

SAVE THE DATE

Increasing Transparency to Eradicate IUU Fishing and Deliver SDG 14

Thursday, June 30. 14:30 – 15:45

UN Ocean Conference Venue side event room 2

Join us for an interactive discussion showcasing how a fundamental shift toward transparency in fisheries governance is critical to the future of our ocean.

The event will highlight the tools and policies already available or in development globally, and how these can be leveraged by all states to scale up global efforts towards eradicating illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing and deliver on the SDG 14 targets.

The EU IUU Fishing Coalition, the U.S. IUU Coalition, the Anti IUU Forum Japan, the new global fisheries transparency coalition, the Fisheries Transparency Initiative (FiTI), Sciaena, and the NGOs working in regional fisheries management organisations (RFMOs) are inviting you to an interactive discussion, which will highlight the impacts of illegal, unreported, and unregulated (IUU) fishing on fisheries, coastal communities, and economies around the world, and showcase tools and policies that can help to address IUU fishing by ensuring greater transparency in the fishing sector and help countries meet the objectives of the Sustainable Development Goal 14.

The event will feature a discussion among high-level speakers from nations tackling IUU fishing and associated human rights abuses. This includes senior representatives of the world's major seafood markets — the European Union, United States of America, and Japan — as well as states such as Cabo Verde and the members of the Fisheries Committee for the West Central Gulf of Guinea who are using transparency to help monitor and control their coastal waters. Civil society groups, such as the Fisheries Transparency Initiative and the Joint Analytical Cell, will also present innovative solutions to advance transparency.

For any questions or additional information, please contact:

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A more detailed agenda will be shared in the due course.

The following organisations are organising this event:

The **Anti-IUU Forum Japan** was established in September 2017 by several NGOs and companies in Japan to jointly work on measures against IUU fishing. Current members include World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) Japan, Seafood Legacy, Sailors for the Sea Japan and The Nature Conservancy (TNC).

The **EU IUU Fishing Coalition** includes the Environmental Justice Foundation (EJF), Oceana, The Nature Conservancy, The Pew Charitable Trusts and WWF who are working together to promote EU leadership in improving global fisheries transparency and governance to end illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing.

The **Fisheries Transparency Initiative (FiTI)** is a unique global effort that supports coastal countries to enhance the accessibility, quality and credibility of national fisheries information.

The **Global Fisheries Transparency Coalition** includes civil society members and regional coalitions who will collaborate globally to elevate and promote transparency in fisheries governance. The steering committee, co-chaired by Oceana and EJF, includes CIES (S. Korea), Seafood Legacy (Japan), PRCM (West Africa), Global Fishing Watch and the WWF Network.

In the U.S.A., Oceana, WWF, the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) and International Corporate Accountability Roundtable (ICAR) collaborate to combat illegal, unreported, and unregulated (IUU) fishing and to identify and promote the adoption of sound fisheries management and labor practices on the water and across supply chains.