

Port State Measures Agreement: An informational webinar



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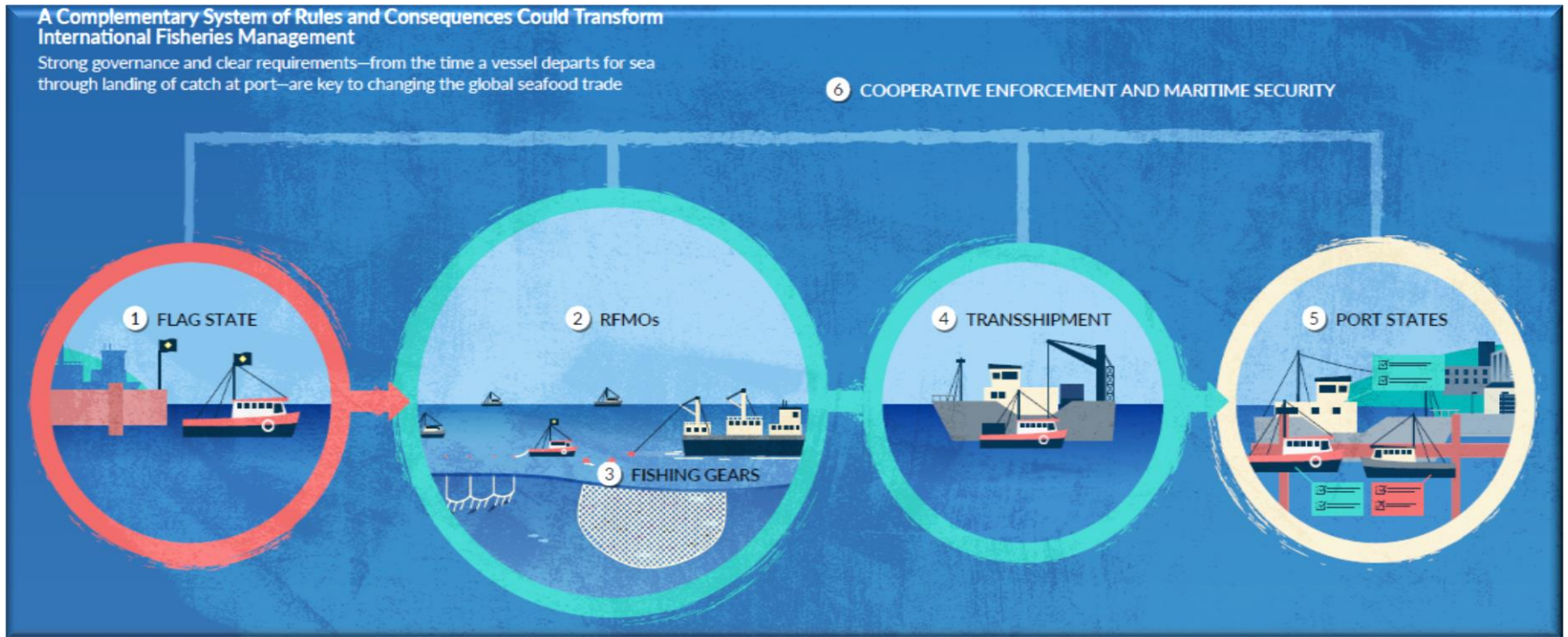
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A Complementary System of Rules and Consequences Could Transform International Fisheries Management

Strong governance and clear requirements—from the time a vessel departs for sea through landing of catch at port—are key to changing the global seafood trade

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Overview

The purpose of this webinar is to provide information to the Tuna 2020 Traceability Declaration signatories and Global Tuna Alliance partners on the Port State Measures Agreement (PSMA).

We will discuss its benefit to businesses, and offer ways industry leaders can support adoption and effective implementation to deter illegal, unreported and unregulated seafood entering supply chains.

We will also demonstrate how the PSMA aligns with the Tuna Traceability Declaration and how you can act to meet your commitments.

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Objectives

- Overview and rationale behind PSMA
- Why should industry support adoption and effective implementation of PSMA?
 - Risks and benefits to markets
- Ways industry can support adoption and effective implementation of PSMA
- Links between PSMA and the Tuna Traceability Declaration (TTD)
- Next steps
- Questions and answers



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PSMA: Overview and Rationale

Port State Measures Agreement (PSMA)

- Internationally binding
- Entered into force June 2016
- 64 Parties, including the E.U.
- Tight controls on foreign-flagged vessels entering and using ports to land or transship
- Blocks IUU fish from markets



Rationale behind PSMA: IUU Fishing



Low risk and high profit:

