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SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY IN FISH VALUE CHAINS

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WHY THE SOCIAL DIMENSION IN FISHERIES IS IMPORTANT...



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Gender
inequality

Bad working
conditions

Human
trafficking

Forced
labour

Violation of
Human Rights

Lack of safety
equipment

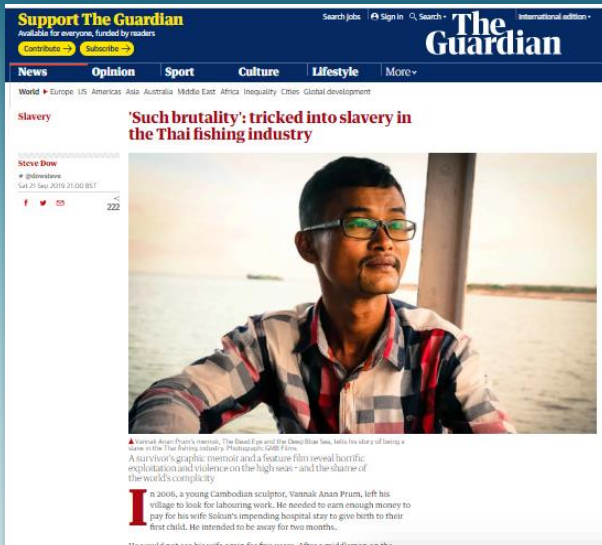
Intensive
hours of
work

Forced child
labour

Modern
slavery

Limited
medical care

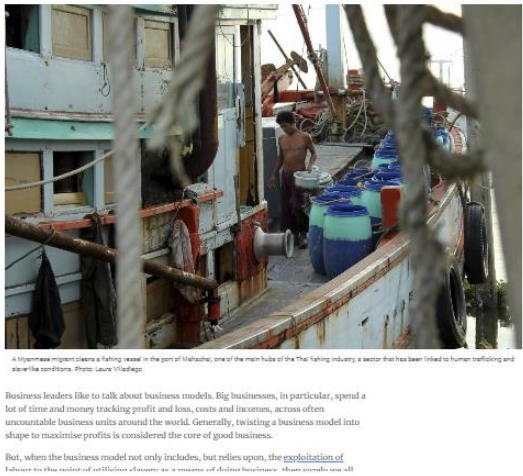
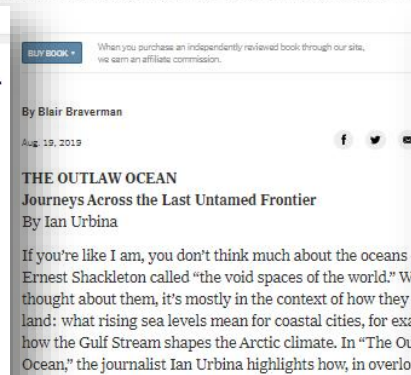
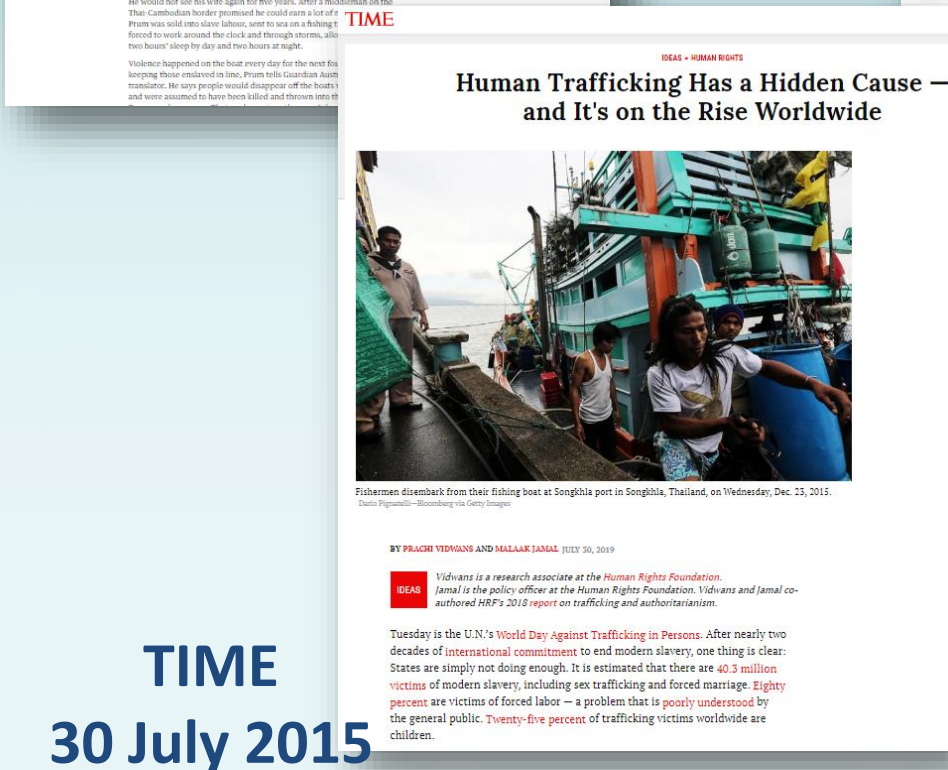
Hazardous
situations



