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## SUB-COMMITTEE ON FISH TRADE

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**TRADE-RELATED ISSUES - SELECTED PROJECTS COORDINATED  
BY FAO AND TECHNICAL EXPERTISE PROVIDED  
FOR EXTERNAL EVENTS**



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**SELECTED PROJECTS COORDINATED BY FAO**

<b>PROJECT AREA</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE/DONOR</b>	<b>END DATE</b>
Sustainable Fisheries	To achieve sustainable increase in the added value of all national fisheries sectors through appropriate techniques for conservation and recovery of catches, with a view to developing economic performance, food security, sustainability and social protection.	Sao Tome and Principe	September 2018
Food Loss and Waste	To improve access to food loss and waste related information for informed policy in fisheries and aquaculture from the pre-harvest to consumption stages.	Global	March 2019
Sustainable Fisheries	To assess and to provide technical comments from a scientific perspective in accordance with CITES biological listing criteria regarding the proposals in relation to biology, ecology, trade and management issues concerning commercially exploited aquatic species – noting the likely effectiveness for conservation of CITES trade listing (regulation) process.	Global	August 2019
Port State Measure Agreement (PSMA)	To provide technical support for the implementation of the PSMA Global Development Programme by improving State's capacity for its implementation and complementary MCS operations, measures and tools. To strengthened national policy and legislative frameworks to combat IUU fishing; to strengthened national and domestic competencies and regional coordination amongst relevant national and regional agencies and institutions; and to increase transparency and traceability in fisheries sector activities.	USA	September 2019
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Port State Measure Agreement (PSMA)	To follow-up action to the project and to support the Global Record Program in order to implement the PSMA and complementary monitory, control and surveillance (MCS) operations, measures and tools.	European Union	December 2019

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Value Chain	The Fisheries Sector Support Project (FSSP) targets to sustainably increase the income to artisanal fishing communities from artisanal fishery and fishery-related activities, like fishing, processing, marketing, servicing, and trade including through improved fisheries management according to the principles of the Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries (EAF) at targeted sites. The project aims also at increasing food safety of fish through proper handling of the product, and at reducing post-harvest losses of value.	Angola	December 2019
Fisheries Data	The CITES Trade Database Publish registers with advice on the strengths and areas requiring improvement for the collation of trade records of CITES Appendix II listed commercially exploited marine species.	Global	December 2019
Value Chain	The Intra-ACP Fisheries Value Addition and Trade Programme. This Program employs a strategic value chains development approach to strengthen the fisheries and aquaculture value chains in order to contribute to secure and enhance the role that fisheries and aquaculture sectors plays in the food security and nutrition, employment creation and export revenues of ACP countries.	ACP Countries	2020
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Value Chain	FAO, in collaboration with ICAR-Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (Kochi, India) through a Global Expert Meeting preparing guidance on collection of value chain information for sharks and rays. The expert guidance - "Collection and Reporting of Use, Market and Market Chain Information for Shark and Ray Commodities" should be available early next year. The guidance benefits from studies on shark and ray trade being conducted in a number of different countries simultaneously. This fills a recognized gap in knowledge of these fisheries (Friedman et al. 2018) and describes the various methodologies being adopted, offers real world examples and experience-sharing in refining strategies to promote sustainable fishing and trade in this vulnerable marine resource group.	Global	Mid 2020

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Sustainable Fisheries	The overall objective of the project is to consolidate and scale up the good practices drawn from the interventions in Lake Ngolome in post-harvest losses reduction and responsible fisheries management, to meet the ultimate aim of food and nutrition security, and poverty eradication in an environmentally sound manner.	Angola	June 2020
Fish Quality Control	Inspection and certification system harmonized with international market requirements.	Eritrea	August 2020
Food Loss and Waste	To improve hygienic quality and reduce post-harvest losses of fish through training on good hygiene practices and improving fish processing techniques by drying and by smoking, on the other hand, to help fishermen and fish processing associations to acquire improved equipment for drying (drying racks) and smoking (smoking kilns) of fish.	Burundi	September 2020
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Gender and Value Chain	The FAO-Thiaroye fish processing technique (FTT-Thiaroye ovens) aims to improve the working conditions of women fish operators, their livelihoods and family nutrition; to improve the quality of smoked fish produced by small-scale women fish operators; and to enable these women access more remunerative markets at local, national and regional levels.	Benin	December 2020
Food Loss and Waste	To provide technical information on volumes and present utilization of fish waste / by-products and the potential in improving the utilization in order to reduce waste, generate income and improve food security; and to organize a workshop to discuss future on improved use of fish waste/by-products in the selected countries.	Global	December 2020
Sustainable Fisheries	Sustainable seafood supply through market and policy mechanisms and partnerships.	Costa Rica Cuba El Salvador Guatemala Honduras Mexico Nicaragua	2021

