

# EU IUU Fishing Coalition

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Impact of the EU IUU Carding Scheme on Belize, Guinea,  
Solomon Islands and Thailand

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## Background

- Made up of the:
  - Environmental Justice Foundation
  - Oceana
  - The Nature Conservancy
  - The Pew Charitable Trusts
  - WWF
- Working together to **promote EU leadership** in **improving global fisheries transparency** and **governance** to **end** illegal, unreported and unregulated (**IUU**) fishing
- Coalition website: **IUUwatch.eu**





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## Seafood Traceability:

Aligning RFMO catch documentation schemes to combat IUU fishing

December 2021



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# EU carding process

If a third country has problems fulfilling international rules:

## Pre-identification



The European Commission opens a formal dialogue during minimum 6 months.

If the country improves its situation, the 6 month period can be prolonged and ultimately the **pre-identification can be removed.**

## Delisting



Continued dialogue can lead to restore the import of legally caught fishery products.

If the country does not address the problems, it will be **identified** by the European Commission as non-cooperating.

## Identification

A ban of all products for which the catch certificate is validated after the Decision enters into force.



## Listing by the EU

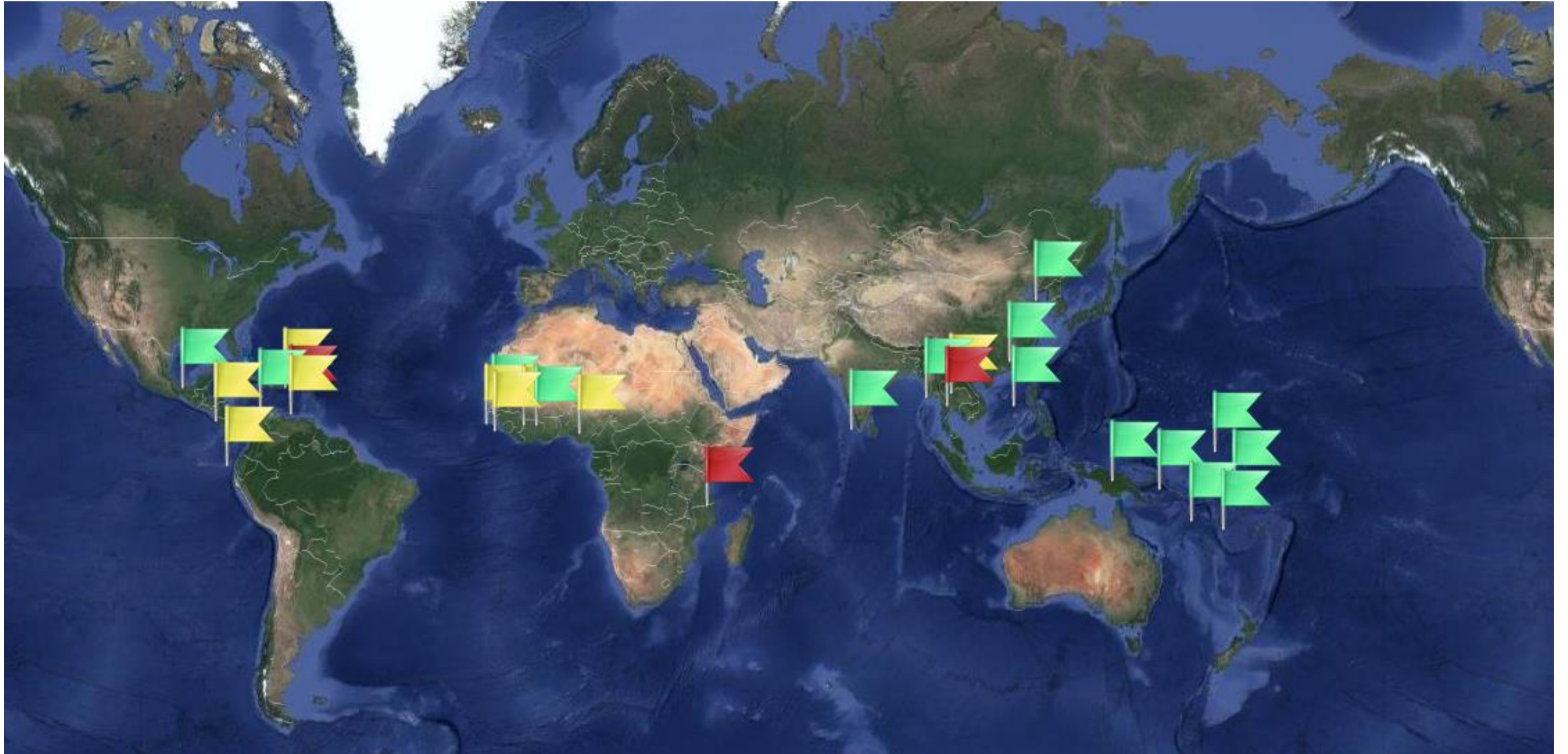
Fisheries products caught by fishing vessels flying the flag of these countries cannot be imported into the EU while the countries remain listed.



