

Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing



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Ending Illegal Fishing Project**

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The Global Cost of Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing



up to **1 in 5** wild caught fish are estimated to be caught outside of regulations

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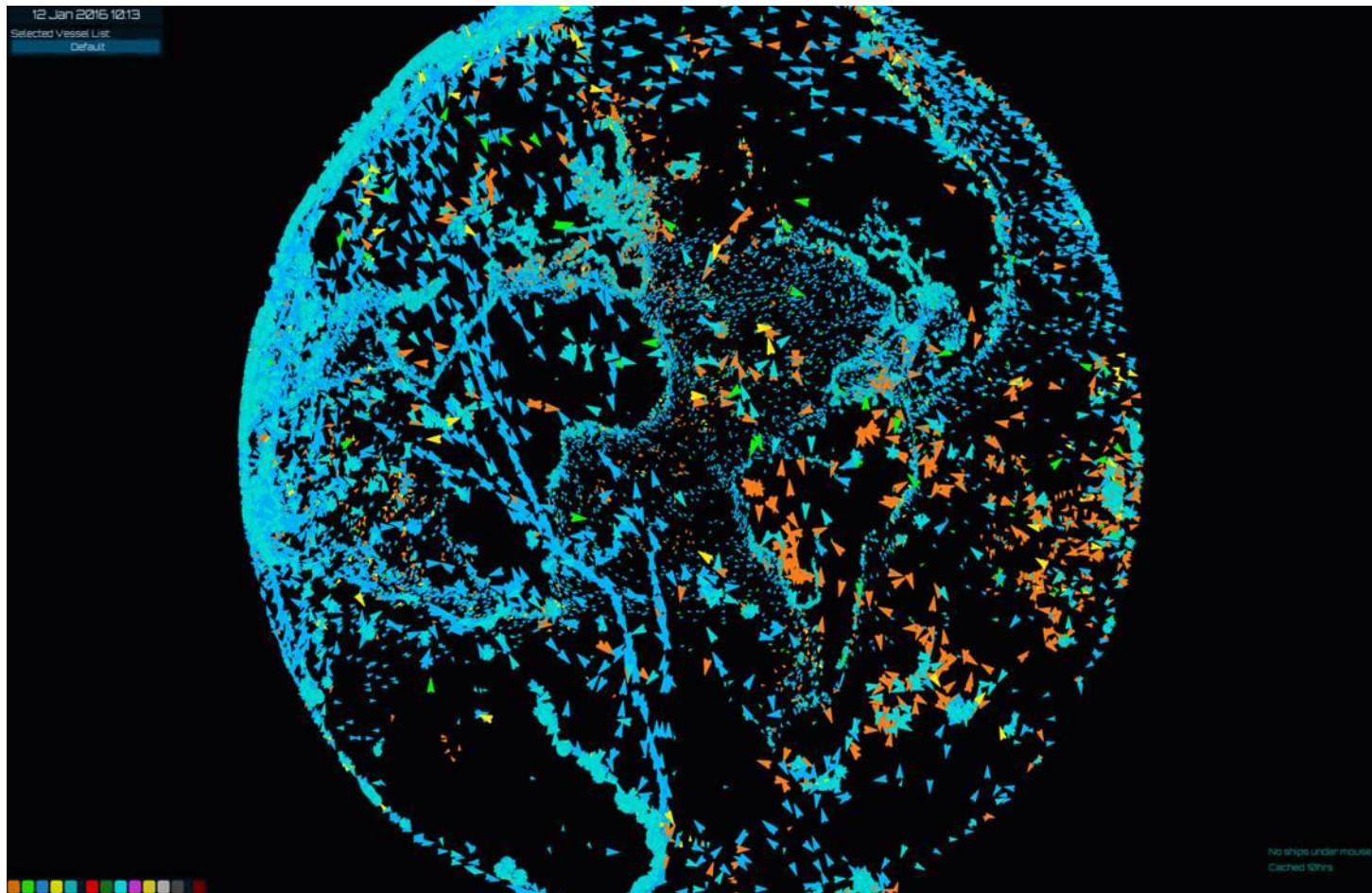
11-26 million tons of fish/year



**Up to \$23.5 billion
revenue lost**

Agnew DJ, Pearce J, Pramod G, Peatman T, Watson R, et al. (2009) Estimating the Worldwide Extent of Illegal Fishing.