The
Guardian
21 Sept
2019



The New
York
Times
9 Aug 2019



South China
Morning Post
24 Sept 2019

CBC
1 Sept 2019



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The 2030 Agenda

➤ 2030 Agenda, the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG):

SDG 1– End poverty in all its forms everywhere

SDG 2– End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture

SDG 5– Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls

SDG 8– Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all

SDG 10 – Reduce inequality within and among countries

SDG 14 – Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development

SDG 17 – Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development





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The FAO's Fisheries and Aquaculture Mandate

2016
COFI:FT
Agadir

2017
COFI:FT
Busan

2018
COFI Rome

2019
COFI:FT Vigo

2021
COFI:FT



Side event
“Decent work
in fisheries”

Inclusion of social
sustainability in
the agenda;
Importance of
human and labour
rights in fish value
chains

Future guidance
be developed in
cooperation with
relevant
stakeholders,
including industry
and fish workers
associations

Re-affirmed the
importance of the topic;
acknowledge the efforts
and the inclusive
consultation process;
and the
development of a
scoping paper

Submission of
the scoping
paper providing
a clear outline of
the major
challenges



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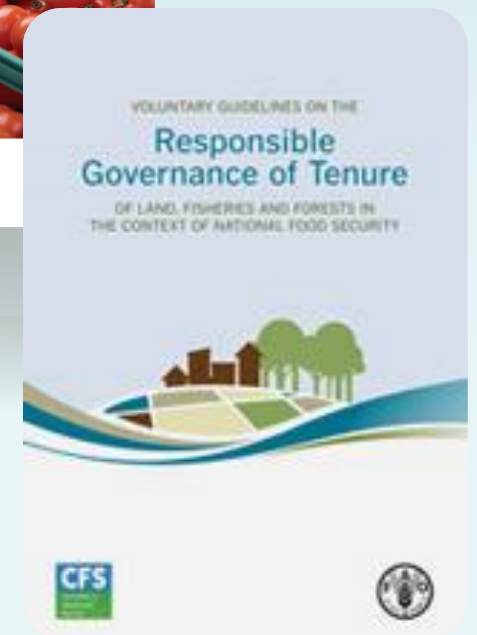
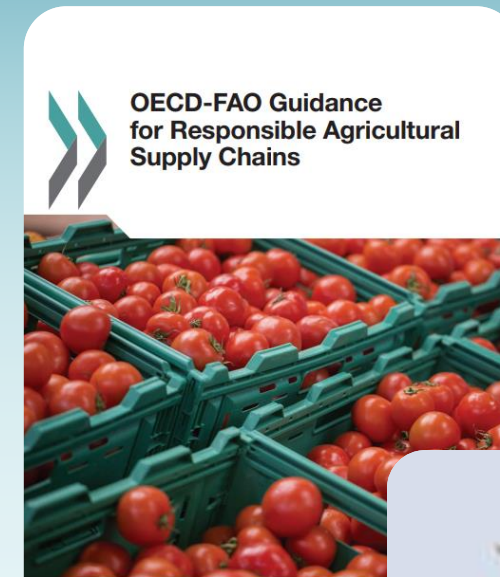
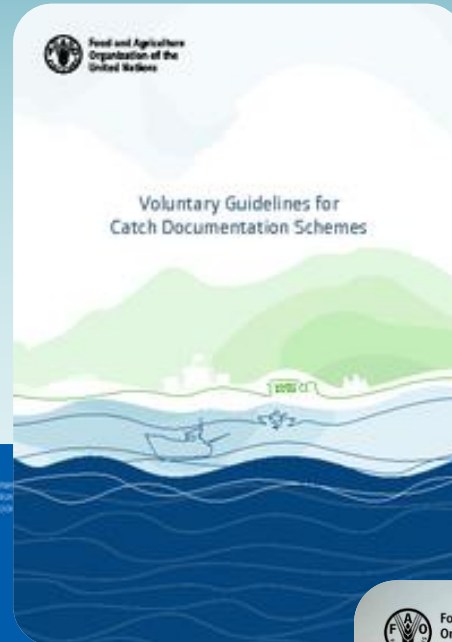
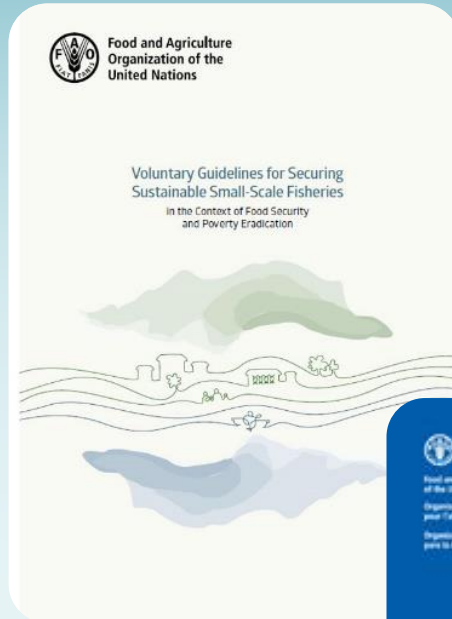
The FAO's Work on Social Responsibility

