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ACTIVITIES

PROJECT	DESCRIPTION	GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE - DONOR	END DATE
Aquaculture	The Farm Diversification Strategy through an Integrated Agriculture-Aquaculture System is aimed at securing the supply and accessibility of rice and fish, enhancing menus rich in nutrients, promoting resource use efficiency, and generating employment and improved livelihood opportunities in the designated communities. This intervention strategy plays a crucial role in improving food security, poverty alleviation, and nutrition via aquaculture value chain services.	Global/Nigeria Mississippi State University	September 2023
Aquaculture	Supporting food system transformation through strengthening aquaculture development and innovative Public Private Partnerships (PPP) project conducts gap analyses and identifies key constraints to aquaculture growth through case studies. Additionally, it promotes policies, innovations, investments, and partnerships, supports capacity development for strengthening institutions, infrastructure, and services and shares and exchanges information for advocacy and awareness-raising.	Inter-Regional Multilateral, Belgium, Netherlands (Kingdom of the), Norway, Sweden	December 2023
Equitable Livelihoods Small-Scale Fisheries (SSF)	Creating an enabling environment for securing sustainable SSF is a project under the FAO Umbrella Programme for the Promotion and Application of the Voluntary Guidelines for Securing Sustainable SSF in the Context of Food Security and Poverty Eradication (SSF Guidelines) to increase the contribution of SSF to food security and sustainable livelihoods.	Global Sweden	December 2023

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Equitable Livelihoods Small-Scale Fisheries (SSF)	Implementing the Small-Scale Fisheries Guidelines for Gender-Equitable and Climate-Resilient Food Systems and Livelihoods is an initiative to contribute to more sustainable and climate-resilient food systems and livelihoods, supporting SSF and the implementation of the SSF Guidelines, emphasising the post-harvest sector in sub-Saharan Africa and Asia.	Global/Multilateral Norway	December 2023
International Trade and Markets	The GLOBEFISH project aims to disseminate information, data, and practices in the fisheries and aquaculture sector to increase sustainable international trade by providing trade and market-related information and fostering transparency and market-wide coordination.	Global Multi-donor fund	December 2023
Food Safety, Nutrition and Health	The regional project Seafood risk management and awareness raising on practises to minimise the risk of ciguatera poisoning aims to strengthen national capacities to identify and address the risk of poisoning by equipping government representatives with surveillance and monitoring skills and constructing or enhancing public awareness platforms.	Fiji, Samoa and Tonga TCP	December 2023
The Agreement on Port State Measures to Prevent, Deter and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing (PSMA)	The Fifth PSMA Global Capacity Development Programme Support contributes to capacity building associated with the PSMA and complementary instruments and tools.	Global European Union	January 2024
Marine Litter	The GloLitter Partnerships is a government of Norway, International Maritime Organisation (IMO), and FAO initiative to reduce marine litter. The global project will assist developing countries, including Small Islands Developing States (SIDS) and Least Developed Countries (LDCs), in identifying opportunities to prevent and reduce marine litter by empowering them to implement and enforce international regulatory frameworks and best practices.	Global Norway, IMO	June 2024

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Sustainable Development	The Responsible Use of Fisheries and Aquaculture Resources for Sustainable Development project aims to promote the conservation and sustainable use of fisheries resources.	Global, Colombia, Mozambique, Sri Lanka, United Republic of Tanzania Norway	June 2024
Value Chain Development	Improving Fisheries and Aquaculture Value Chains in the Mediterranean aims to develop shared visions and strategies to enhance the competitiveness and sustainability of value chains for wild shrimp species and farmed rainbow trout in the Mediterranean region.	Inter-Regional Italy	July 2024
Fisheries Management	The Coastal Fisheries Initiative (CFI) is a global partnership of UN agencies and international conservation organisations to enhance coastal fisheries management and conserve marine biodiversity. FAO is responsible for overall coordination in collaboration with Conservation International, the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Environment Programme, the World Bank, and the World Wildlife Fund (WWF). FAO has established a common platform for sharing experiences and lessons learned in coastal fisheries management. By compiling best practices, CFI intends to develop more holistic processes and integrated approaches to coastal fisheries management to inform governance and the development of value chains. FAO also supports the development of a Fisheries Performance Assessment Toolkit (FPAT), which will allow for the monitoring of the environmental, social, and economic sustainability of coastal fisheries.	Global General Environmental Facility (GEF)	July 2024
The Agreement on Port State Measures to Prevent, Deter and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing (PSMA)	The PSMA Implementation Support Project assists recipient countries in strengthening national policy and legislative frameworks and enhancing national capabilities to combat illegal, unreported, and unregulated (IUU) fishing using the PSMA and complementary coordinated monitoring, control, and surveillance (MCS) operations, measures, and tools.	Inter-Regional, Cuba, Fiji, Myanmar, Philippines, Saint Kitts and Nevis Republic of Korea	December 2024

