The Challenges of Sustainability

Fisheries Subsidies – Briefings for New Delegates
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World Fish Production

AQUACULTURE AND WILD CAPTURE

Status of Fish Stocks

DO NOT group the categories “maximally sustainably fished” and “overfished”.

“Maximally sustainably fished” is generally the target of fishery management.

“Overfished” is a situation to be avoided or overcome through fishery regulations.
**Importance of fish and fish products**
- Fight against hunger and poverty

**Continue Growth in the Sector**
- Sustainable practices
- Adequate frameworks
- Innovative value chains

**Effective Management**
- Only path to sustainability
- Best conservation measure

**Development of Sustainable Value Chains**
- Enhanced market access
- Increase in global trade

**Social Sustainability**
The Importance of Fish and Fish Products in International Trade

An Important Commodity
Fish and International Trade
Export (USD)

Fish 50%
Beef 20%
Pork 15%
Poultry 15%

An Inclusive Participation of Countries
Main Exporters and Importers

Imports
- US 14%
- Japan 11%
- China 6%
- Spain 5%
- Others

Exports
- China 14%
- US 4%
- Chile 4%
- Canada 3%
- Others
What are the Main Group of Species Internationally Traded?

MAIN INTERNATIONALLY TRADED PRODUCTS

- Salmon, trouts and smelts: 19%
- Shrimps and Prawns: 15%
- Tunas, bonitos and billfishes: 6%
- Squids, cuttlefishes and octopuses: 5%
- Cods, hakes and haddocks: 10%
And the Future?

World Population Increase

- 2030: 8.6 billion
- 2050: 9.8 billion
- 2100: 11.2 billion
Some Projections

Production
- 204 million tonnes (2030)
- Importance of Aquaculture
- Aquaculture surpassing wild capture (2022)
- Aquaculture - 53% share (2030)

Developing Countries
- Important both at production and consumption
- Particularly in Asia

International Trade
- Highly tradeable products
- Same pattern of exporting countries
- More diversified importing countries

Main Concepts in the WTO Negotiations on Fisheries Subsidies
WTO Negotiations Main “Fish” Concepts

- IUU Fishing
- Overfishing
- Overcapacity
- Small-Scale Fishers

FAO Fish Instruments
**Comprehensive Instrument**

- Solid, sustainable, precautionary and inclusive actions
- Shared responsibilities
- Holistic approach
- Good source of guidance for the main pillars of WTO Fisheries Subsidies negotiation process

**Basic Axiological Values**

- Fisheries management
- Overfishing
- Small-Scale Fishers
- Specific approach
- Post-Harvest Issues

**Main Covered Areas**

**Possible FAO Instruments to inform the WTO Negotiation Process**

- **Voluntary Guidelines for Small-Scale Fishers 2014**
  - Improve Market access
  - Promote non-discriminatory trade
  - Access to information
  - “One size does not fit all”

- **Port State Measure Agreement (PSMA) 2009**
  - Focus on Port State
  - Cooperation is a basic principle
  - Reduction of risk of having illegal fish unloaded at the port
  - Mandatory instrument
  - International Plan of Action (IPOA)
Companies are starting to market their products using the SDGs

Reinforces the WTO Mandate

Global and Societal Theme

The SDGs

17 Objectives

169 Goals

232 Indicators

Information on Fish Markets
GLOBEFISH Trade Statistics

Sustainable Fish Trade For Today and Tomorrow

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