- **FAO's Strategic Programme on Rural Poverty Reduction**
promotes decent work and social protection;
Linkages between IUU fishing and working conditions.
- **The Vigo Dialogue on Decent work**
since 2014, aim to discuss labour issues and suggest priority actions for the
implementation of international and legal framework.
- **FAO Guidance on social responsibility in fisheries and aquaculture value chains**
Physical Dialogues worldwide – more than 155 participants and attendees;
Online public consultation at the FAO GLOBEFISH website;
Participations in other relevant events linked to social issues.



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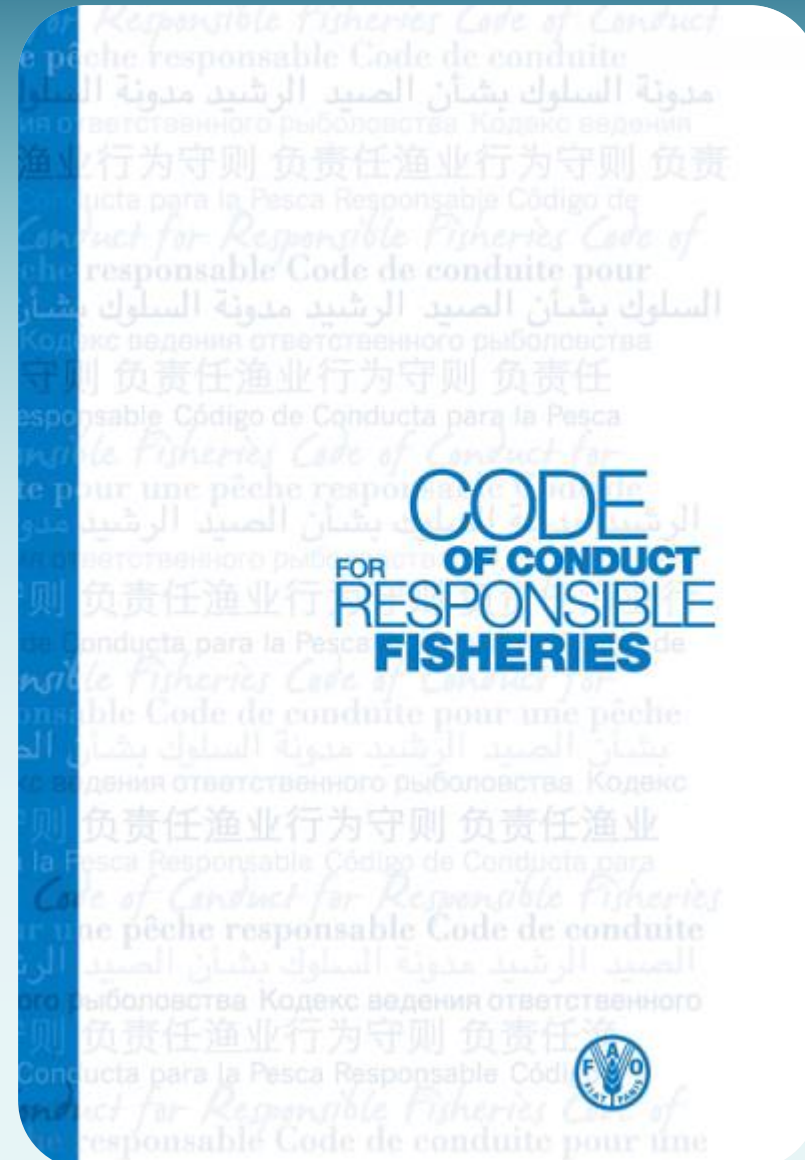
The FAO's Instruments