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Fisheries Management	The initiative assists developing countries and SIDS in strengthening national policy and legislative frameworks and enhancing national means and competencies to implement the UN Fish Stock Agreement (UNFSA) fully and effectively. Assistance to strengthen participation in and implementation of the UNFSA endeavours to improve the sustainability of marine fisheries by ensuring its effective implementation.	Global European Union	January 2025
Value Chain Development	The goal of the Intra-ACP Blue Growth Programme for Sustainable Fisheries and Aquaculture Value Chains Productivity and Competitiveness (FISH4ACP) project is to contribute to poverty reduction, job creation, and food and nutrition security by enhancing the economic, social, and environmental sustainability of fisheries and aquaculture value chains in African, Caribbean, and Pacific (ACP) countries. FISH4ACP is a five-year programme led by the Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS) that addresses fundamental challenges to sustainable fisheries and aquaculture, such as low economic performance, limited market access, and inadequate social and environmental sustainability.	Global European Union	February 2025
Food Safety, Nutrition and Health	Strengthening the shellfish sector through sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) compliance is a component of a three-year project that aims to improve compliance with Codex and international standards for strengthening the shellfish sector in Senegal by constructing a bivalve sanitation programme for consumer protection and promoting access to regional and international markets.	Senegal Standards and Trade Development Facility (STDF)	March 2025
Sustainable Fisheries	By introducing fisheries co-management systems and diverse livelihoods, the Fisheries Co-management Capacity Development for Blue Communities: Sustainable Fisheries and Diverse Livelihoods projects aim to improve sustainable fisheries and the livelihood of fishing communities. It enhances the capacity of governments and fishing communities to co-manage fisheries. The initiative also investigates viable alternatives after analysing the challenges and opportunities of fishing communities' livelihoods, the perceptions of fishermen, and stakeholder participation in developing alternative livelihoods.	Global Republic of Korea	June 2025

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Value Chain Development Aquaculture	The Sustainable Fish Value Chains for Small Island Developing States (SVC4SIDS) project seeks to contribute to poverty reduction, job creation, and food and nutrition security by enhancing fisheries' and aquaculture value chains' economic, social, and environmental sustainability.	Global Republic of Korea	July 2025
The Agreement on Port State Measures to Prevent, Deter and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing (PSMA)	The objective of the PSMA Support Project is to enhance the capacity to effectively implement the PSMA and complementary MCS operations, measures, and instruments to combat IUU fishing and related illegal activities.	Global Germany	December 2026
Fisheries Management	Deep Sea Fisheries (DSF) under the Ecosystem Approach project aims to ensure that fisheries in areas beyond national jurisdiction (ABNJ) are managed using an ecosystem approach that maintains demersal fish stocks at levels capable of maximising their sustainable yields and minimising their impacts on biodiversity, with a focus on data-limited stocks, deep-water sharks, and vulnerable marine ecosystems.	Global GEF	May 2027
Biodiversity and Sustainable Fisheries	The Common Oceans Programme – Sustainable utilisation and conservation of biodiversity in ABNJ is a GEF-funded global partnership that promotes sustainable fisheries and biodiversity conservation in ABNJ, concentrating on tuna and DSF, the Sargasso Sea, and cross-sectoral cooperation. The Programme brings together the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), regional fisheries management organisations, intergovernmental organisations, the private sector, civil society, and academia.	Global GEF	May 2027
Biodiversity Fisheries Management	The Sustainable Management of Tuna Fisheries and Biodiversity Conservation in ABNJ - Phase II (FSP) project seeks responsible, efficient, and sustainable tuna harvests and biodiversity conservation in ABNJ, considering an altering environment. This global project is rooted in the applicable global framework, including the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) and subsequent legal instruments.	Global GEF	May 2027

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IUU Fishing	The Programme for supporting the sustainable use of fisheries resources in the twenty-first century - Component II: Enhancing regional coordination for addressing global challenges, including illegal, unreported, and unregulated (IUU) fishing, has as its primary objective the enhancement of regional coordination in support of sustainable fisheries, including the fight against IUU fishing.	Global Japan	October 2027
Biodiversity Sustainable Fisheries	Mainstreaming biodiversity for sustainable fisheries is the focus of the first component of the Programme for Supporting the Sustainable Use of Fishing Resources in the Twenty-first Century, known as Component I. The primary goal of this project is to improve the responsible management of fisheries resources and the integration of biodiversity into everyday life.	Global Japan	October 2027

