



# Fisheries Subsidies Video Series: Scope and Definitions



# Main approaches – Scope and Definitions

- The agreement would apply to “Subsidies” as defined in ASCM Article 1 that are specific under ASCM Article 2
- “Fishing” means marine wild capture fishing and fishing-related activities at sea
- “Fishing related activities”: Definition found in the Port State Measure Agreement is being used as basis for negotiation
- “IUU fishing”: Definition based on paragraph 3 of the International Plan of Action to Prevent, Deter, and Eliminate, Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing (IPOA-IUU) is being used as basis for negotiation

# Key Decisions – Scope and Definitions

**Key decision 1: Should some kinds of subsidies be explicitly excluded from scope, or rather listed as exemptions under specific disciplines (if excluded at all)?**

- Options :
- Subsidies for disaster relief
  - Subsidies to small scale fishing
  - Subsidies to recreational fishing
  - Geographical exemption for fishing in territorial seas

**Key decision 2: Should non-specific fuel subsidies also be covered?**

**Key decision 3: Should fuel de-taxation schemes be explicitly excluded from scope?**