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INTRODUCTION

Following a recommendation of the fifteenth session of the Sub-Committee on Fish Trade (COFI:FT) in 2016, this document provides an overview of selected documents, articles and case studies (hereinafter referred to as “papers”) containing a direct or indirect link to trade in fisheries services.

Fisheries services have always been difficult to assess as they encompass not only the direct supply related to the fishery service itself but also the indirect provisions involving associated participants and stakeholders. This indirect approach is usually linked to a specific service being provided within a broader framework of a generic input service.

In addition, due to the absence of a common definition and international classification on what could be considered a fishery-related service, information and data associated with it are limited. Therefore, detailed analysis, including assessment of its real magnitude, represents a real challenge.

Most of the papers listed in this document were produced using different approaches to investigate specific fisheries topics having cross-links with fisheries services, such as: harvesting, processing, transportation, and marketing; costs and management; foreign fishing agreements/partnerships; resource rent; management regimes; and exploitation rights. This list of papers is not exhaustive but it serves to provide an overview that could be used as a basis to allow future analysis on possible linkages between those activities and fisheries services.

The reduced number of available papers dealing with fisheries services, as well as specific and limited approaches to the existing ones, cannot lead to simple conclusions associated to what can be considered a fishery-related service, its comprehensiveness and interlinkages.

LIST OF PAPERS ANALYSING DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY FISHERIES SERVICES

- Title:** **Joint Working Party on Trade and Environment – Trade in Services related to the Environment**
- Author/Publisher: Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)
- Year of the publication: 2017
- Summary: This report analyses what can be considered environmental related services, providing interesting investigations by using the specificity of a service as a benchmark in connection with general services with an environmental component. Although it is not specifically related to fisheries, it provides useful analysis.
- Link for download: [http://www.oecd.org/officialdocuments/publicdisplaydocumentpdf/?cote=COM/TAD/ENV/JWPTE\(2015\)61/FINAL&docLanguage=En](http://www.oecd.org/officialdocuments/publicdisplaydocumentpdf/?cote=COM/TAD/ENV/JWPTE(2015)61/FINAL&docLanguage=En)
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- Title:** **Trade in Fishing Services**
- Author/Publisher: S. Cunningham (IDDRA), M. Kobayashi (World Bank -WB), G. Munro (University of British Columbia) – NAAFE Forum 2017 La Paz Proceedings
- Year of the publication: 2017
- Summary: The paper highlights the existence of a new area of research – Trade in Fishing Services (TIFS) comprising harvesting, processing, transportation and marketing as a first approach. Particularly, it explains that fishing services emerge from coastal states establishing foreign arrangements with other states. It is mentioned the scarcity of data and research on Trade in Fishing Services.
- Link for download: <https://goo.gl/z6yXfQ>
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- Title:** **Report of the fifteenth session of the Sub-Committee on Fish Trade**
- Author/Publisher: FAO
- Year of the publication: 2016
- Summary: This is the report of the session of the Sub-Committee on Fish Trade held in Morocco. The complexity of trade in fisheries services was contemplated, and it was recognized the importance of FAO undertaking related work in this area.
- Link for download: <http://www.fao.org/3/a-i5580t.pdf>
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- Title:** **Scientific Advice on the Estimation of Surplus for Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreements – Final Report**
- Author/Publisher: European Commission
- Year of the publication: 2016
- Summary: It is a document explaining the types of Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreements. Although there is no specific mention to fisheries services, it provides comprehensive information on agreements that can have linkages with services.
- Link for download: <http://bookshop.europa.eu/en/scientific-advice-on-the-estimation-of-surplus-for-sustainable-fisheries-partnership-agreements-pbEA0116349/>