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The 25th Anniversary of the FAO Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries





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A Social Benchmark Tool



➤ **GSSI**

Public-private partnership on seafood sustainability with 90+ stakeholders industry-wide.

Aligned with:

- FAO CCRF
- FAO Ecolabelling Guidelines
- FAO Technical Guidelines for Aquaculture Certification

➤ **Social benchmark tool**

In 2018, collaboration with the Consumer Good Forum (CGF).

Taking into account the specificities of the seafood sector.

Underpinned by ILO Conventions and Recommendation, UN Guiding Principles and aligned with the CGF Priority Industry Principles on Forced Labour



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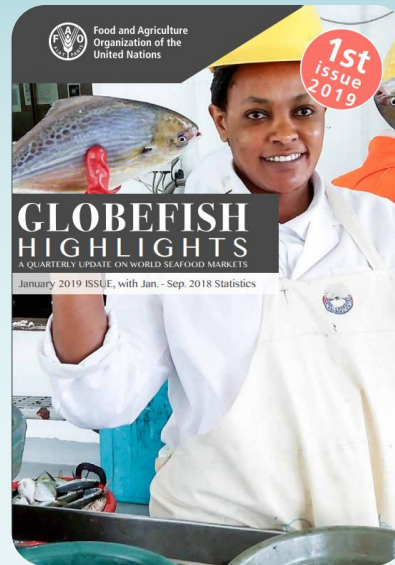
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Analysis