TECHNICAL EXPERTISE PROVIDED BY NFI FOR EXTERNAL EVENTS

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Market Advisory Council (MAC) Executive Committee	MAC is an organization led by stakeholders and composed of representatives from the seafood supply chain and other groups, which advises the European Commission and EU Member States on fisheries and aquaculture product market-related matters. FAO regularly attends MAC meetings. FAO presented the main takeaways from the 2021 United Nations Food Systems Summit during this meeting.	Virtual	January 2022
The 18th Youth Workshop on Youth and Life Below Water: Conserving and Sustainably Using the Oceans and Marine Resources for Sustainable Development	The Workshop was organized by the CIFAL Global Network of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) Jeju/Jeju International Training Centre in order to empower youth to be active agents in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) by 2030. Participants learned about the challenges that the oceans are facing and reflected on how to use innovative solutions to usher in a new era of ocean conservation. In a session titled "Challenges and Innovative Solutions: Making Waves Towards Sustainable Fisheries," FAO imparted its extensive knowledge on sustainable fisheries with examples of FAO projects in SIDS.	Virtual	February 2022
AQUASUR 2022 International Congress	AQUASUR is one of Latin America's most significant aquaculture exhibitions and congresses, bringing together the supply and demand of the industrial sector. FAO took part virtually by delivering a presentation entitled "Global Production, Trade, and Recent Trends of Fisheries and Aquaculture Products."	Virtual	March 2022

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The 2nd Conference on Sustainability in the Seafood Processing Industry	The Conference, co-organized by the Swiss Import Promotion Programme (SIPPO) and the Moroccan Federation of Seafood Processing Industries (FENIP), discussed the most recent developments in the region's fisheries sector, the development of marine aquaculture, and the optimisation of fisheries value chains. FAO was invited to present and explain social sustainability in the fisheries and aquaculture sectors and current work on the FAO Guidance on Social Responsibility in Fisheries and Aquaculture Value Chains.	Hybrid and Agadir, Morocco	March 2022
The 37th Session of the FAO Regional Conference for Latin America and the Caribbean	FAO Regional Conferences are an official forum where Ministers of Agriculture and high-level officials of Member Nations from the same geographic Region meet to discuss challenges and priority matters related to food and agriculture to promote regional coherence on global policies and political issues. The FAO Regional Conference for Latin America and the Caribbean is held every two years. It brings together governments from 33 Members in Latin America and the Caribbean to establish the regional priorities of the Organization for the next biennium. FAO was invited to present virtually the ongoing work on the FAO Guidance on Social Responsibility in Fisheries and Aquaculture value chains.	Hybrid and Manta, Ecuador	March 2022
Regional Workshop on Aquaculture Value Chains Actor's Practices of Post-Harvest Management	The FAO Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia organized the hybrid workshop to debate aquaculture practises, post-harvest management, and value chain dynamics in international trade. The regional workshop was part of the FAO-Türkiye Programme for Food and Agriculture's "Capacity Development for Sustainable Fisheries and Aquaculture Management in Central Asia, Azerbaijan, and Türkiye" project.	Hybrid and Bodrum, Türkiye	March 2022

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Seafood Expo Global 2022 Expo and the Conference	Seafood Expo Global is the largest seafood trade show in the globe. FAO participated in the exhibition by operating a stand where NFI and GLOBEFISH publications were distributed. In addition, FAO hosted the session "International Trade of Fisheries and Aquaculture Products: Current Trends and Opportunities" at the 2022 Conference. Session topics included the outlook for international trade in fisheries and aquaculture products, significant notifications in the major importing markets, and the production of seaweed and microalgae.	Barcelona, Spain	April 2022
The 4th Oceans Forum	The Forum was organized by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) in collaboration with FAO and other partners. It served as a forum for identifying challenges and opportunities for the maritime economy to contribute to a sustainable, resilient recovery for all countries following COVID-19. In addition, new and emerging issues concerning the ocean economy were discussed, such as the seaweed industry as a lever for a sustainable economic recovery; reforms to fisheries subsidies and non-tariff measures (NTMs); social sustainability of fisheries and aquaculture value chains; the decarbonization of shipping and maritime supply chains; and the challenges posed by plastic litter and other types of ocean waste. FAO backed UNCTAD and took part in the forum.	Geneva, Switzerland	April 2022
The 17th World Conference Cities and Ports	The Conference brought together stakeholders in port city sustainable development to discuss obstacles and devise sustainable port strategies. The Association Internationale des Villes et Ports (AIVP) invited FAO to present the Blue Ports Initiative as a multistakeholder instrument to sustainably strengthen port relations and collaboration.	Tangier, Morocco	May 2022