- Title:** **Trade in Fishing Services: Emerging Perspectives on Foreign Fishing Arrangements**
- Author/Publisher: WB
- Year of the publication: 2014
- Summary: It is a review with an analytic approach to economic and legal principles supported by empirical casework explaining the cost and benefits flows connected with foreign fishing arrangement (FFAs). Although this publication concentrates on fishing arrangements, it provides some relevant approaches towards fisheries services. This review identifies relevant and practical examples from several case studies, with a particular approach to small-scale fisheries. It emphasizes that the development of the small-scale fisheries can generate meaningful increases in the trade of fisheries services.
- Link for download: <http://documents.worldbank.org/curated/en/504571468164949623/pdf/92622-REVISED-PUBLIC-Trade-in-Fishing-Services-WEB-withaddendum.pdf>
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- Title:** **From Drain to Gain in Capture Fisheries Rents – A Synthesis Study**
- Author/Publisher: Gordon R. Munro/FAO- WB
- Year of the publication: 2010
- Summary: Some general principles regarding fisheries resources and its rent are mentioned, as well as how to address fisheries incentives and rebuild fisheries. Although it does not directly touch upon the issue of fisheries services, it provides valuable information on a particular service related activity – the various types of access and partnership fishing agreements.
- Link for download: <http://www.fao.org/3/a-i1617e.pdf>
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- Title:** **Programme of Work: Fisheries Services**
- Author/Publisher: OECD
- Year of the publication: 2008
- Summary: OECD documents containing detailed information on fisheries services by country. Those papers were a compilation of responses to a fishing sector questionnaire submitted by OECD to countries (members and non-members). Each country profile shows information on services, regulations, and rules applicable to fisheries in both public and private sectors.
- Link for download: <http://www.oecd.org/tad/fisheries/fisherliesservices.htm>

- Title:** **Fisheries Access Agreements: Trade and Development Issues**
Author/Publisher: Stephen Mbithi Mwikya/International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development (ICTSD)
Year of the publication: 2006
Summary: This report describes the different types of fisheries agreements, reviewing direct and indirect benefits from different parties and implications about them. It analyses the impacts on current fisheries access agreements on fish trade, sustainability, and biodiversity. It describes negotiations between developing and developed countries, and discusses relevant aspects about fisheries subsidies. Although there is no direct mention of fisheries services, the analysis provided for the fisheries agreements provides valuable tools on future developments in this area.
Link for download: http://www.ictsd.org/downloads/2008/04/mbithi_2006.pdf
- Title:** **Managing the Resources of the China Seas: China's Bilateral Fisheries Agreements with Japan, South Korea, and Vietnam**
Author/Publisher: David Rosenberg/The Asia Pacific Journal
Year of the publication: 2005
Summary: This document is an informative paper which provides an overview of China's relations and agreements during the last 20 years with neighboring countries. It does not mention specifically fisheries services, but it analyses important issues closely linked to them.
Link for download: <http://apjjf.org/-David-Rosenberg/1789/article.pdf>
- Title:** **The Cost of Managing Fisheries**
Author/Publisher: Anthony Cox/OECD
Year of the publication: 2002
Summary: This study investigates how fisheries services and their costs vary between countries, how fisheries services contribute to the optimum use of marine, human and capital resources to catch fish, and their interconnectivity with fisheries management, including cost-effectiveness considerations.
Link for download: <http://www.oecd.org/tad/fisheries/thecostsofmanagingfisheries.htm>
- Title:** **Effects of Liberalizing Trade in Fish, Fishing Services and Investment in Fishing Vessels**
Author/Publisher: Rögnvaldur Hannesson/OECD
Year of the publication: 2000
Summary: This is a conceptual paper to inform discussions of the Committee for Fisheries in its 87th Session (March 2001) focused on the effects of barriers to trade, price spillovers and management regimes. Although there is no direct link with concepts of fisheries services, illustrative examples of possible fisheries services can be identified.
Link for download: <http://www.oecd.org/tad/fisheries/1917250.pdf>

Title: **FAO Sub-Committee on Fish Trade - Item 5, Issues of International Trade, Environment and Sustainable Fisheries Development: Trade in Fisheries Services**

Author/Publisher: FAO
Year of the publication: 1998
Summary: This was the first time trade in fisheries services was on the agenda of COFI:FT. It provides a specific approach based on economic aspects, including calculation of economic benefits.
Link for download: <http://www.fao.org/3/a-ai529e.pdf>

Title: **Coastal State Fisheries Management: Fleet development versus Trade in Fisheries Service**

Author/Publisher: Cunningham, S; Whitmarsh, D/The Centre for the Economics and Management of Aquatic Resources (CEMARE) at the University of Portsmouth
Year of the publication: 1992
Summary: This document addresses the issue of how exploitation rights should be allocated in order to ensure that resource rents are maximized. It also highlights the drawbacks of the essentially “administrative” approach to fisheries management adopted by most coastal states and suggests that a market approach would help to avoid many of the distortions and contradictions that typically arise.
Link for download: <https://search.proquest.com/docview/16559519?accountid=41827>