Global Fishing Fleet in Figures

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Decrease in global CPUE

Catch per Unit of Effort, 1950 = 1

- 80-90%
Effort by the fleets of WTO LDC Members

% of fleet in LDC (WTO members), effort

~ 5% effort

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Effort by artisanal fleets of developing country WTO members

34-45% of global fishing effort
Effort of developing country WTO members in EEZ

61% of global fishing effort
Effort of “small” developing country WTO Members (<0.7% of global capture) in their EEZ

16% of global fishing effort
Take home key points

• Global effective CPUE declined by 80-90% since the 1960s

• Regarding the scale of possible exemptions:
  • LDC WTO members: 5% of global effort
  • Artisanal fishing by developing country WTO members: ~40% of global effort
  • EEZ fishing by developing country WTO members: 61% of global effort
  • EEZ fishing by developing country WTO Members below 0.7% of global capture: 16% of global effort
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