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Expert Group Meeting on SDG 14 (Life below Water) and its Interlinkages with Other SDGs	The UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA) organized an Expert Group Meeting on SDG 14 with other partners. The objective of the two-day meeting was to assess the status of SDG 14 targets and their implementation strategies. The meeting also emphasised discussing the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on the progress made towards achieving SDG 14 and envisioning the following measures to support "blue recovery." FAO joined and participated in various working groups to provide technical expertise on fish stocks, exploitation, illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing, as well as fisheries management.	Virtual	May 2022
Webinar on Sustainability Certification: Harnessing the Potential for SSF and Aquaculture	FAO, in collaboration with the International Centre for Advanced Mediterranean Agronomic Studies (CIHEAM) through the Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Zaragoza (CIHEAM Zaragoza), co-organized the online seminar to provide an overview of the status of sustainability certification schemes and to discuss constraints and trends in fisheries and aquaculture, with a particular focus on SSF. More than 300 participants from 64 countries joined the discussion, which featured speakers from Africa, Asia, and Australia.	Virtual	May 2022
Training on Fisheries and Aquaculture in an International Context: Applicable Framework, Opportunities, and Market Access Issues	In collaboration with Shanghai Ocean University (SHOU), FAO GLOBEFISH organized virtual training to reduce the information deficit associated with the international trade of fisheries and aquaculture products, focusing on developing countries' attendance.	Virtual	May 2022

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Fish Consumption in South America: Perspectives to Increase its Contribution to Better Nutrition	The Peruvian Ministry of Production and FAO coordinated the meeting under the national programme "A Comer Pescado". FAO was invited to participate by providing recent data and information regarding the significance of fisheries and aquaculture products in the region regarding food safety, nutrition, and international trade. Participants from ten countries in the region participated in the session to discuss prospective areas of collaboration to promote fish consumption.	Virtual	June 2022
The 6th INFOFISH World Shrimp Trade Conference and Exhibition	The event centred on the recovery from COVID-19 through innovation and resiliency. It examined global shrimp production and trade, industry challenges during COVID-19, market access and certification, diversification of markets and seafood products, technology and innovation, feed and nutrition, advancing biosecurity and disease prevention, sustainability, and recovery pathway through partnership and investment. FAO presented the overall fisheries and aquaculture production trends, focusing on shrimp.	Hybrid, and Putrajaya, Malaysia	June 2022
United Nations Ocean Conference	The Governments of Kenya and Portugal co-hosted the Ocean Conference. FAO presented information on various topics, including climate change, the Blue Ports Initiative, and the challenges fishing ports face when addressing blue transformation.	Lisbon, Portugal	June/July 2022
The 5th Edition of the Business and Human Rights Summer School	The fifth iteration of the Business and Human Rights Summer School was held on the Italian island of Procida. FAO delivered a presentation on social issues about decent working conditions in the fisheries and aquaculture industry.	Procida, Italy	June/July 2022
The 4th Blue Ports Initiative (BPI) Workshop	Twelve countries were represented by 19 port authorities and national fisheries authorities at a meeting organized by the FAO to provide an update on the BPI plan's implementation, define the working groups, and concur on a communication strategy.	Vigo, Spain	July 2022

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Training Course on Greening a Blue Port	FAO organized a training course on the environmental aspects of ports, such as decarbonization, pollution, green infrastructure, ocean restoration, climate change, and city–port relationships. It was sponsored by Port of Vigo and financed by the Spanish government. The instruction brought together 19 specialists from 20 countries in Asia, Latin America, and Africa.	Vigo, Spain	July 2022
Regional and Global Workshops on Fisheries Data Collection and Statistics	Together with INFOFISH, FAO organized three online regional seminars and one global workshop on collecting and analysing fisheries data. The workshops were designed as an online forum where participants could debate and share their experiences regarding the difficulties, new approaches, and innovations in data collection. The primary objective was to call for developing a global strategy to enhance fisheries statistics.	Virtual	July/November 2022
The 4th International Fish Congress and Fish Expo Brazil	The 4th International Fish Congress and Fish Expo Brazil brought together all sectors of the fishery production chain (industry, market, breeders, fishermen, supply chain, and investors) to discuss the most diversified issues related to sustainable development. During the inauguration ceremony, FAO provided an overview of global fish production, trade, consumption, and overall trends.	Foz do Iguacu, Brazil	August/September 2022
The 14th ad-hoc FAO Fish Price Index (FPI) Workshop	Since 2007, FAO GLOBEFISH has annually coordinated the FPI Workshop with Norwegian institutions. The workshop is a forum for discussing potential FPI project enhancements and future directions. The FPI is routinely published in GLOBEFISH, FAO Food Outlook, and FAO SOFIA publications.	Rome, Italy	September 2022