The Decision triggers further measures, including a fishing ban for EU vessels in these countries' waters.



# EU carding decisions (June 2021)





# Belize (2012-2013-2014)



## Institutional

- New fisheries act (incl. improved sanctioning regime) & government agency
- Nationalisation of vessel registry
- National plan of action on IUU fishing



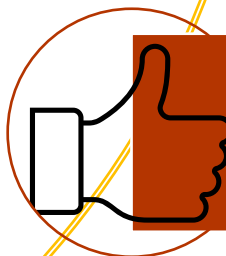
## MCS

- Improvements in RFMOs
- Deregistration of a suspected IUU vessel
- New fisheries monitoring centre, VMS, electronic catch reporting scheme



## Prevalence

- Reduction of vessel registry
- Reduction of IUU-listed vessels
- Removal from US NOAA's list of countries of concern



## Added benefits

- Sharing of VMS data
- Signature of the Torremolinos Declaration

# Republic of Guinea (2012-2013-2016)



## Institutional

- New fisheries act
- Four new degrees on fisheries management (incl. closure periods)
- PSMA support, Regional Code of Conduct, National plan of action on IUU fishing



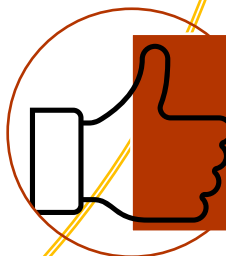
## MCS

- Improved and more transparent sanctioning regime
- Enforcement actions against two IUU vessels
- Increased monitoring and surveillance activities
- Regional and international cooperation



## Prevalence

- Reduction of IUU-listed vessels
- No identification by US NOAA as a country of concern



## Added benefits

- FAO Global Record
- Signature of the Torremolinos Declaration

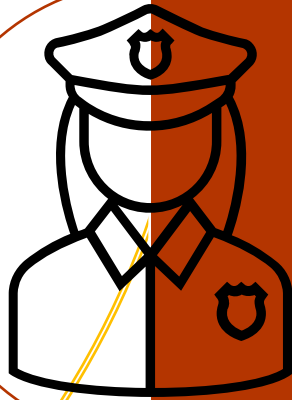


# Solomon Islands (2014-2017)



## Institutional

- New fisheries act & Tuna Management and Development Plan
- Improved traceability (fisheries management information system)
- National plan of action on IUU Fishing



## MCS

- Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources officers more than doubled
- Annual inspection plan with targets
- 100% inspections for foreign-flagged and local tuna vessels at landing

# Thailand (2015-2019)



## Legislation

- Substantial revision of legal framework & National Fishery Policy Committee
- Catch certification scheme
- National plan of action on IUU fishing, PSMA, UN Fish Stocks Agreement



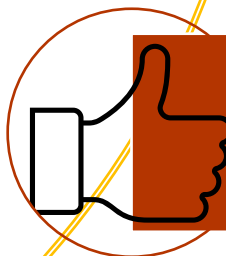
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- Improvements in RFMOs
- Significant improvements in investigation of IUU cases and sanctioning
- Considerable expansion in MCS capabilities and staffing



