
12th International Forum on Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing

18-22 May 2020

Daily webinar sessions

Monday 18 May

14:00 – 14:15 | Chatham House welcome and introduction

Speaker: Tim Benton | Research Director, Emerging Risks; Director, Energy, Environment and Resources Programme | Chatham House

14:15 – 14:30 | Keynote speech

Keynote speaker: Peter Thomson | the UN Secretary General's Special Envoy for the Ocean

14:30 – 16:00 | Session 1: International cooperation to end IUU fishing

International cooperation is critical for combatting IUU fishing. This opening session will discuss opportunities and challenges related to the implementation of relevant international agreements. It will also provide examples of how governments, businesses, non-governmental organisations and scientists worldwide are cooperating to combat IUU fishing and consider what types of new partnerships that are needed to address the issue. The discussion will centre around the following questions:

- What role does international cooperation play in combatting IUU fishing?
- What progress has been made in implementing relevant international agreements, like the Port State Measures Agreement? What are the key challenges and next steps?
- What types of international partnerships are needed to combat IUU fishing? How can international cooperation be strengthened?

Chair: Peter Horn | Project Director, Ending Illegal Fishing | The Pew Charitable Trusts

Speakers: Matthew Camilleri | Head, Fishing Operations and Technology Branch | UN Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO)

Bronwen Golder | Fellow | Stanford Centre for Ocean Solutions

Emily Langley | Acting Ocean Director | The Nature Conservancy

Tuesday 19 May

14:00 - 15:30 | Session 2: Gender and IUU Fishing

Women play an important role in the fisheries sector, especially in the post-harvesting, processing and marketing stages. However, their contribution is often overlooked, undervalued and unquantified. Moreover, the gender aspects of IUU fishing remain poorly understood. This session will discuss these critical themes, focusing especially on the following questions:

- What role do women play in fisheries, and how can their position be strengthened?
- How does IUU fishing impact women and gender relations?
- How does – or doesn't – international law address the gender dimensions of IUU fishing? How can the potential gaps be filled?
- How might combatting IUU fishing affect women and gender relations? What does a gender-sensitive response to IUU fishing look like?

Chair: Heidi Schuttenberg | Coastal Resources and Biodiversity Advisor | United States Agency for International Development (USAID)

Speakers: Editrudith Lukanga | Secretary General of The African Network of Women Fish Processors and Traders; Executive Director of the Environment Management and Economic Development Organization

Sarah Harper | Postdoctoral Fellow, Institute for the Oceans and Fisheries | University of British Columbia

Vasco Becker-Weinberg | Professor | Universidade NOVA de Lisboa

Esther Swaffield | England Director | International Justice Mission

Wednesday 20 May

14:00 - 15:30 | Session 3: Subsidies and IUU Fishing

In 2015, world leaders agreed to 'prohibit certain forms of fisheries subsidies which contribute to overcapacity and overfishing, eliminate subsidies that contribute to illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing, and refrain from introducing new such subsidies'¹ by 2020. To what extent has this target – enshrined in Sustainable Development Goal 14.6 – been achieved? This session will discuss opportunities and challenges related to eliminating subsidies that contribute to overfishing, overcapacity and IUU fishing, and take stock of the negotiations on fisheries subsidies that are taking place within the World Trade Organization (WTO). More specifically, the following questions will be addressed:

- Are all subsidies 'bad'? What types of subsidies contribute to IUU fishing? How do we identify which subsidies that are most urgent to abolish?
- How may an agreement on fisheries subsidies in the WTO contribute to ending overfishing, overcapacity and IUU fishing? How are the negotiations proceeding?
- Who are the potential winners and losers of abolishing fisheries subsidies? What types of strategies may be effective in building support for fisheries subsidies reform?