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Working Session on National and Global Instruments Supporting Sustainable and Responsible Fish Trade	FAO organized a working session during the World Trade Organisation (WTO) Public Forum 2022 to discuss and communicate how international guidance and national instruments can help to promote more sustainable trade of fisheries and aquaculture products. The Public Forum is the WTO's most significant outreach event, providing a unique platform for interested parties worldwide to discuss the most recent developments in global trade and propose methods to improve the multilateral trading system.	Geneva, Switzerland	September 2022
Global Fishery Forum and Seafood Expo Russia	This event draws together each year representatives from the fishing industry and the various stages of the fish value chain. FAO participated in the exhibit and seminars addressing various international and regional production and commerce aspects.	Saint Petersburg, the Russian Federation	September 2022
Aquaculture Europe Exhibition (AE2022) and the Annual Conference of the European Aquaculture Society (EAS)	FAO GLOBEFISH participated in the AE2022 by handling an informational exhibit. In addition, FAO hosted a Special Day titled "International Processes and their Implications for the European Aquaculture Industry," which featured various sessions on sustainable aquaculture, genetic resources, international trade and markets for aquaculture products, and small-scale aquaculture.	Rimini, Italy	September 2022
Regional Workshop on Technology Innovations and Market Opportunities	The Regional Workshop was organized by EUROFISH and Polish authorities to facilitate an open discussion among international experts and participants regarding fish processing technology and market opportunities for fisheries and aquaculture products. FAO was invited to participate in the workshop and present on recent trade agreements and new requirements for preferential access to fisheries and aquaculture products.	Gdansk, Poland	September 2022
Workshop on Best Practices for Sustainable Fisheries	The Korean Maritime Institute invited FAO to present the BPI as a novel concept for a more sustainable fishing port.	Virtual	September 2022

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Webinar on How Fishsource and New FAO ID Codes will Revolutionize the Seafood Industry	The webinar was a virtual roundtable with McDonald's Corporation, Sustainable Fisheries Partnership (SFP) and FAO panellists. The roundtable intended to discuss fish stocks, strengthening transparency, government data collection, and SSF and large industrial fisheries having the same identity. FAO shared knowledge and expertise regarding the Global Records of Stocks and Fisheries (GRSF) and their corresponding universally unique identifier (UUID), key data elements (KDEs), and critical tracking events (CTEs) as tools to enhance traceability and transparency in fish value chains.	Virtual	September 2022
Training on Trade, Food Security, and Nutrition	FAO, in partnership with UNITAR, the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA), the Secretariat of Central American Economic Integration (SIECA), and the Secretariat of the Central American Agricultural Council (SECAC), offered an online training course entitled "Trade, food security, and nutrition" in Latin America and the Caribbean. FAO contributed to explaining the international framework applicable to the industry and the crucial role played by the sector in attaining food security.	Virtual	September/October 2022
The 17th INFOFISH World Tuna Trade Conference and Exhibition	With the theme "Strengthening Resilience, Adaptability, and Sustainable Growth in the Global Tuna Industry", the Conference provided a forum for the presentation of the challenges and opportunities facing the global tuna market, as well as the opportunity for attendees to connect and network with tuna industry representatives. FAO contributed to two sessions by describing the recent trend in global fish production and trade, as well as the tuna markets, with a particular address on the influence of raw material prices on the global tuna trade.	Hybrid and Bangkok, Thailand	October 2022

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<p>The X International Congress on Seafood Processing and Trading: Current and Future Challenges</p>	<p>FAO and the Spanish Association of Wholesalers, Importers, Exporters and Manufactures of Fish Products and Aquaculture (CONXEMAR) coordinated the Congress, which brought together experts and professionals in fisheries. After a global pandemic, a historic logistical bottleneck, and in the complex context of inflation, high industry costs, and declining consumer purchasing power, Congress analyzed the fisheries industry's current and future challenges.</p>	<p>Vigo, Spain</p>	<p>October 2022</p>
<p>Visualising a Greener Harmonized System (HS): Expanding Food Horizons – Recognising Agricultural Diversity for Sustainable Global Food Security</p>	<p>The World Customs Organisation (WCO) organized the Symposia Series "Visualising a Greener HS" to solicit ideas for making the 2027 edition of the Harmonised System (HS) more environmentally friendly, bearing in mind that Agenda 2030 recognizes the importance of international trade in ensuring environmental, sustainable development, and economic growth. FAO has been invited to participate to discuss recent significant shifts and developments in the international trade of fisheries and aquaculture products.</p>	<p>Brussels, Belgium</p>	<p>October 2022</p>
<p>International Conference on Sustainable Development of Coastal Areas and Fisheries in the Mediterranean</p>	<p>This international conference was intended to commemorate the 60th anniversary of CIHEAM by showcasing the institution's work on the coastal zone and fisheries management in the Mediterranean and fostering discussion among sector stakeholders. FAO's GFCM discussed "Challenges for Mediterranean Fisheries and Strategy 2030 for Sustainable Fisheries and Aquaculture Development."</p>	<p>Alicante, Spain</p>	<p>October 2022</p>
<p>The Marine Ingredients Organisation (IFFO) 60th Annual Conference</p>	<p>Five hundred delegates from 35 countries attended IFFO's first in-person annual conference since 2019. FAO presented the road map for transforming aquatic food systems and explained that ensuring food security is essential for achieving healthful and nutrient-rich diets and food systems.</p>	<p>Lima, Peru</p>	<p>October 2022</p>

