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Illegal, unreported and  
unregulated fishing



5 June 2018

International Day for the Fight against  
Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing

**Tuesday, 5 June 2018 from 13.00 to 14.30, Sheikh Zayed Centre**  
**Observing the 1<sup>st</sup> International Day for the fight against Illegal,  
Unreported and Unregulated Fishing (IUU) fishing**

The 32nd Session of the Committee on Fisheries endorsed the proposal for the Declaration of the International Day for the Fight against Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing, taking into account the entry into force, on 5 June 2016, of the Agreement on Port State Measures to Prevent, Deter and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing, adopted by FAO in 2009. The entry into force of this agreement marks an historical event, in that it is the first international legally-binding instrument specifically devoted to the fight against IUU fishing.

The proposal to declare 5 June as an International Day for the IUU Fight against Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing was unanimously endorsed by the 155th Session of the FAO Council held in December 2016 and by the 40th Session of the FAO Conference held in July 2017. On 5 December 2017 the 72nd Session of the UN General Assembly adopted the annual resolution on sustainable fisheries, proclaiming 5 June as the International Day for the fight against IUU fishing and invited FAO to serve as lead agency.

**Timetable:**

13:00 – 13:03 Welcoming remarks – [Árni M. Mathiesen, Assistant Director General, Fisheries and Aquaculture department](#)

13:04 -13:06 Celebratory video by FAO

13:07 -13:17 Opening address by the Director-General, [Dr. José Graziano da Silva](#)

13:18 -13:28 “Our Ocean” commitments relating to the fight against IUU fishing - His Excellency, [Karmenu Vella, EU Commissioner for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries](#)

13:28 -13:29 “Our Ocean” short film

13:30 -13:40 Her Excellency, Susi Pudjiastuti, Minister for Marine Affairs of Indonesia host of the 2018 “Our Ocean” Conference in Bali, Indonesia

13:41 -13:46 Background on International Day and the Port State Measures Agreement - Abdellah Srour, Executive Secretary, General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (GFCM) and Matthew Camilleri, FAO’s Senior Fisheries Officer

13:46 -14:20 Discussion/Q&A

14:20 -14:30 Closing remarks – Mr. Stefano Cataudella, Chairman of the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (GFCM)

The event will be webcast: <http://www.fao.org/webcast/home/en/item/4752/icode/>

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