

Fisheries Subsidies Video Series: Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing



Main approach - IUU

Subsidies to vessels/operators are prohibited when a final determination of IUU fishing is made.

Issuing determinations is a right, not an obligation.

Additional approach: Members should have procedures in place to ensure no subsidies go to IUU fishing

Key Decisions - IUU

Key decision 1: Whose determinations should trigger the subsidy obligation?

- Options :
- Coastal state member
 - RFMO/As
 - Flag state member
 - Subsidising member
 - Port state member

Key decision 2: What due process should be required for determinations to trigger subsidy rules?

- Options :
- Use of positive evidence
 - Fair, transparent, and non-discriminatory procedures
 - Notification of flag state, opportunity for flag state and subsidizing state to provide information

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Key decision 3: Whether/how to clarify how the prohibition should be implemented?

- Options :
- Subsidies could be allowed for minor violations (but always prohibited for some serious violations)
 - Subsidies could be prohibited for a certain (minimum) period of time

Key decision 4: What special and differential treatment, if any, would be appropriate and effective?

- Options :
- Timeframes for implementation (for unreported and unregulated fishing)
 - Geographical exceptions (territorial seas) for small-scale fishing (for unreported and unregulated fishing)