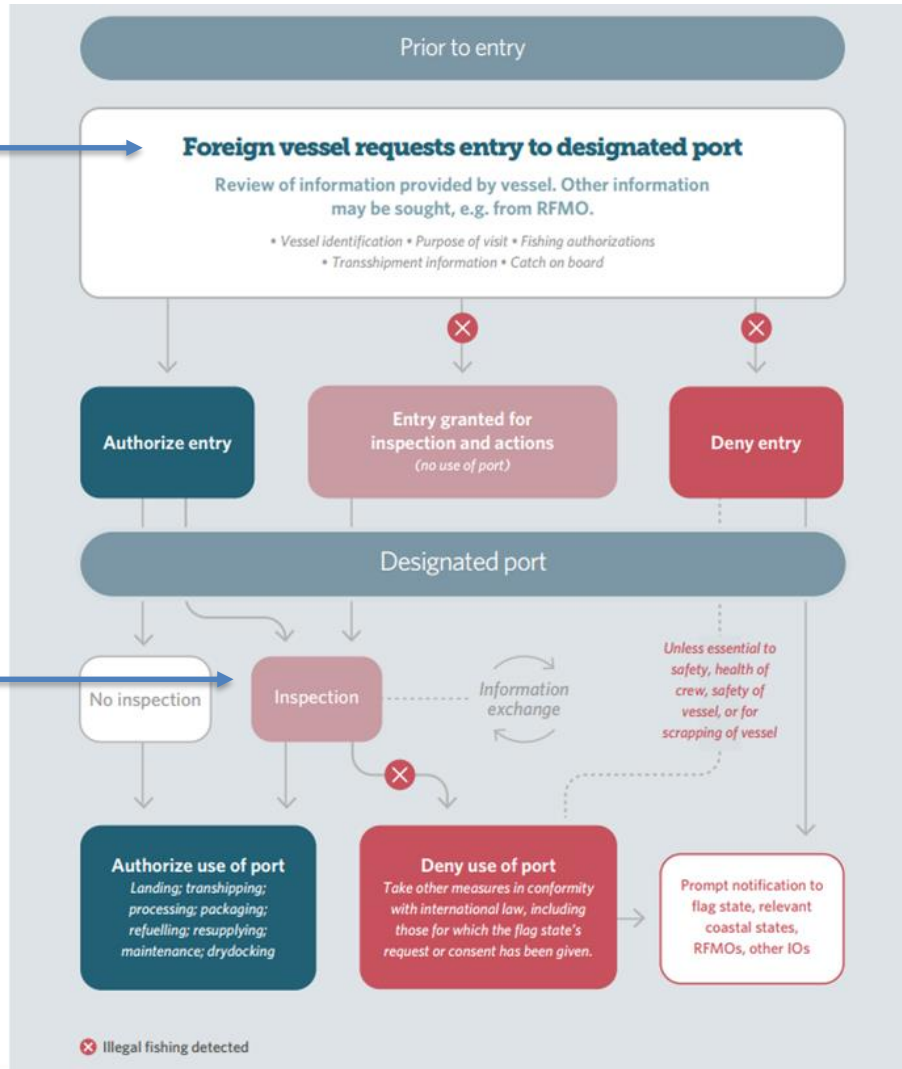
- Vast areas of ocean to operate
- Nonexistent, weak or inconsistent laws and policies
- Limited capacity for enforcement
- Lack of data and information sharing
- Easy to conceal identity & offload catch

PSMA: Industry entry points

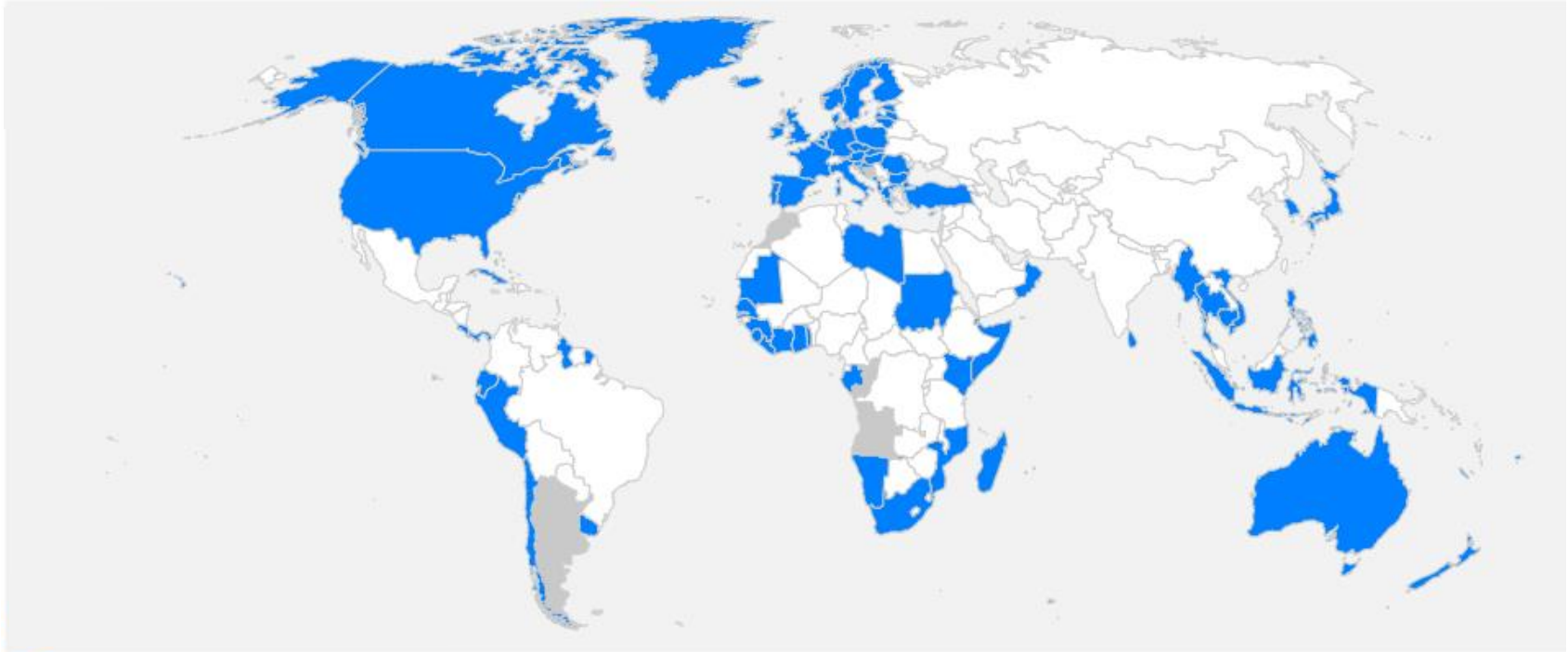
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Status of PSMA