## Prevalence

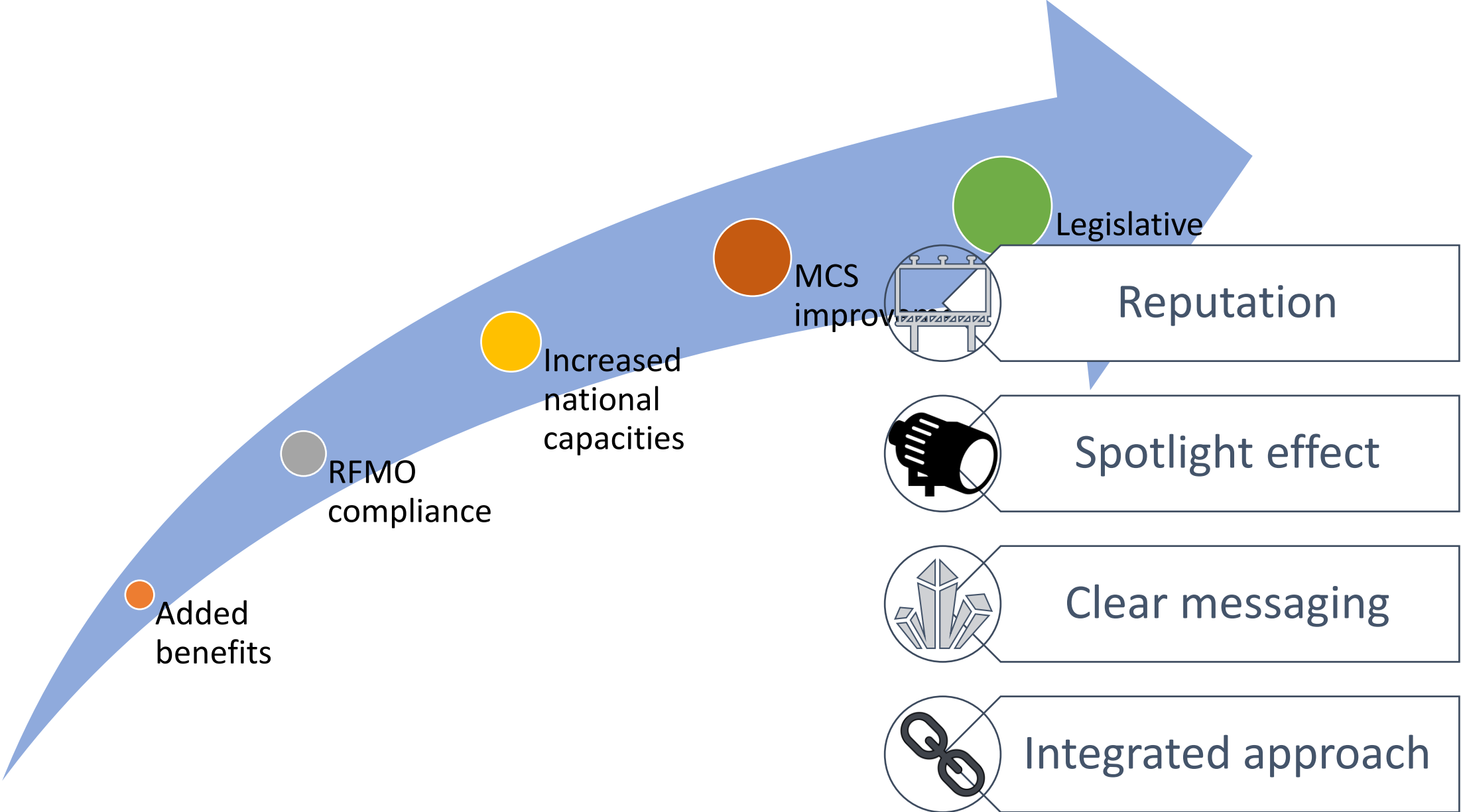
- Reduction of vessel registry by more than half



