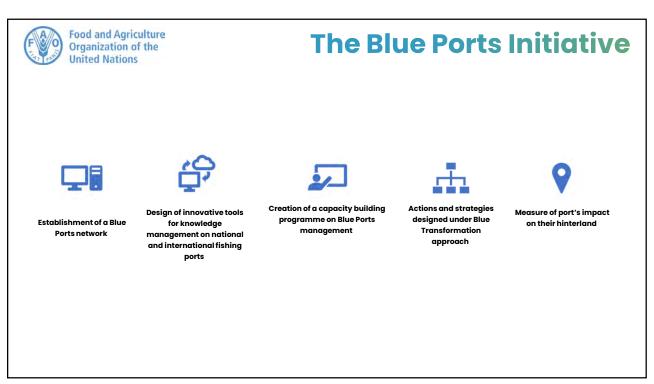
- Access to new technology and Digital solutions
- Knowledge transfer and stakeholder cooperation
- Technical and financial
  - Investment and
     Sustainable financing
     mechanisms



### Governance

- Identification of key stakeholders on all sectors
- Recognitions of competing interests and differences between sectors
- Sharing of data and information
- Cooperation in the ratification of international agreements







# The Blue Ports Initiative

### **Establishment of a Blue Port Network**

- 4 global BPI workshops (5<sup>th</sup> workshop in Tangier (Morocco), November 2023)
- Representatives of more than 20 ports and fisheries administrations
- International cooperation with organizations (IOC-UNESCO, AFDB, ILO, IMO) and associations (IAPH, AIVP)
- Creation of 3 working groups to formulate specific actions and projects

### **Innovative tools**

- Guidance: The role of fishing ports in MSP (in collaboration with IOC UNESCO)
   April 2022
- Roadmap to become a Blue Port (April 2023)
- Publications on good practices and lessons learn from training courses (on going)
- Collection and repository of good practices (on going)





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# The Blue Ports Initiative

### **Capacity-Building programme**

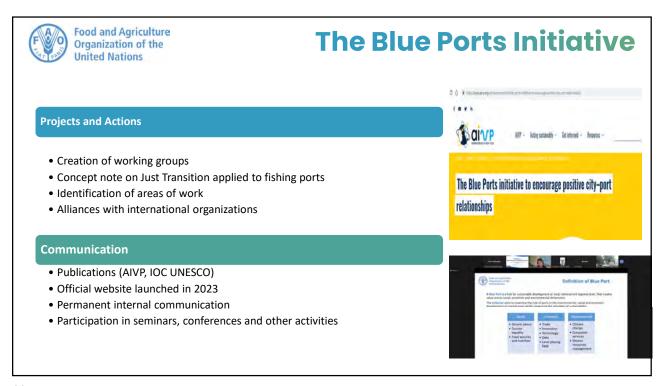
- Workshop on the "Role of Traceability in Fishing Ports", June 2021 (virtual).
- •3 Regional Workshops (virtual) on the Role of Fishing Ports in the Marine Spatial Planning Process (in collaboration with IOC-UNESCO).

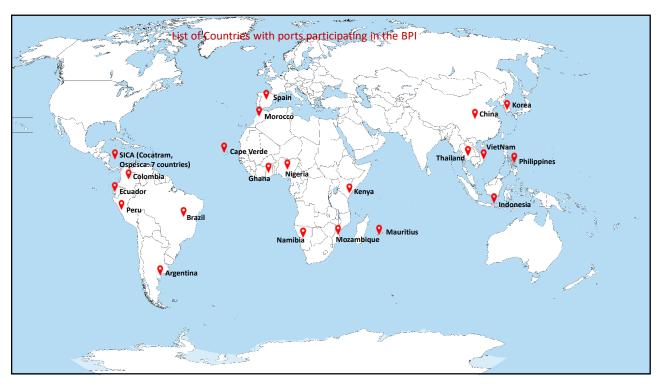
Capacity Building and Experience Exchange Workshop on "Greening a Blue Port", in June 2022 (Vigo). Study visit to the Port of Vigo.