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The 3rd Latin America Summit for Fisheries and Aquaculture Sustainability	The Latin American Summit for Fisheries and Aquaculture Sustainability was organized for the third time by the Mexican Board for Promoting Fisheries and Aquaculture Products (COMEPESCA). FAO participated in the opening and concluding ceremonies of the Summit and presented the socioeconomic and market trends of the fisheries and aquaculture sector in the region.	Hybrid, and Puerto Varas, Chile	October 2022
The 15th International Seafood Trade Forum	The Fisheries Policy Research Division of the KMI has organized the International Seafood Trade Forum (ISTF) "Seeking Strategies for Responding to Seafood Exporters Amid Changes in the Global Trade Environment and Accelerating Supply Chain Reorganisation" in the Asia Region (China, Thailand, Viet Nam, and the Republic of Korea) since 2015. FAO discussed the present and future of the global fish supply chain.	Seoul, Republic of Korea	November 2022
International Webinar on SSF and Access to International Markets	With SHOU, FAO hosted the "International Webinar on SSF and Access to International Markets" to raise awareness of SSF and aquaculture, investigate their potential for international trade, and improve their access to global markets. During the webinar, trade experts explored and discussed the primary obstacles SSF face when attempting to access international and significant markets and the necessary skill sets to improve market access performance.	Virtual	November 2022
World Aquaculture Singapore 2022	Three days were devoted to the World Aquaculture Singapore 2022 trade exhibition and scientific conference. Participants shared information on aquaculture topics such as fish health and welfare for emerging species, food security, sustainable aquaculture development, and value chain development. FAO delivered a keynote address on aquaculture for food security and sustainable development.	Singapore, Singapore	November/December 2022

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Training Course on Enhancing Traceability at Blue Fishing Ports	FAO organized the course to provide blue ports with innovative tools and ideas to strengthen their role in enhancing traceability in the fisheries value chain. Approximately 30 participants from Asia and 23 from Latin America and the Caribbean participated in the course. The Spanish government funded the instruction programme. In 2023, a publication summarising the lessons learned will be released.	Virtual	November 2022
Regional Workshop: Exchange Information on Catch Documentation Scheme (CDS) and Traceability of Fish and Fishery Products	The Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center (SEAFDEC) regional workshop aimed to share information and promote management tools pertinent to traceability to combat IUU fishing, including its implementation in Member Countries.	Hybrid, and Samut Prakan Province, Thailand	November 2022
Rice-Fish Farming: A Farm Diversification Process	FAO facilitated a workshop that allowed small-scale producers to share their experiences with academics. The difficulties, successes, and strategies for scaling up rice-fish farming as a method of agricultural diversification were discussed. The symposium compiled the necessary recommendations to successfully diversify a rice farm by maintaining or increasing rice yield and producing fish on the same field and during the same production period.	Ibadan, Nigeria	December 2022
WTO Negotiating Group on Rules - Fisheries Subsidies Workshop	FAO participated in the first WTO session on "Data regarding the status of marine fisheries." FAO discussed the advantages of employing a strategic approach to collecting fisheries data. WTO members were informed of the advantages of comprehensive fisheries data collection for addressing food security, sustainability, policymaking processes, and socioeconomic development. The limitations and difficulties associated with the current status of fisheries data collection were also discussed during the presentation.	Geneva, Switzerland	January 2023