## Added benefits

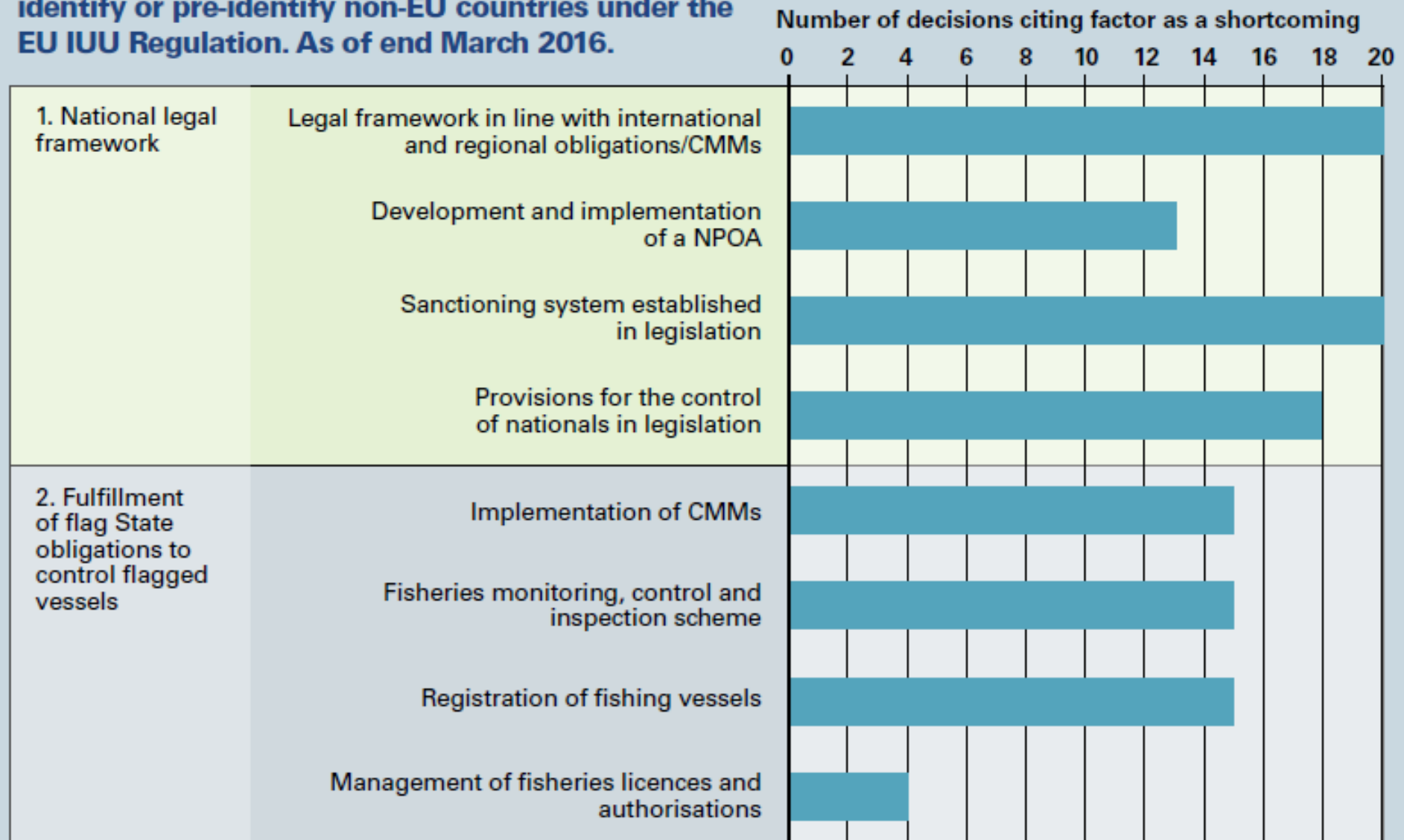
- FAO Global Record
- ILO C188 (2019)