- •2 Regional Workshops (virtual) on Traceability and Innovation in Fishing Ports.
- •In 2023:
  - oStudy visit: Manta Port Terminal (Ecuador) and Port of Tangier (Morocco).
  - o1 Global Workshop on "Port-City Relationship", November, Tangier.
  - o1 Regional Workshop (LATAM) on "Traceability in Fishing Ports", in Manta, June 21-22 in collaboration with SALT (seafood Alliance for Legality & Traceability)
  - oWebinar on "Best Practices in the Design of National Action Plans for Marine Litter Management" in collaboration with GloLitter, IMO, and FAO.





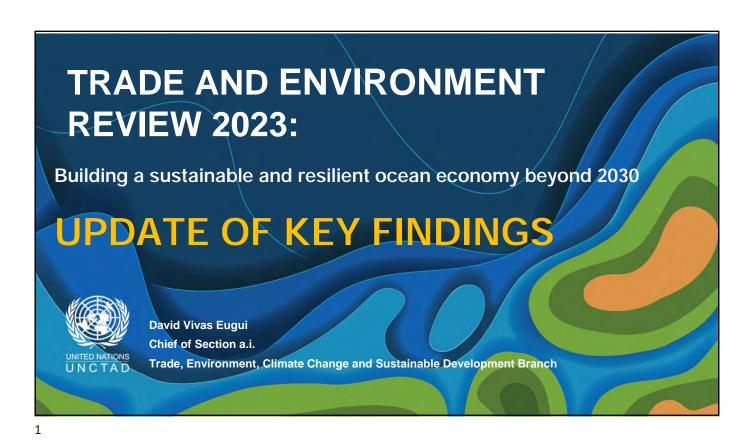


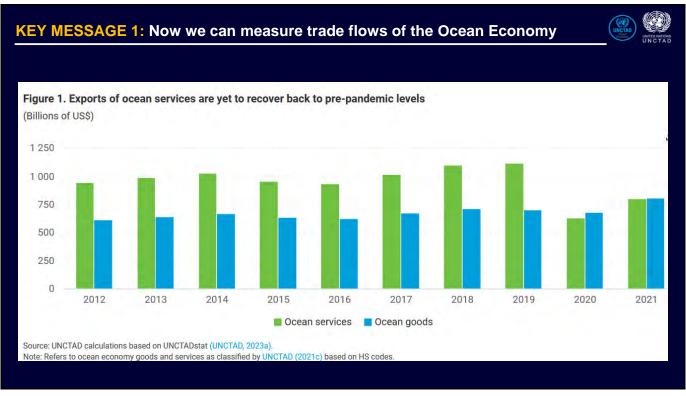


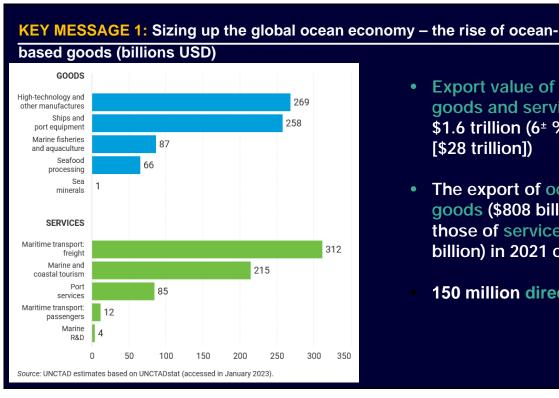


# Thank you!

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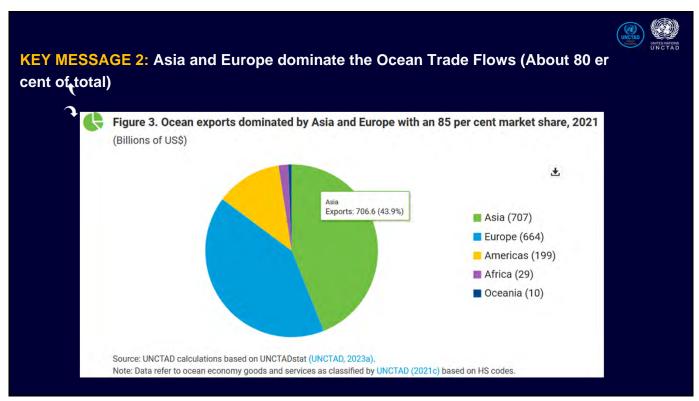