- Easy to understand State's commitment
- Not straightforward to measure implementation₉

PSMs in RFMOs

- Most major RFMOs have adopted PSMs or minimum standards for inspection in port
- Beneficial for RFMO PSMs to be aligned with the PSMA:
 - Increased coverage
 - Implementation support:
 - Information exchange
 - Inspector training
 - Capacity development funds





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PSMA: Industry Engagement

Risks and impact to business

- Ports of landing can be weak points that create pathways for IUU fish to enter supply chains
 - Lax enforcement and limited inspections
- A delay or denial of entrance at port compromises time-bound deliveries of seafood to markets

Benefits of PSMA

- Limits ports where IUU fishers/vessels can land or transship catch
- Denies access to ports and/or port services for some foreign-flagged vessels if:
 - Vessel does not have authorization to fish
 - Evidence of illegally caught fish
 - If a flag state cannot confirm compliance with RFMO requirements
- Increases transparency and facilitate cooperation between flag and port States
 - Inspection reports

Ways to support adoption/implementation of PSMA

- Verify if ports are in States party to PSMA
 - If not, advocate for those States to join
- Map and identify ports of landing and transshipment in your supply chain
- Include information from port controls to due diligence processes
 - Request inspection reports from vessels you source from
- Inquire about implementation of port State measures within your supply chain
 - Using a standardized list of questions
 - Show preference for low-risk ports when buying fish

Supporting tools for PSMA

- Designated ports and contact points: <http://www.fao.org/fishery/port-state-measures/psmaapp/?action=qry>
- Global Record of Fishing Vessels, Refrigerated Cargo Vessels and Supply Vessels: <http://www.fao.org/global-record/tool/extended-search/>



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PSMA and Tuna Traceability Declaration (TTD)

Tuna 2020 Traceability Declaration

The Commitments of the Forum's Tuna 2020 Traceability Declaration are based on the following four pillars:

- Tuna Traceability Commitment
- Commitment to a Socially Responsible Tuna Supply Chain
- Commitment to Environmentally Responsible Tuna Sources
- **Government Partnership**

Government Partnership Commitment

The Government Partnership commitment industry leaders to call on and work with governments to take actions needed to:

- a) *Implement Harvest Strategies for all tuna stocks under the jurisdiction of each tuna RFMO by 2020, that will ensure sustainably managed tuna fisheries in line with SDG Target 14.4*
- b) *Establish systems to identify and restrict illegal seafood through government-led measures on traceability and transparency***
- c) *Build capacity to establish and manage information systems to account for domestic and international fishing fleets, landings, enforcement and trade of seafood products, in line with the FAO Code of Conduct and the Port State Measure Agreement***

Government Partnership Commitment

To achieve (b) & (c) the GTA is encouraging companies to:

- Establish PSMA / PSMA aligned standards as a key link in the traceability chain (**via GDST**)
- Call on port States to ratify (if they are not yet a Party) and implement the PSMA
- Call on port States to ensure that their designated ports and contact points are registered on the FAO platform, and on flag States to ensure that information about their internationally-operating vessels have been uploaded to the Global Record of Fishing Vessels (by Dec 2020)
- Draw attention to port State measures by requesting information from the supply chain about ports of landing and transshipment, and the controls in place in each, and by asking questions on implementation levels to port authorities during port visits
- Make a public time-bound commitment that their fish will not be landed at ports where PSMA / PSMA aligned measures are not being implemented

Next steps

- Seafood Expo North America presentations
 - Global Tuna Alliance: Sun, March 15, 1:30-2:30, Room 152
 - GDST 1.0: Sun, March 15, 11:45-12:45, Room 153 A/B
 - Pew: Tues, March 17, 8:45-9:45, Room 151 B
- Advocacy through GTA and Pew
 - Toolkit to assess port risk
 - Template letters
 - Questionnaire for port visits
- Port tour for GTA partners
 - Vigo, Spain



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Questions?

Thank you~

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