# Summary



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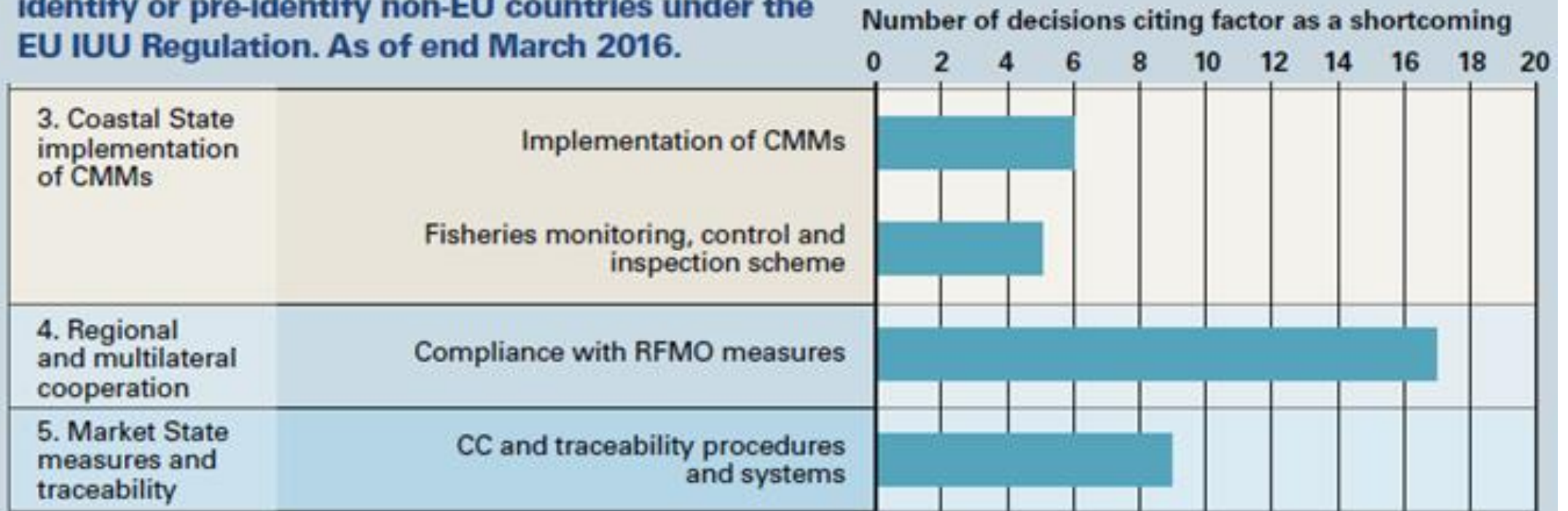
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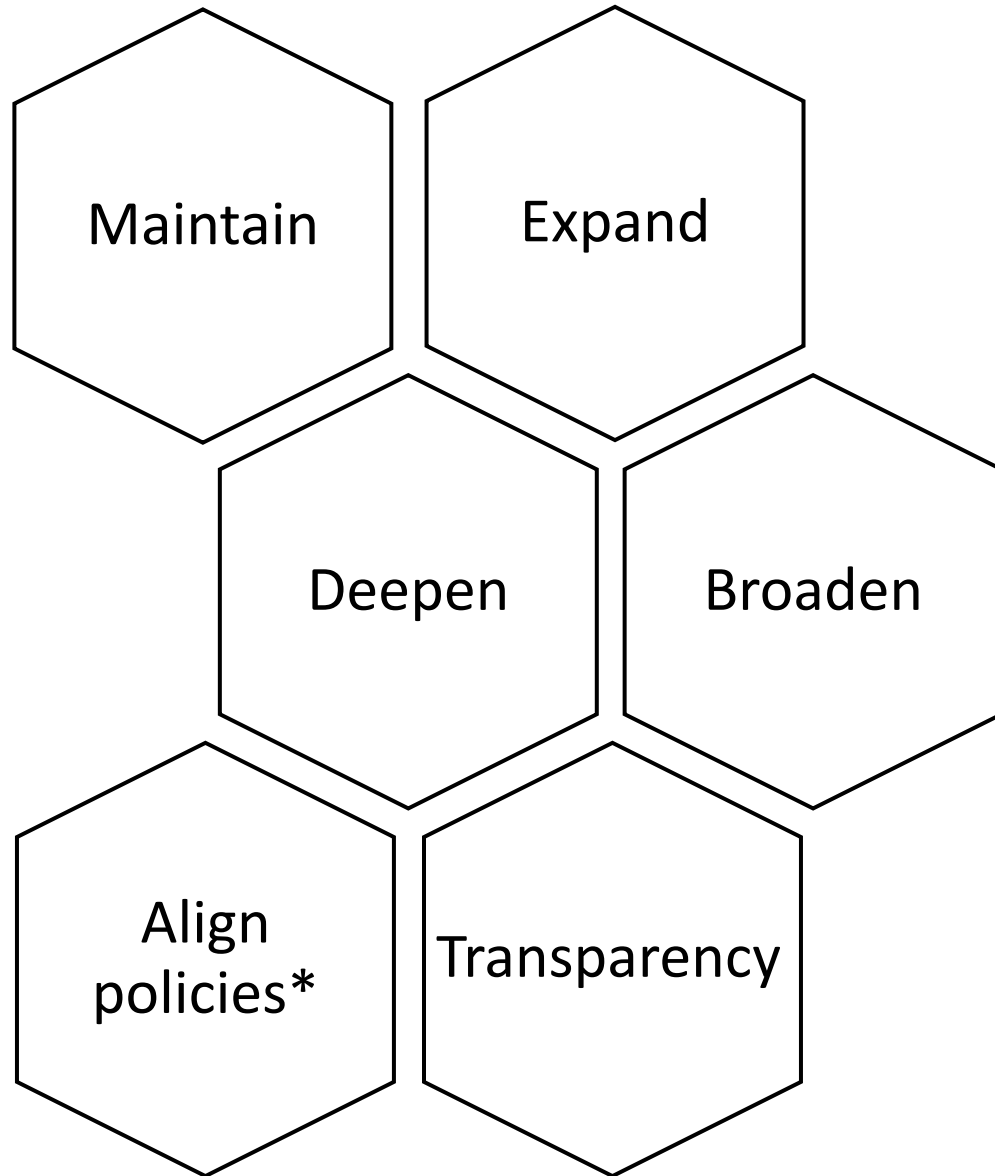


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# Recommendations



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