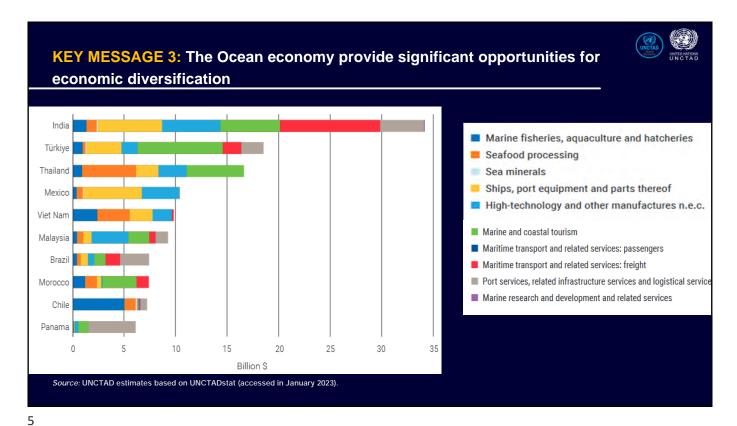


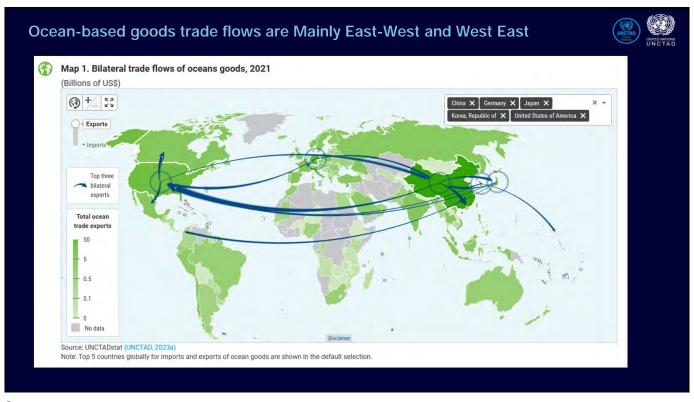
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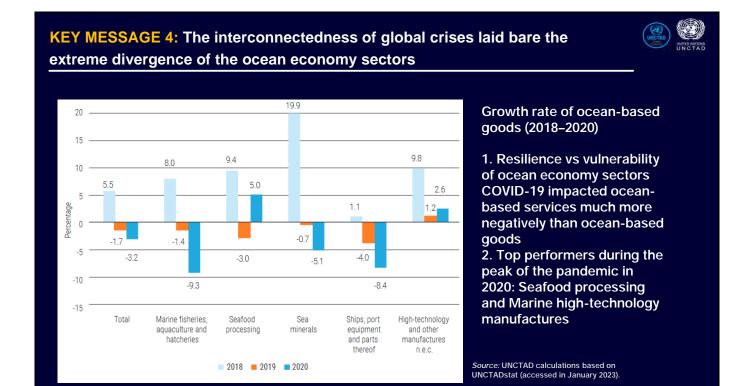
- The export of ocean-based goods (\$808 billion) overtook those of services (\$808 billion) in 2021 closely.
  - 150 million direct jobs

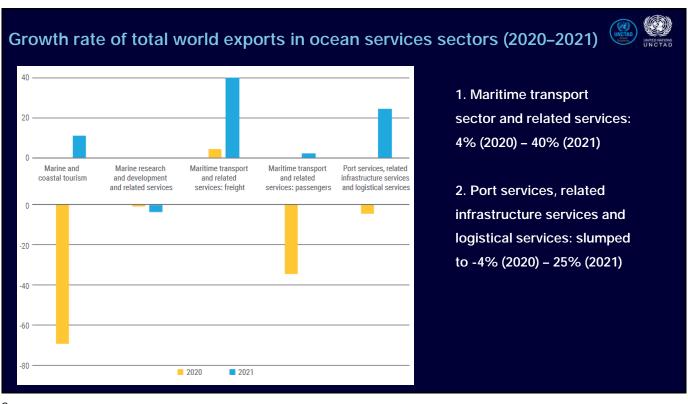
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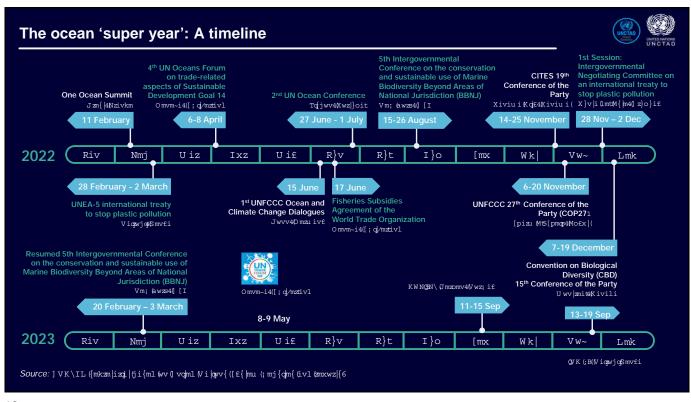
### **KEY MESSAGE 5:** Emerging ocean economy sectors - the next normal 21 1. Seaweed and by-products 18 The seaweed farming boom (Low carbon, no fresh water use, no 15 land and no fertilizers or antibiotics) 12 Value A lot of innovation on food and 18 non food uses Value and volume of farmed 12 seaweed, 2010-2020, billion of US dollars, millions of metric tons Trade in seaweed product was estimated at 1.2 billon in 2021 2000 2005 2010 2015 2020 Year Source: Source: Prepared by UNCTAD secretariat based on FAO.

