





## Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing

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(11-26 million tonnes annually; 1 in 5 fish!)



- Fishing and fishing-related activities conducted in contravention of national, regional and international laws. (illegal)
- Non-reporting, misreporting or under-reporting of information on fishing operations and their catches. (unreported)
- Fishing by "Stateless" vessels. (unregulated)
- Fishing in convention areas of RFMOs by non-party vessels. (unregulated)
- Fishing activities which are not regulated by States and cannot be easily monitored and accounted for. (unregulated)
- Fishing in areas or for fish stocks for which there are no conservation or management measures. (unregulated)









#### **IUU** fishing

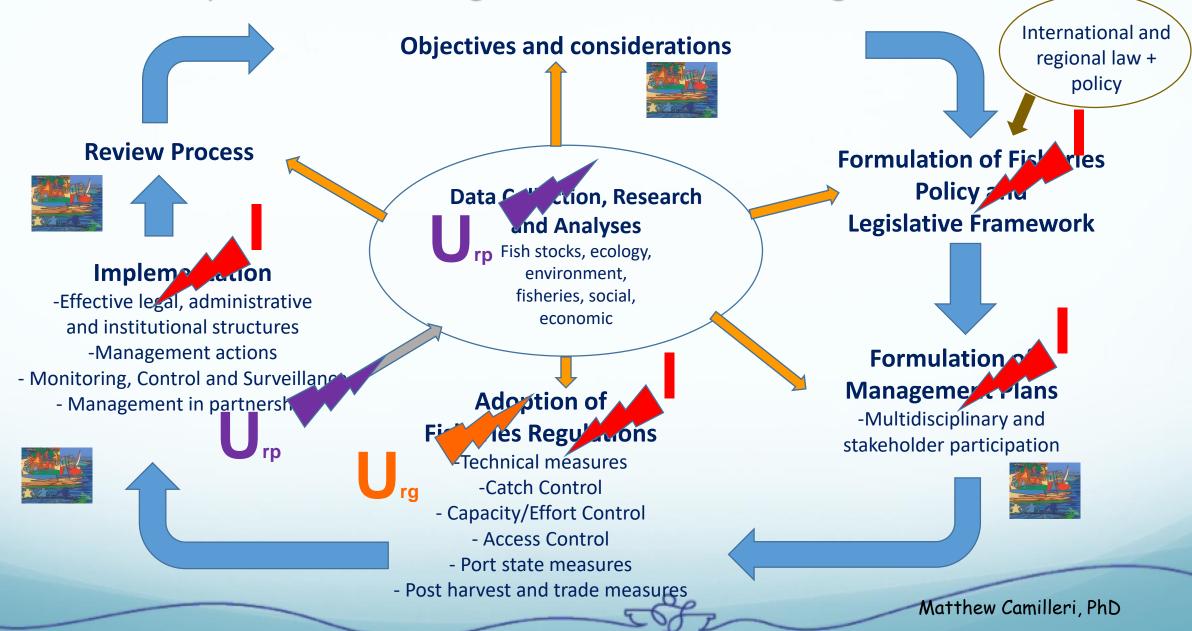
Where? Why? Impact?



- found in all types of fisheries and occurs in all waters
- poses a serious threat to marine ecosystems and undermines efforts to manage fisheries sustainably and conserve marine biodiversity
- motivated by economic gain and may be associated with organized crime and linked to indecent working conditions and forms of slavery
- threatens the livelihood of fishers and other stakeholders, and exacerbates malnutrition, poverty and food insecurity
- takes advantage of corrupt administrations and exploits weak management regimes



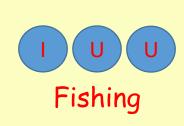
#### The impact of IUU fishing on the Fisheries Management Process







Connection between IUU fishing and crimes in the fishery sector



Fisheries-related crimes

(directly connected to fishing operations)

Crimes associated with fisheries

(not connected to fishing operations but take place within the fishing sector)





#### Combatting IUU fishing

- Strong political will and concerted action, including through RFMOs, by:
- ✓ Flag States
- ✓ Port States
- ✓ Coastal States
- ✓ Market States



- Capacity and resources to:
- ✓ Detect IUU fishing
- ✓ Enforce regulations
- ✓ Take action and prosecute







### International fisheries instruments and tools to combat IUU fishing





# Binding





RN

safety, health of crew

or safety of vessel / for

scrapping of vessel

**PROMPT** 

NOTIFICATION

TO FLAG STATE, RELEVANT COASTAL

STATES, RFMOs, OTHER

INTERNATIONAL

**ORGANIZATIONS** 

detected

DENY

use of port

Take other measures in

concernity with international

law, including those for which

the flag State's request or

consent has been give

**Global Record of Fishing Vessels** Overview of the PSMA requirements and operations DI Review of information provided by vessel. FOREIGN VESSEL REQUESTS ENTRY Other information may be sought, e.g. from Regional Fisheries Management Or nizations (RFMO) TO DESIGNATED Vessel identification | Purpose of visit | Fishing authorizations | Transshipment information | C h on board **PORT** Authorize entry NO INSPECTION **IUU** fishing Catch detected documentation AP Entry granted for inspection and actions (no use of port) schemes DENY DI entry **IUU** fishing Unless essential to RNINSPECTION

Information

exchange

AUTHORIZE

use of port

Landing; Transshipping;

Processing; Packaging;

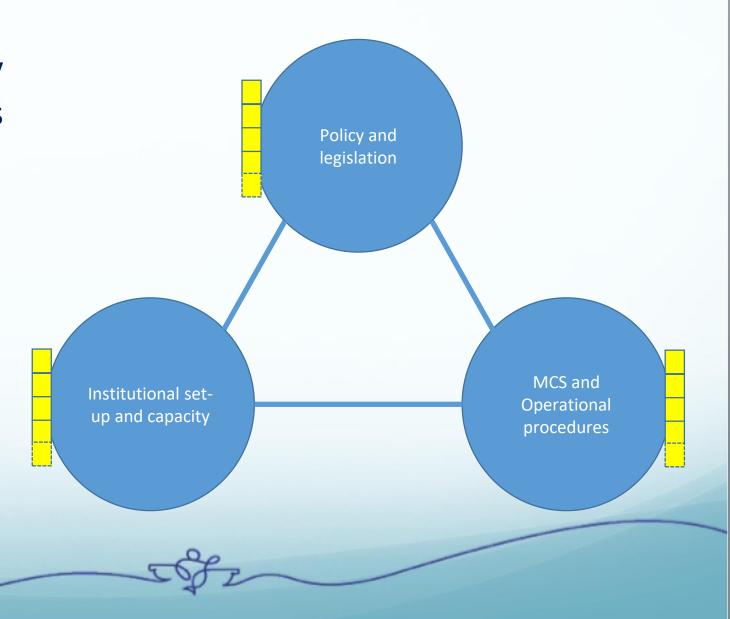
Refuelling; Resupplying;

Maintainance; Drydocking

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**Detection and Investigation Action and Prosecution** Reporting and notification

For the PSMA and complementary instruments to be effective, States need to move ahead with developing implementation strategies, supported by sound policy, legal and institutional frameworks, as well as operational mechanisms sustained by sufficient human and financial resources











#### FAO Global **Capacity Development** Programme



- Technical Assistance in up to 40 countries over the next 5 years
- Assistance delivered on the basis of a needs assessment exercise policy, legal, institutional and operational
- Support to implement the PSMA, improve flag State and coastal State performance and implement market measures (including CDS)
- Currently 6 projects (total of 13 million USD); donors European Union, Norway, Rep. Korea, Sweden and USA









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