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FAO GUIDANCE ON SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY IN SEAFOOD VALUE CHAINS

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1. BACKGROUND

- FAO SUB-COMMITTEE ON FISH TRADE (COFI:FT)
- FAO COMMITTEE ON FISHERIES (COFI)
- DIALOGUES

2. GUIDANCE

3. FAO ROAD-MAP

2016/2017 COFI:FT



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2017, 16th COFI:FT. BUSAN

Mandate:

"Promote social sustainability in fisheries value chains, in particular the recognition and protection of human and labour rights in national and international value chains ..."

2016, 15th COFI:FT. AGADIR

Side-event on:

"Decent Work in Fisheries: What are the implications for seafood value chains? "

2018, 33rd COFI



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*"recommended that future guidance on social sustainability be **developed in cooperation** with relevant stakeholders, including industry and fish worker associations, building on experience from the development of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development OECD-FAO Guidance for Responsible Agricultural Supply Chains"*



PROMOTING A SOCIALLY SUSTAINABLE FISHERIES



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FAO Voluntary Guidelines for Sustainable Small-Scale Fisheries in the context of Food Security and Poverty Eradication

→ Multi-level implementation; promoting a Human Rights-Based Approach

Social Sustainability and the link to fish trade

→ COFI Sub-Committee on Fish Trade, Busan, Sep. 2017

→ Vigo Dialogue - multi-actor platform

Fighting IUU Fishing and human rights abuses

→ Implementation of the FAO Agreement on Port States Measures

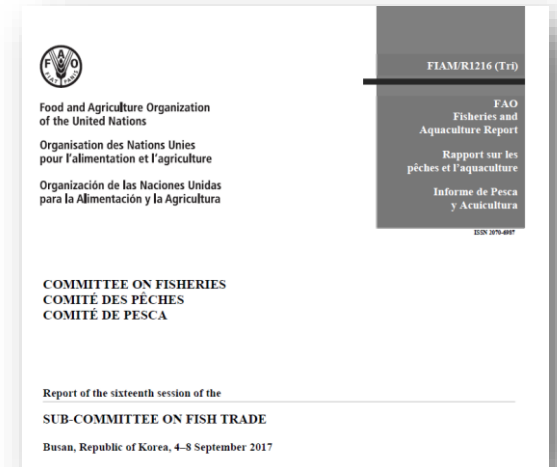
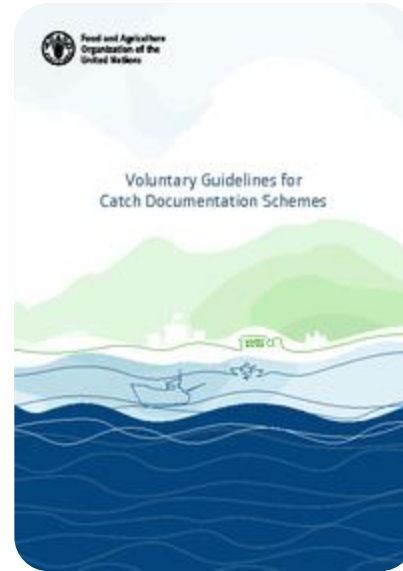
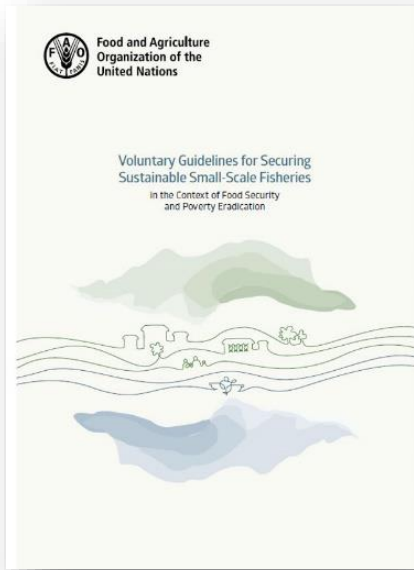
→ Voluntary Guidelines on Catch Documentation Schemes

→ Global Record of Fishing Vessels

RESOURCES



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ROADMAP OF THE FAO GUIDANCE



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2018

- JUL COFI mandate
- OCT Vigo Dialogue

2019

- FEB 22 Agadir Dialogue on Social Sustainability
- MAR 18 GSSI - Seafood Expo North America (Boston)
- MAY 8 Brussels Dialogue on Socially Responsible Fisheries and Aquaculture Value chains (Seafood Expo Global)
- JUNE 11 GFCM High-level conference on MedFish4Ever initiatives (Marrakech)
- JUNE 19-20 Rome Dialogue – Multi-stakeholders consultation
- JULY 3-4 Shanghai Dialogue - Global stakeholder dialogue
- JULY - SEPT Finalization of draft guidance for COFI:FT
- SEP 30 CONXEMAR Congress on Social Responsibility (Vigo)
- NOV 25-29 COFI:FT (Vigo): Discussion, recommendations

2020

- JULY 13-17 COFI (Rome): Adoption/endorsement

DIALOGUES



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→ **Main objective:**

open discussion with relevant stakeholders to receive inputs and feedback with the aim to make the necessary adjustments to the FAO Guidance in order to cover all parties and actors involved in the fisheries and aquaculture value chains

→ **Several Dialogues and Consultations**

THE GUIDANCE



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Inputs, comments and suggestions from stakeholders:

- Different international and national workshops
- Participation in other events linked to social sustainability in fisheries: Seafish/GSSI/ GFCM/etc.
- e-consultation – **GLOBEFISH website**
- Declaration in the CONXEMAR/FAO Congress (Sep 30)



THE GUIDANCE - Features

- Practical and pragmatic **guidance**
- Close to daily business operations
- Not a new standard but a reference tool
- Compilation of different international instruments linked to responsible business conduct, human and labour rights
- Inclusion of all actors along the fisheries and aquaculture value chains



THE GUIDANCE - Structure

- **Objective**: provide practical support for business enterprises for securing socially responsible fish and fishery value chains
- **Target audience**: applicable by any business enterprise along the fish and fishery value chains, regardless of size, nature (private or public), or nationality (domestic and foreign)
- Risk-based approach - due diligence
- Analysis of existing international instruments
- Identification of risks and subsectors (fishing operations, aquaculture, fishing processing, fish distribution and trade)



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