



OUR OCEAN

GREECE - APRIL 15-17, 2024

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SIDE EVENT AGENDA

From Policy to Practice: Solutions for and Benefits of Transparent and Traceable Fisheries

Wednesday, April 17 2024, 16-16:50, [Alternative Stage](#)

Lead: EU IUU Fishing Coalition (Environmental Justice Foundation, Pew, Oceana, The Nature Conservancy, and WWF) and the US IUU Fishing and Labor Rights Coalition (Stimson Center, Stephenson Ocean Security Project at CSIS, NRDC, Oceana, and WWF)

Co-organizers: Coalition for Fisheries Transparency (CFT), Fisheries Transparency Initiative (FiTI), IUU Forum Japan

The side event aims to discuss both transparency and traceability measures within fisheries management to combat IUU fishing, ensure the responsible and equitable governance of marine resources, ensure the health of marine ecosystem, and prevent human rights and labour abuses at sea. This event will:

- *Provide examples of good practices and readily available and tested tools such as information published by FiTI implementing countries when publishing fishing licence lists and beneficial ownership information, the use of Electronic Monitoring (EM) that enables fisheries managers to have 'eyes on the water' and verifiable data to make informed decisions, as well as other measures regarding installing and making public vessel tracking to improve global fisheries transparency.*
- *Illustrate international guidelines, repositories and platforms that aim to improve inter-governmental cooperation, including UN Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) guidelines, the FAO Global Record, the FAO Agreement on Port State Measures (PSMA), IUU Action Alliance, the FiTI Standard and the EU IUU dialogues and 'carding' scheme.*
- *Highlight the importance of making information on who fishes what, where, when and who benefits available to the public to improve the state of our ocean and provide key stakeholders with crucial information to take action. Without accessible and reliable information the capacity of national authorities or regional fisheries bodies to make decisions based on the best available data is diminished; so is the ability of non-governmental stakeholders, such as retailers, civil society and journalists, to exercise effective oversight, seek accountability and engage in public dialogue.*
- *Focus on the development of joint market-based import solutions aimed at curbing IUU seafood from entering key seafood import markets, with a particular emphasis on strengthening and harmonising import requirements for enhanced transparency and traceability. The session will explore progress made in developing joint market-based import solutions and highlight the need for greater cooperation to combat IUU fishing and forced labour.*



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Facilitator: Alexandra Cousteau, Explorer, Ocean Advocate, and Oceana Senior Advisor

16:00-16:04	Opening Remarks: Elizabeth McLeod, Global Director of Oceans, The Nature Conservancy
16:04-16:09	Opening Remarks: Mr. Ko Kyung-man, Director of Distant Water Fisheries Division, Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries, Republic of Korea
16:09-16:20	Introductory Remarks from Panellists: <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Director General Charlina Vitcheva, Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, European Commission○ Dr. Kelly Kryc, Deputy Assistant Secretary for International Fisheries, U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration○ Dr. Rocío Parra Cortés, Chief Advisor, Under-Secretariat for Fisheries and Aquaculture, Ministry of Economy, Development and Tourism, Chile
16:20-16:45	Alexandra Cousteau, Moderator Question and Answer
16:45-16:50	Closing Remarks: Kevin Brosseau, Associate Deputy Minister of Fisheries and Oceans Canada and IUU Action Alliance Co-Chair



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