Policy

Training

Events and Conferences

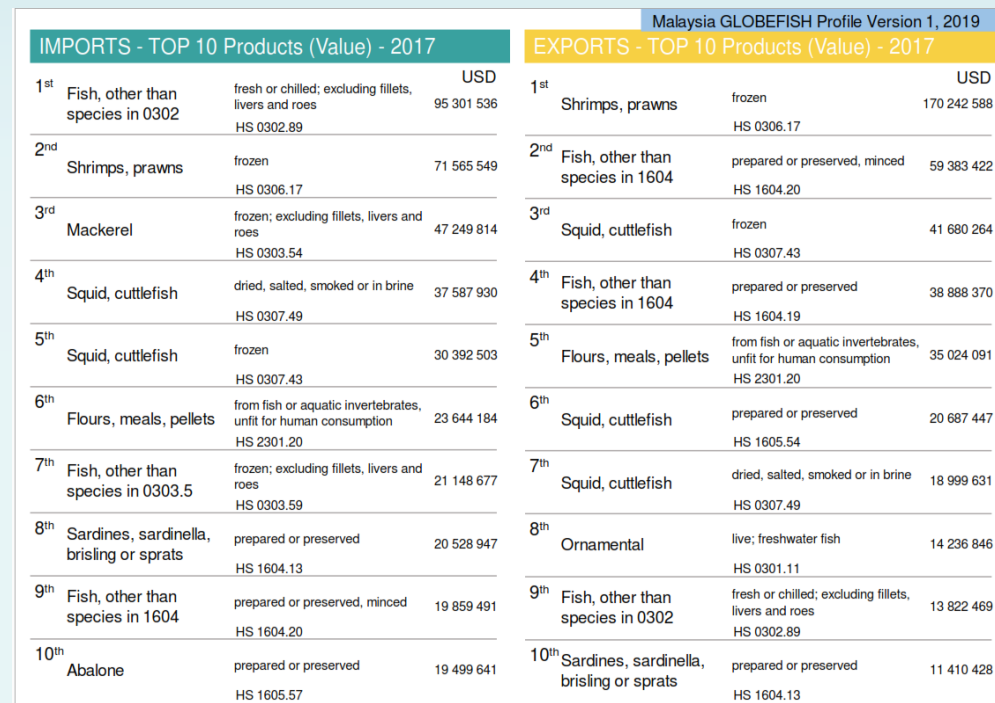
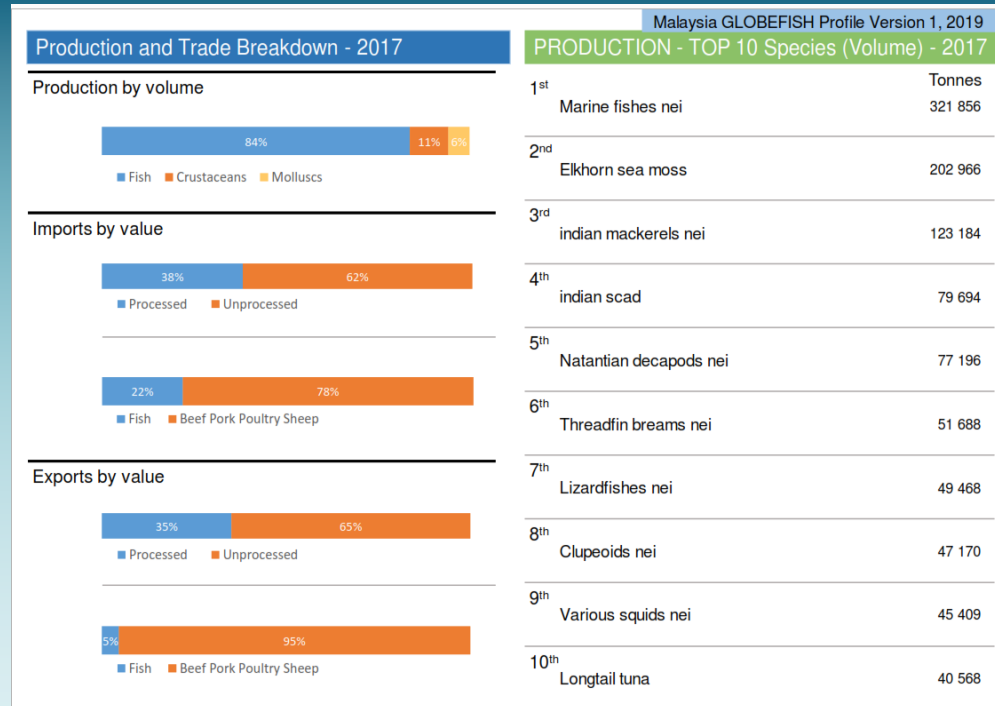
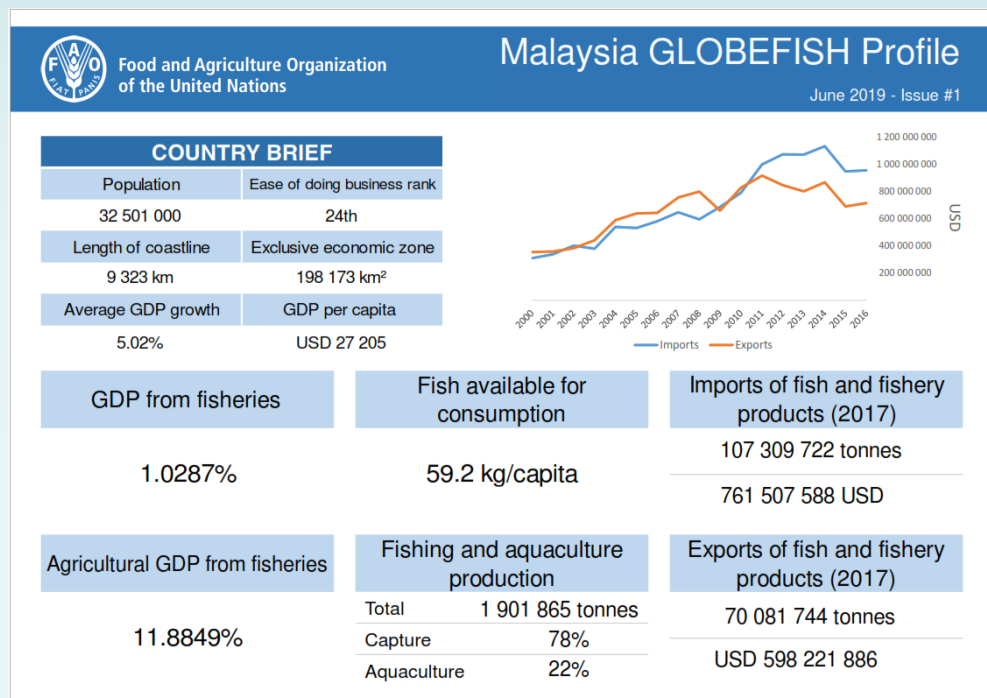




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