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The 6th edition of Halieutis Fair	The sixth iteration of the Halieutis Exhibition entitled "Sustainable Fisheries and Aquaculture: levers for an inclusive and efficient Blue Economy." FAO participated in the plenary session "Leveraging science, technology, and innovation in fisheries to improve sustainability and secure food production on the eve of the Blue Economy development". FAO presented the Blue Transformation initiative and its role in ensuring the sustainability of the fisheries and aquaculture industries.	Agadir, Morocco	February 2023
Aquaculture America 2023	The US World Aquaculture Society (formerly the US Chapter of WAS) hosted Aquaculture America 2023, one of the largest national aquaculture conferences and trade shows. FAO was invited to participate in the "Food for the Future" conference. FAO disseminated information regarding the significance of maximizing the nutritional impacts of farm diversification (rice-fish) interventions in assisting countries and communities in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).	New Orleans, United States	February 2023
Fish Innovation Lab Annual Meeting	The Fish Innovation Lab for Fish brought together research partners from around the globe to identify, collaborate, and develop methods and technologies for local fish farming systems and to intensify and diversify significant fisheries and aquaculture production systems in areas where the poor and malnourished are concentrated. FAO contributed to the session topics of capacity development, strengthening resilience, advancing human and institutional capacity, and advancing nutrition in project implementation. At the event, the primary outcomes of the FAO project entitled "Aquaculture and rural communities: Farm diversification strategy through integrated agriculture-aquaculture system and nutrition-sensitive value chains for better nutrition outcomes" were discussed.	New Orleans, United States	February 2023

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Launch Event on the Illuminating Hidden Harvest (IHH) Report	The IHH is a global initiative of FAO, Duke University, and WorldFish to generate and disseminate new evidence regarding the significance of SSF in informing policy and practice. FAO hosted the event to present the report's key findings at its headquarters in Rome, Italy.	Hybrid, and Rome, Italy	March 2023
Comprehensive Traceability Principles and Pathway Webinar Series	FAO was invited to present the BPI during a webinar series organized by Seafood Alliance for Legality and Traceability (SALT) focusing on stakeholder engagement.	Virtual	March/May 2023
Towards a New Era of Support for Small-Scale Fisheries and Aquaculture	The International Year of Artisanal Fisheries and Aquaculture (IYAFA) 2022 has set the groundwork for a new era in which small-scale artisanal fishers, fish farmers, and fish workers will be able to improve their practises and benefit from a Blue Transformation. As the year drew to a close, FAO organized a hybrid event to highlight the actions taken to commemorate IYAFA 2022 and to proclaim commitments to implement its recommendations.	Hybrid, and Rome, Italy	March 2023
Workshop on "Sustainable Blue Economy in The Context of Maritime Spatial Planning at the Level of ATLAFCO Member States"	The Ministerial Conference on fisheries cooperation among African States bordering the Atlantic Ocean (ATLAFCO), in collaboration with the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organisation (IOC-UNESCO), FAO, and the Africa Centre of Excellence for Coastal Resilience (ACECoR)/Cap Coast University, organized a three-day workshop to raise awareness on the new concepts of sustainable blue economy. FAO presented "The sustainable blue economy within the context of marine spatial planning at the level of ATLAFCO member states."	Hybrid, and Tangier, Morocco	April 2023

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Geneva Fisheries Trade Talks: Stocks Assessment and Sustainability	As a consequence of the approval of the WTO Agreement on Fisheries Subsidies, the FAO organized a series of "Fisheries Trade Talks" in Geneva to facilitate a better understanding of fisheries-related issues. The series of events will assist government officials in comprehending the nuances of technical fish issues and illustrate FAO's role in technical assistance and capacity-building. The first one was dedicated to stock assessment and sustainability.	Hybrid, and Geneva, Switzerland	April 2023
First Meeting of the PSMA Strategy ad hoc Working Group	The parties to the PSMA have agreed to meet every two years to deliberate issues pertinent to the Agreement's implementation. During the Third Meeting of the Parties to the PSMA, it was agreed to form a Strategy ad hoc Working Group (SWG) to develop a strategy to enhance the Agreement's effectiveness. The SWG drafted a Strategy to Improve the Effectiveness of the PSMA and agreed to submit it to the Fourth Meeting of Parties (MoP4) for consideration.	Rome, Italy	April 2023
Global Sustainable Seafood Galicia (GSSG) Forum	Nueva Pescanova organized the inaugural GSSG Forum 2023 with the assistance of the Galician government, the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund, and ABanca. For the 2030 Agenda, the Forum discussed challenges and opportunities in fisheries and aquaculture. The FAO was invited as a keynote speaker and presented "SOFIA 2022: the sector's role towards 2030", emphasising Blue Transformation.	Hybrid, Spain	April 2023
Seafood Expo Global (SEG) 2023 and the 2023 Conference	FAO GLOBEFISH took part in the exhibition by having a stand at the seafood trade show. Since 1997, this exhibition space has been provided for free to FAO. In addition, FAO organized a conference session entitled "Moving Towards Sustainable Fisheries: Climate Change and the Implementation of the WTO Agreement on Fisheries Subsidies" and participated in many panel discussions.	Barcelona, Spain	April 2023