Chair: Rashid Sumaila | Professor and Director of the Fisheries Economics Research Unit, Institute for the Oceans and Fisheries | University of British Columbia

¹ United Nations (2015), *Transforming our World: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development*, <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/content/documents/21252030%20Agenda%20for%20Sustainable%20Development%20web.pdf> (accessed 11 May 2020)

Speakers: Santiago Wills | Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Colombia to the WTO, Chair of the WTO Negotiating Group on Rules

Alice Tipping | Lead, Fisheries Subsidies | International Institute for Sustainable Development

Robert Arthur | Associate Consultant | MRAG

Thursday 21 May

12:00 – 13:30 | Session 4: Regional Perspective: IUU Fishing in Southeast Asia

IUU fishing remains a pervasive problem in Southeast Asia, which accounts for approximately a quarter of global fish production and whose fisheries sector supports tens of millions of jobs. However, in recent years the threat of IUU fishing has received increased attention among policymakers in the region, and many governments are taking concrete action to address the issue. This panel will discuss the opportunities and challenges of eliminating IUU fishing in Southeast Asia, focusing on the following questions:

- What impact does IUU fishing have on environmental sustainability, human and national security, and economic development, in Southeast Asia?
- What are the main drivers of IUU fishing in the region?
- What progress, if any, has been made in terms of combatting IUU fishing in Southeast Asia?
- What is needed to eliminate, or significantly reduce, IUU fishing in the region? What is being done already and what are the next steps?

Chair: Champa Patel | Director, Asia-Pacific Programme | Chatham House

Speakers: Gina Green | Senior Associate | Tetra Tech

Worawit Wanchana | Policy and Program Coordinator | Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center (SEAFDEC)

Sophie Benbow | Head of Marine | Fauna & Flora International

Friday 22 May

12:00 – 12:15 | Chatham House concluding remarks

Speaker: Tim Benton | Research Director, Emerging Risks; Director, Energy, Environment and Resources Programme | Chatham House

12:15 – 12:30 | Keynote speech

Keynote speaker: Manumatavai Tupou-Roosen | Director General | Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency

12:30 – 14:00 | Session 5: New Technologies and IUU Fishing

Technology can play a key role in the fight against IUU fishing. This session takes stock of some of the newest technologies available, including blockchain and artificial intelligence, and analyses the extent to which these can contribute to ending IUU fishing. The session will also include a presentation of a brand-new online transparency tool, deemed to be particularly relevant to the efforts of developing countries in reducing IUU fishing. More specifically, the following questions will be addressed by the panel:

- What role does, and can, technology play in combatting IUU fishing? What are the main opportunities and challenges?
- How can artificial intelligence and blockchain contribute to the fight against IUU fishing? Do these technologies have any drawbacks?
- Which technologies are most relevant in the developing country context?
- How may the new online tool, Spyglass, help combat IUU fishing?

Chair: Natalie Tellwright | Senior Fisheries Analyst | Oceanmind

Speakers: Tony Long | CEO | Global Fishing Watch

Brett Haywood | CEO | SeaQuest Fiji

Dyhia Belhabib | Principal Investigator, Fisheries | Canada Ecotrust

14:00 - 15:30 | Session 6: Transparency and IUU fishing

Achieving transparency in the fishing industry, and throughout seafood supply chains, is essential to address the opaque environment in which IUU fishing thrives. Moreover, [recent research](#) has shown how inadequate scrutiny and lack of transparency onshore contributes to the problem. This session will address the following questions:

- What progress have international organisations (including the FAO, IMO and RFMOs), national governments and the private sector made in improving transparency in recent years?
- How does the opacity surrounding onshore activities contribute to IUU fishing?
- What are the most important measures that can be undertaken, at sea and onshore, to combat IUU fishing, and what impact might these measures have?

Chair: Huw Thomas | General Manager | Offshore Shellfish

Speakers: Steve Trent | Executive Director and Founder | Environmental Justice Foundation

Jacqui Dixon | Technical Advisor | Hong Kong Sustainable Seafood Coalition

Austin Brush | Senior Analyst | C4ADS

Teresa Ish | Program Officer | Walton Family Foundation

15:30 – 15:45 | Chatham House concluding remarks