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		Panama	
Sustainable Fisheries	Sustainable intensification of fisheries and aquaculture and livestock production in African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) countries.	Caribbean (3) Africa (6) Pacific (1)	2021
Aquaculture Value Chain	The Mediterranean Aquaculture Integrated Development project (MedAid) aims to provide innovative knowledge and tools to improve the performance of the production systems, develop added value products and business plans; and to develop practical approaches and recommendations to help integration, harmonization and governance of the sector across the Mediterranean.	Inter Regional / Mediterranean area	April 2021
Aquaculture Value Chain	To stimulate economic growth and food security, including improving the livelihoods and the living standards of rural households through enhanced aquaculture production and productivity.	Zambia	June2021
Sustainable Energy	The SE4All Action Agenda targets to operationalize the Sustainable Energy For All Action Agenda in Gambia by catalyzing investment in improved cook stoves and energy efficient appliances.	Gambia	October 2021
Small-Scale Fisheries Value Chain	To improve small-scale fisheries value chain and to provide guidance for the development of cooperatives and business plans as well as training on good hygiene practices.	Equatorial Guinea	December 2021
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Value Chain	Fostering a business-friendly environment to promote agribusiness and fisheries development and investment in competitive value chains for traditional staple foods.	Caribbean and Pacific	2022
Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs)	Enhancing the role of small and medium enterprises (SMEs) in the sustainable and inclusive transformation of the agri-food sector in Africa, the Caribbean, and the Pacific.	Caribbean (3) Africa (6) Pacific (1)	2022

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Market Analysis	To improve fishery and aquaculture practices, increase transparency of trade and markets - related information and strengthen coordination within the global seafood market at the public and private levels.	Global	September 2025

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EVENT	PLACE	DATE	GENERAL INFORMATION
International Congress on Climate Change and Fisheries and the Vigo Dialogue	Vigo, Spain	October 2017	Collaborated with International Frozen Seafood Exhibition (CONXEMAR) for the organization of the International Congress and the Vigo Dialogue.
First International Day for the Fight against Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) fishing	New York, United States of America	December 2017	The United Nations General Assembly agreed to a resolution proposed by FAO on sustainable fisheries, thereby declaring 5 June as the International Day for the Fight Against IUU Fishing.
Seafood Expo North America 2018	Boston, United States of America	March 2018	Contributed to the discussions with its expertise in the field of sustainability in the session Social Sustainability in Fisheries Value Chains and Building Equity into Sustainable Seafood Sourcing.
Seafood Expo Global, Seafood Processing Global	Brussels, Belgium	April 2018	Participated in a number of Panels, Dialogues and Meetings.
INFOFISH World Tuna Trade Conference and Exhibition	Bangkok, Thailand	May 2018	Presentation on Overview on Supply, Stocks, and Effectiveness of the Management Measures: Working Towards a Global Consensus.
International Consultative Workshop on Facilitating Seafood Market Access	Fuzhou, China	May 2018	Co-organized with Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs of China, FAO provided technical inputs to the workshop agenda and made presentations on different topics relating to market access and trade facilitation.
FAO Committee on Fisheries (COFI)	Rome, Italy	July 2018	Major international fisheries and aquaculture problems and issues are examined, and recommendations addressed to governments, regional fishery bodies, NGOs, fish workers, FAO and the international community.
Second Oceans Forum on trade-related aspects of SDG 14	Geneva, Switzerland	July 2018	Co-organized by FAO, UNCTAD and UN Environment to take stock, exchange experiences and present options for the implementation of trade-related targets of SDG 14 (Targets 4, 6, 7 and b) through the involvement of leading United Nations Agencies, regional bodies, government institutions, and civil society organizations.
II Global Fishery Forum & Seafood Expo	St. Petersburg, Russian Federation	September 2018	GLOBEFISH has a booth to raise awareness about FAO products and services, disseminate publications and to provide information on specific actions carried out by FAO for fisheries and aquaculture.

