



EU IUU policy ***Combining tools against IUU fishing***

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Scene setter...

EU Common Fisheries Policy

Role of the EU v. Member States

Implications in terms of external policy

The European Commission

- **DG MARE**
- **DG DEVCO**

IUU fishing – the role of the EU

- *EU MS are important flag States operating around the world*
- *The EU is the world's largest importer of fishery products*
- *International rules were not delivering results...*
 - **2010 -> adoption of EU IUU Regulation (No 1005/2008)**

This introduces a number of operational tools

Catch Certification Scheme – *to ensure the traceability of fisheries products reaching the EU market*

Third country dialogues – *creating a framework to work with third countries to ensure they are playing an active role in the fight against IUU fishing, to stop IUU fish entering the global supply chain*

Mutual assistance network – *information exchange and better cooperation*

Cooperation with third countries - the process at a glance

PRE-IDENTIFICATION

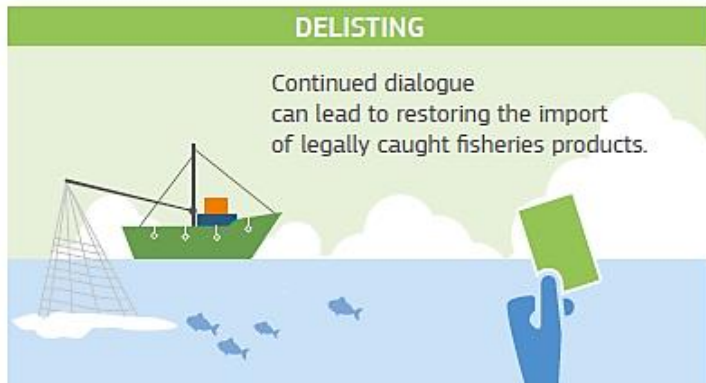


The European Commission opens a formal dialogue during a minimum of 6 months.



If the country improves its situation, the 6-month period can be prolonged and ultimately the pre-identification can be removed.

DELISTING



Continued dialogue can lead to restoring the import of legally caught fisheries products.

IDENTIFICATION



If the country does not address the problems, it will be identified by the European Commission as non-cooperating.

A ban of all products for which the catch certificate is validated after the Decision enters into force.

LISTING BY THE EU

Fisheries products caught by fishing vessels flying the flag of these countries cannot be imported into the EU while the countries remain listed.

The Decision triggers further measures, including a fishing ban for EU vessels in these countries' waters.



Cooperation with third countries - overview of existing procedures

Country	Pre- Identification	Pre- Identification Revoked	Identification	Listing	Delisting
Belize	November 2012	N/A	November 2013	March 2014	December 2014
Cambodia	November 2012	N/A	November 2013	March 2014	
Comoros	October 2015	N/A	May 2017	July 2017	
Curaçao	November 2013	February 2017			
Fiji	November 2012	October 2014			
Ghana	November 2013	October 2015			
Kiribati	April 2016				
Korea	November 2013	April 2015			
Liberia	May 2017				
Panama	November 2012	October 2014			
Papua New Guinea	June 2014	October 2015			
Philippines	June 2014	April 2015			
Republic of Guinea	November 2012	N/A	November 2013	March 2014	October 2016
Sierra Leone	April 2016				
Solomon Islands	December 2014	February 2017			
Sri Lanka	November 2012	N/A	October 2014	February 2015	June 2016
St Kitts and Nevis	December 2014				
St Vincent and Grenadines	December 2014	N/A	May 2017	July 2017	
Taiwan	October 2015				
Thailand	April 2015	January 2019			
Togo	November 2012	October 2014			
Trinidad and Tobago	April 2016				
Tuvalu	December 2014	July 2018			
Vanuatu	November 2012	October 2014			
Vietnam	October 2017				

Cooperation with third countries - tangible results

Improved governance

- *Revised legislation*
- *Strengthened sanctions*
- *Cooperation, coordination and mobilisation of different relevant authorities*
- *Political commitment to the highest level*

Strengthened MCS

- *Improved vessel monitoring*
- *Reinforcement of inspections and controls*

Improved traceability throughout the supply chain

- *Cross-checking and validation of CC data*



A new dynamic...

CATCH – IT system

- **Current legal basis: IUU Regulation 1005/2008**
Catch Certificate required for any consignment of fishery product destined to EU market
= Paper-based system
 - **Objective: move from paper-based system to an IT system (CATCH) in order to:**
 - facilitate controls and verifications at EU borders
 - reduce administrative burden for Member States and operators
 - reduce the risk of fraudulent use of Catch certificates
 - create level playing field for all operators
- = A real-time EU wide database

➤ CATCH Version 1.0:

launched at Seafood Expo on 7 May 2019

includes: catch certificates, processing statements and importer declarations

➤ Important features in CATCH:

basic risk analysis (e.g. red cards)

quantity management in order to avoid overshooting of catch certificate quantities

Further developments foreseen: e.g. simplified catch certificates, linkages to recognised RFMO certificates

➤ Current use of CATCH

- EU Member States (authorities and operators)
Voluntary (in the absence of a legal basis foreseen for 2020-2021)
- CATCH will be opened to third countries (authorities and operators) later in the year
Will remain voluntary but strongly encouraged

EU (DG MARE) support to FAO and PSMA implementation

- EU is contributing to PSMA implementing actions under **FAO's global umbrella programme** (EUR 1 million in 2017 and 500.000 in 2018, another 500.000 is in the pipeline for 2019). The FAO programme comprises five projects, with other donors being Norway, Korea, Sweden and the USA totaling 12.7 million USD (December 2018). Under the programme, FAO is to also to set up a portal for donor coordination.
- The EU is also supporting the FAO work to develop **technical guidelines** for the estimation of the magnitude and geographic extent of IUU as well as the preparatory work (in-depth study) on voluntary guidelines on transshipment.
- The EU has also since 2014 supporting the development of the **Global Record** of Fishing Vessels, Refrigerated Transport Vessels and Supply Vessels (Global Record) – 225.000 EUR per annum.

EU development policy support to the fight against IUU fishing

At country level,

- **Ponctual technical assistance**
- **Support to participative surveillance (e.g. Sierra Leone, Liberia, Ghana)**
- **Specific case - Cambodia**

At regional level,

- **Support to regional cooperation**
/ regional context

Pacific Ocean – support to FFA

/ PEUMP

SIDA co-financing



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News stories

Nauru - 05 September, 2018 – Today, the Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA), the Pacific Community (SPC), the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) and The University of the South Pacific (USP) signed a landmark agreement with the European Union to help promote sustainable management and sound ocean governance in the Pacific Region.



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NEWS STORIES

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PUBLICATIONS

EU annual report on Human

The Pacific-European Union Marine Partnership Programme addresses some of the most

Indian Ocean – support to PRSP

EU has supported the implementation of the "regional fisheries surveillance plan", developed by the Indian Ocean Commission (IOC) and now extended to Kenya, Tanzania and Mozambique

- **Joint patrolling**
- **Regional VMS**
- **Training of inspectors**



For more information:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2-QVscGv_n4



Western Africa – support to regional fisheries organisations

/ Component 2 of PESCAO

In partnership with the European Fisheries Control Agency (EFCA)

- **Sub-Regional Fisheries Commission (SRFC)**
- **Fisheries Commission for the West and Central Gulf of Guinea (FCWC)**

More info: https://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/case-studies/eu-funded-pescao-programme-helps-fight-illegal-fishing-gulf-guinea_en

+ Synergies with maritime security programmes



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