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The 70th Session of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) Commission Session	FAO was invited to be part of the panel "accelerating decarbonisation and promoting circularity through transparency in value chains" to discuss and share FAO's work on traceability in the fisheries section. The session was held as a side event to the 70th Session of the UNECE Commission.	Geneva, Switzerland	April 2023
The UN Trade Forum 2023	UNCTAD hosted the third incarnation of the UN Trade Forum to assess the trade policies best suited to the world's challenges. Discussions centred on approaches that will make trading systems more resilient, particularly in developing countries, clarified the efficacy and viability of a set of trade-related "high-impact initiatives" to respond to global challenges, and accelerated progress towards the SDGs. FAO attended the session entitled "Building a sustainable ocean economy or development."	Hybrid, and Geneva, Switzerland	May 2023
The New Biodiversity Strategy of the European Union	The Organization of Fisheries Producers of the Port and Ría de Marín (Opromar) organized the Conference held at the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food of Spain. Topics such as sustainability in trawling, the impact of fishing on the marine ecosystem, fishing and food, and maritime spatial planning were discussed. FAO was invited to explain the importance of consuming and promoting fisheries and aquaculture products and give an overview of the market trends of these products.	Hybrid, and Madrid, Spain	May 2023

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<p>The Long-Distance Fleet Advisory Council (LDAC) Executive Committee and the Scientific Panel on the Impacts of Climate Change on Biodiversity in International Waters and Long-Distance Fisheries</p>	<p>LDAC is an EU fisheries stakeholder entity advising the European Institutions (Commission, Council, and Parliament) and the EU Member States on fisheries management, IUU fishing issues, trade policy, and the international fish product market. FAO is frequently requested to provide updates on recent work and developments and participated in this event by providing an update on the development of FAO Guidance on Social Responsibility in the Fisheries and Aquaculture Value Chains and engaging the private sector in this process, delivering a presentation on transshipments and sharing its work on climate change.</p>	<p>Hybrid, and Stockholm, Sweden</p>	<p>May 2023</p>
<p>The 4th Edition of Advanced Specialised Course on Sustainable Development of Coastal Communities</p>	<p>CIHEAM Bari organized this edition to strengthen stakeholders' capacities by formulating and implementing policies, strategies, and tools for integrated management. Sessions were offered on various topics, including sustainable aquaculture, fish value chains, international trade and market access, fish processing and technology. The course also covered topics such as Blue Transformation, Blue Ports, and social security in the fishing industry.</p>	<p>Tricase, Italy</p>	<p>May – June 2023</p>
<p>Webinar FAO BPI, FAO GloLitter & IMO</p>	<p>FAO and IMO co-hosted a webinar to facilitate the exchange of information regarding developing national action plans to combat marine plastic litter from the shipping and fisheries industries. In particular, the webinar focused on actions designed to improve the management of waste and marine litter generated by fishing ports and operations.</p>	<p>Virtual</p>	<p>June 2023</p>
<p>Training on the role of Fishing Ports in Traceability</p>	<p>FAO and SALT organized the training to provide information on the current status of landing sites and traceability systems in the coastal countries of Latin America. Ports and authorities involved in fishing shared best practices for landing sites and traceability systems. Participants evaluated the critical factors for enhancing the seafood value chain and proposed infrastructure and equipment-based solutions.</p>	<p>Manta, Ecuador</p>	<p>June 2023</p>

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Beyond Growth: Fishing for the Future	The symposium brought together leading scientific community experts to discuss collaboratively the vision and frameworks required to support prosperity without growth. FAO presented the international frameworks for acceptable working conditions and the ongoing work on the FAO Guidance on Social Responsibility.	Edinburgh, Scotland	June 2023
Training Workshop on Facilitating Market Access of Fisheries and Aquaculture Products for the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources	INFOFISH organized the workshop to gain a better comprehension of international fisheries trade regulations and market access issues, as well as to discuss the industry's current challenges. FAO provided technical support for the training's organisation and gave presentations on trade, import requirements and market trends, market access issues including food safety and border rejections, and certification and traceability, in addition to facilitating the analysis of international commerce in fisheries and aquaculture products through the sharing of online tools.	Hybrid, and Manila, Philippines	June 2023
Geneva Fisheries Trade Talks: Marine Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction and the Role of Regional Fisheries Management Organizations/Arrangements	This round of FAO in Geneva Fisheries Trade Talks provided an opportunity to elaborate on the role and work of RFMOs in the context of regional and global ocean governance and fisheries sustainability, including their involvement in implementing the WTO Agreement on Fisheries Subsidies.	Hybrid, and Geneva, Switzerland	June 2023
Meeting of the International Board of the Fisheries Transparency Initiative (FiTI)	The FiTI is a global partnership that seeks to increase participation and transparency in marine fisheries management to make it more sustainable. FAO continues to participate as an observer in its International Board.	Virtual	Periodic Meetings