Knowing *WHERE* to look



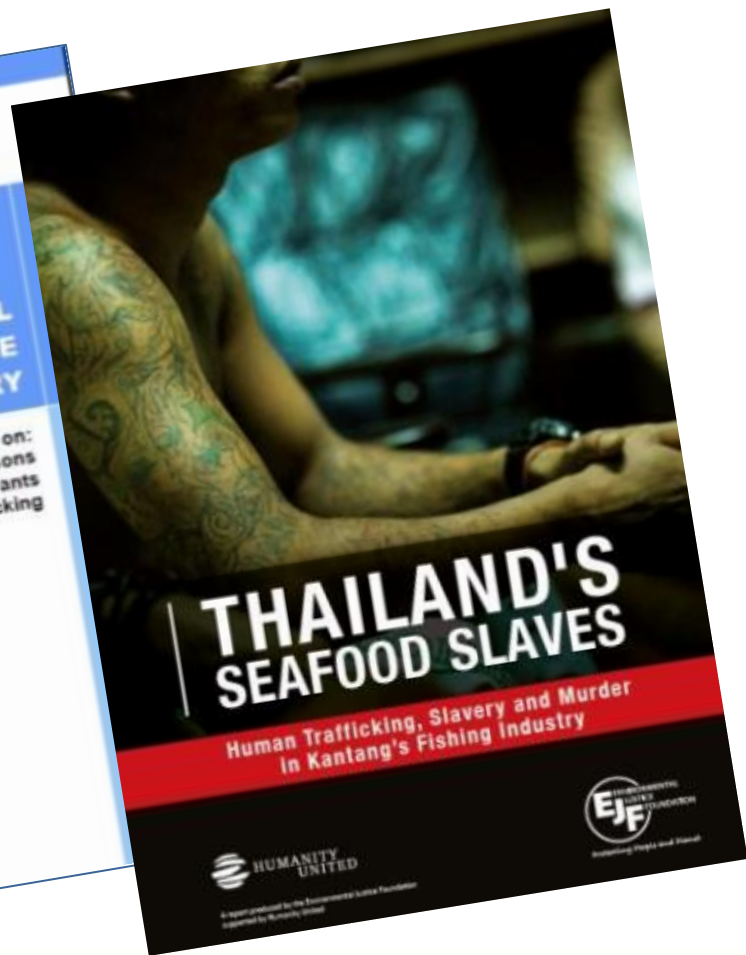
The global threat of illegal fishing

- Illegal, unreported, and unregulated (IUU) fishing
 - Fishing and fishing-related activities conducted in contravention of national, regional and international laws. (**illegal**)
 - Non-reporting, misreporting or under-reporting of information on fishing operations and their catches. (**unreported**)
 - Fishing by “Stateless” vessels. (**unregulated**)
- Undermines sustainable management of fish stocks, threatens security
- Associated with other crimes including corruption, tax crime, drugs, human trafficking



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It is more than just fish



International Agreements

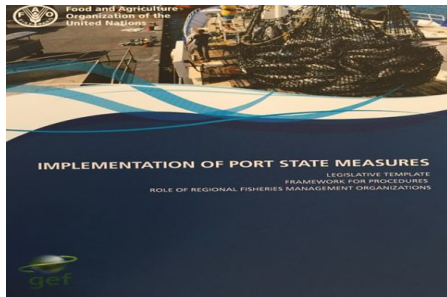
- FAO Port State Measures Agreement* (2009)
- FAO Compliance Agreement* (1993)
- FAO Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries (1995)
- UN Fish Stocks Agreement* (1995)
- UN Convention on the Law of the Sea* (1982)

**(Legally binding agreement)*

Why Illegal Fishing Persists

- Vast area of ocean to monitor - Limited national capacity for fisheries monitoring, control, and surveillance
 - Overlapping jurisdictions – who is responsible
 - Weak or nonexistent laws in place
 - Lack of strong port controls
 - Nations unwilling or unable to control fleets; do not always share information
 - Easy to conceal identity and offload catch
- = High profit / Low risk**

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A comprehensive approach including policy, technology, information sharing and enforcement

- Robust legal and policy framework
- Market education and risk
- Utilize technology
- Effective enforcement
- Coordination and collaboration



Thank You

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