Fisheries Subsidies Video Series: Overfished Stocks
Main approach – Overfished Stocks

Fisheries subsidies are prohibited when a stock is overfished and one of the two following factors is present:

1) lack of recovery of stock;
2) continuous reduction in the level of the stock;

except if measures are in place to ensure stock recovery.

→ Implicitly limits prohibition to overfished stocks that are not getting better.
Key Decisions – Overfished Stocks

**Key decision 1:** How to establish when a stock is overfished for the purposes of this discipline?

Options:
- Objective definition (overfished when at level <MSY or alternative reference point)
- Deference (overfished when national authority or RFMO/A says so)
- What standard of scientific evidence should be required (best evidence, “available to” or “recognized by” the Member)?

**Key decision 2:** What special and differential treatment, if any, would be appropriate and effective?

Options:
- Timeframes for implementation (2 years within EEZ)
- Geographic exceptions (territorial sea)