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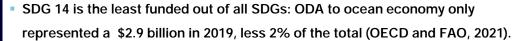
### **RAW MATERIALS PRODUCTS** 2. Non plastics \$258 791 \$125 521 **Substitutes** Trade in Non plastic substitutes Plant/tree-based natural fibres estimated at 388 \$116 819 billion (global plastic OTHER NATURAL FIBRES \$65 826 trade is 1.2 trillion) Dedicated crops \$25 110 The role of non plastic substitutes is Agricultural produts recognised in the \$22 302 Plant/tree-based **Natural** zero draft text of the natural fibre Animal-based \$77 109 \$17 451 \$39 414 \$20 282 **UN Plastic trreaty**

# KEY MESSAGE 6: SDG 14 is the least funded of all SDGs The least funded sustainable development goal Only 1.6% of total Official Development Assistance was directed to the ocean economy in 2018 Other: 98.4% Source: UNCTAD calculations.

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### **KEY MESSAGE 5:** Towards a Blue Deal – A high impact initiative for SDG 14



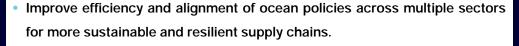
- There is in investment gap for 177 billion to be able to comply with SDG 14.
- Fill regulatory gaps and strengthen governance: countries should ratify/accept without delays the WTO Fisheries Subsidies Agreement and adopt the BBNJ (High Seas) Treaty. Finalise negotiations on UN Treaty to end Plastic pollution.
- Implement key priorities for ocean cooperation that were adopted at the 2nd UN Ocean Conference and at 4<sup>th</sup> ocean Forum synchronically (more than 50 recommendations and actions and more than 2100 voluntary commitments.

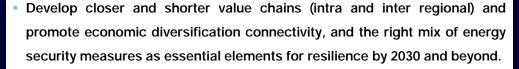


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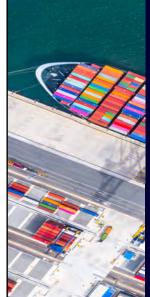
### A high impact initiative for SDG 14







 Boost R&D in emerging ocean economy sectors that can scale up the prevention and reduction of marine pollution of all kinds, reduce emissions and decrease our dependence on unsustainable materials and practices.





# Main conclusions and recommendations

### 4 UN Oceans Forum:

- Make ocean management policies more efficient: increase transparency, reduce NTMs, and eliminate subsidies causing overfishing or encouraging IUU fishing.
- Promotion of sustainable and resilient maritime supply chains.
- The Chair supported the FAO Guidance on Social Responsibility in the Fisheries and Aquaculture Value Chains and stressed the importance of promoting decent work.
- Reduction of marine litter and plastic pollution.
- The importance of seaweed production to address food shortage, reduce carbon footprint.

### 2022 UN Ocean Conference:

Governments committed to strengthen cooperation at the international, regional, subregional, national and local levels by:

- planning and implementing area-based management tools, including ocean management;
- restoring and maintaining fish stocks;
- mobilizing actions for a sustainable sector;
- recognizing the role of SSF;
- reducing and preventing marine plastic litter;
- empowering women and girls.