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FAO-CONXEMAR Congress 2018	Vigo, Spain	October 2018	Provided insights on world fisheries production and seafood trade.
Vigo Dialogue on Decent Work	Vigo, Spain	October 2018	Presenting the steps FAO is conducting towards setting the guidance for social responsibility, while facilitating an open discussion to enable feedback and inputs from stakeholders in order to address the challenges and complexity of this topic.
WTO Public Forum 2018	Geneva, Switzerland	October 2018	FAO Instruments supporting the Sustainability of Traded Fish and Fisheries Products.
International Seminar on Sustainable Seafood Value Chain: Traceability	Shanghai, China	November 2018	Organized by FAO to address a variety of topics pertinent to the sustainable seafood value chain, including: current systems and principles of a good traceability system; blockchain and seafood traceability; current situation and constraints in seafood traceability
The Seafood Ethics Common Language Group	London, United Kingdom	January 2019	The Seafood Ethics Common Language Group (SECLG), set up by Seafish, is a collective response to growing concerns regarding unethical practices within the global seafood market that aims to establish a common understanding of ethical issues within the seafood industry, communicate measures taken to address them, and agree a clear agenda for future action.
Fish Congress – Annual meeting of fish industry managers	Gdynia, Poland	March 2019	FAO was invited to provide technical expertise and to share the current work on social responsibility in fisheries and aquaculture value chains.
OECD COFI	Paris, France	April 2019	FAO was invited in order to provide technical expertise in the area of fisheries and to strengthen collaboration.
Training Workshop on Global Fish Trade	Shanghai, China	May 2019	Co-organized by FAO to connect leading fishery and aquaculture professionals from around the world on trade related issues.
Workshop on “Chinese Seafood Sustainability Standard for Responsible Fisheries”	Zhuhai, China	May 2019	Presentation on the “International Responsible Fisheries and Sustainable Aquatic Standards Development Experience: Role of FAO”.
Global Aquaculture Summit and Asia-Pacific Aquaculture Expo 2019	Zhuhai, China	May 2019	Presentation on “Progresses and Challenges of Aquaculture R&D”.
China International Shrimp Industry Development Forum	Zhuhai, China	May 2019	Presentation on the overview of global seafood production, market and trade.
Seafood Expo Global 2019	Brussels, Belgium	May 2019	Participated in a number of Panels, Dialogues and meetings.



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CIHEAM Course on seafood value chain analysis	Zaragoza, Spain	May 2019	Delivered lectures on globalization of seafood markets and trade, demand forces and value chain responses, circular economy and food loss and waste, and were involved in discussions.
FAO, World Bank Cooperation	New Delhi, India	June 2019	Support aquaculture and food control systems under the secondment for FAO/World Bank Cooperative Program.
Maghreb Aquaculture Days: continental aquaculture: status and prospects	Ifrane, Morocco	July 2019	Presentation on “Marketing of Aquaculture Products: Trends and Challenges”
Global Fishery Forum & Seafood Expo 2019	Saint Petersburg, Russian Federation	July 2019	Participated in the Global Fishery Forum & Seafood Expo 2019 with a dedicated booth intending to meet countries, organizations, traders, and all fisheries stakeholders to exchange ideas on how to contribute to sustainable growth in the aquaculture sector and made a presentation on “Overview of International Trade and Markets for Fish and Fishery Products”.
Technical Assistance Support Project to the Angola Fisheries Sector Support Project	Multiple Places	July 2019	Provide technical support to the component on food quality and safety of the project.
World Seafood Congress 2019	Penang, Malaysia	September 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Presentation on “Sustainability certification in global markets”;</li> <li>- Presentation at the WSC 2019 on “food-safety”;</li> <li>- Presentation on “Post-harvest loss and waste/Full product utilization”;</li> </ul>
Fish Price Index	Syracuse, Italy	September 2019	FAO organized a workshop to call for updates on the FAO Fish Price Index with intention to incorporate this into the Food Price Index.
International Congress on Social Sustainability	Vigo, Spain	October 2019	Event co-organized between FAO and CONXEMAR. In addition, FAO participated in the International Frozen Seafood Products Exhibition.
WTO Public Forum 2019	Geneva, Switzerland	October 2019	Lead a session on trade in fisheries service.
Small Islands and Developing States (SIDS) Regional Workshops on fish trade and sustainable development	Multiple Places	Multiple dates	FAO organized three regional workshops (Pacific SIDS; African/Indian Ocean SIDS; and Caribbean SIDS) to assist SIDS in bridging the knowledge gap through information sharing and technical assistance.
Socially Responsible Fish Value Chain	Agadir, Morocco Brussels, Belgium Rome, Italy Shanghai, China	February 2019 May 2019 June 2019 July 2019	Organize and develop the dialogue on Socially Responsible Fish Value Chain.