

# FAO Sub-Committee on Fish Trade (COFI:FT)

## 19th Session

### Market Advisory Council (MAC) Working Group 2

FAO Presentation  
 29 November 2023 – Virtual



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# FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE IN FAO

## BLUE TRANSFORMATION ROADMAP



AQUACULTURE	FISHERIES	VALUE CHAINS
<p><b>Objective:</b> Sustainable aquaculture intensification and expansion satisfies global demand for aquatic food and distributes benefits equitably.</p>	<p><b>Objective:</b> Effective management of all fisheries delivers healthy stocks and secures equitable livelihoods</p>	<p><b>Objective:</b> Upgraded value chains ensure the social, economic and environmental viability of aquatic food systems.</p>
<p><b>Targets:</b>                      Effective <b>global and regional cooperation, planning and governance</b> Blue Transformation  <b>Innovative technology and management</b> support the expansion of sustainable and resilient aquaculture systems                      Equitable access to resources and services delivers new and secures existing aquaculture-based livelihoods  <b>Aquaculture operations</b> minimize environmental impact and use resources efficiently                      Regular <b>monitoring and reporting</b> of the growth and the ecological, social and economic impacts of aquaculture development</p>	<p><b>Targets:</b>                      Effective policies, governance structures and institutions support fisheries                      Equitable <b>access to resources and services</b> enhance the livelihoods of fishers and fish workers                      Effective <b>fisheries management systems</b> address ecological, social and economic objectives, while considering tradeoffs  <b>Fishing fleets</b> are efficient, safe, innovative and profitable</p>	<p><b>Targets:</b>                      Efficient value chains that increase profitability and reduce food loss and waste  <b>Transparent, inclusive and gender-equitable value chains</b> support sustainable livelihoods                      Fisheries and aquaculture products access <b>international markets</b> more effectively                      Increased <b>sustainable consumption of sustainable aquatic food</b>, particularly in areas with low food and nutrition security                      Increased <b>access to healthy, safe and high quality aquatic food</b></p>



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# FAO COMMITTEE ON FISHERIES

Most Important Global Forum

- Meetings every two years
- Created in 1965
- All FAO Members and Observers
- Encompasses issues in all areas of fisheries and aquaculture production and value chain

**Committee on Fisheries (COFI)**

Sub-Committee on Fish Trade (COFI:FT)

Sub-Committee on Aquaculture (COFI:AQ)

Sub-Committee on Fisheries Management (COFI:FM)

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# COFI Sub-Committee on Fish Trade

### Basic Information

- Every 2 years
- September 2023
- Bergen, Norway
- Next one: 2025

### Session Information


- 19th Session
- 43 FAO Members
- 19 Observers
- 11 Working Documents
  - Fisheries Outlook, Global Themes and Cooperation with other International Organizations
  - Market Access
  - CCRF and Post-Harvest Elements
- Side Events and *Colloquia*



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# Main Directions set by FAO Members

Guidance on Social Responsibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Continuation of the work</li><li>• Speed up the process</li></ul>
Small-Scale Fisheries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Integration into markets</li><li>• Revision of ecolabelling instruments</li></ul>
CCRF Art. 11 Questionnaire (Post-Harvest Issues)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Welcomed the consultation with Members</li></ul>
Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Analysis of the trade effects</li></ul>
Trade Agreements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Database to begin collecting data on non-traditional trade clauses</li></ul>
Continuation and Recognition of FAO Work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Food safety, traceability and CDS, and aquatic food utilization</li></ul>



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# Upcoming FAO Governing Body Sessions of Fisheries and Aquaculture

### Upcoming Sessions

- **Sub-Committee on Fisheries Management**  
COFI:FM
  - 1st Session
  - Virtual
  - Nov/Dec 2023 and Jan 2024
- **Committee on Fisheries**  
COFI
  - 36th Session
  - Rome, Italy
  - 8 – 12 July 2024






Sub-Committee on Fisheries Management (COFI:FM)


- Current fisheries management practices with special considerations for small-scale fisheries
- Addressing illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing in the context of effective fisheries management
- Improving FAO’s periodic assessment of the state of world fishery resources: updates to the FAO State of Stocks Index (ISOS)



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FAO  
 Information  
 on Trade  
 and Markets

	Market Profiles	
<b>GLOBEFISH</b>	European Price Dashboard	
	HS Handbook	
<b>FAO Statistics</b>	FishStatJ	
<b>Summary of Important Instruments and Information</b>	Marcio’s links	



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# Sustainable Fish Trade For Today and Tomorrow



**CONSERVE AND SUSTAINABLY USE THE  
OCEANS, SEAS AND MARINE RESOURCES  
FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

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