

# Global trends in Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing: what do we know?

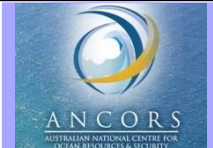
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# PRESENTATION SUMMARY

- Concept of IUU fishing and operationalising the concept
- Impacts of IUU fishing and what do we know about the impacts of IUU fishing?
- What are the drivers of IUU fishing?
- Assessment of global efforts to combat IUU fishing
- Conclusion: Can we do better?



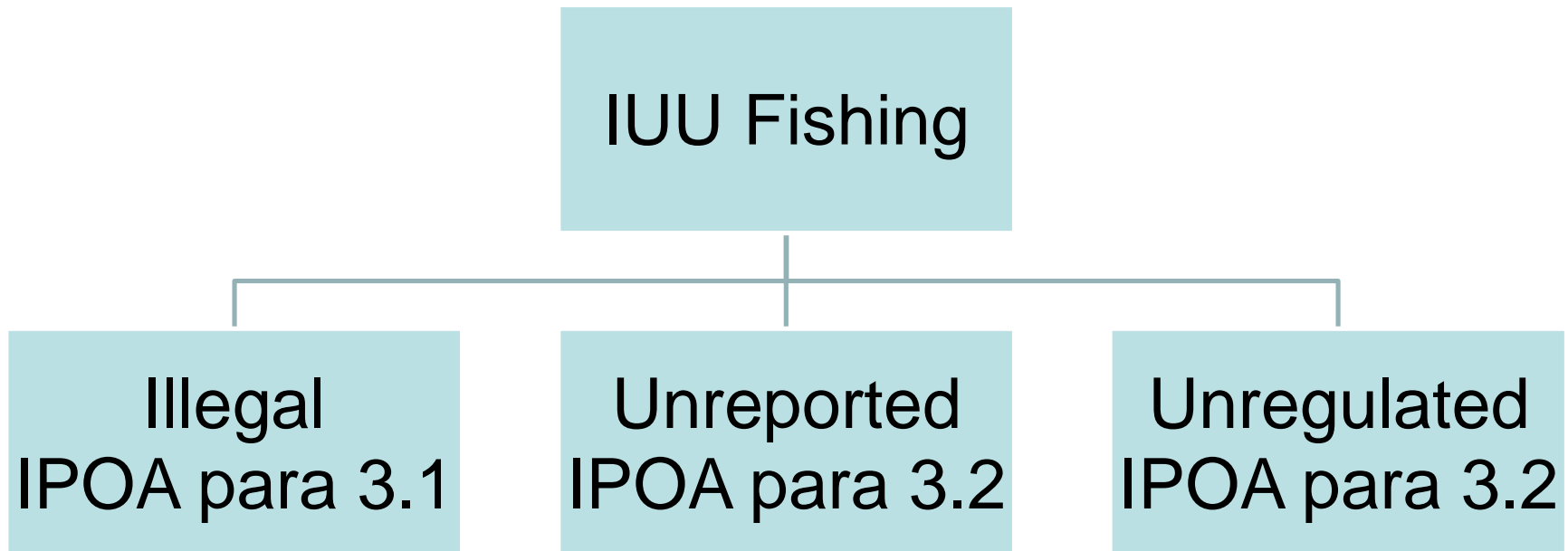
# IUU FISHING -A GLOBAL CONCERN

***“...main obstacle in achieving sustainable fisheries in both areas under national jurisdiction and the high seas.”***

***- Report of the UN Secretary-General,  
UNGA A/59/298, para. 36***



# NORMATIVE CONCEPT OF IUU FISHING



# OPERATIONALIZING THE IUU CONCEPT

## IUU Fishing

All forms of law violations in fisheries at any level (domestic, regional, and international)

Any fishing and related activities undermining fisheries conservation and management measures nationally, regionally and globally, whether legal or illegal

# WHAT DO WE KNOW ABOUT IUU FISHING?

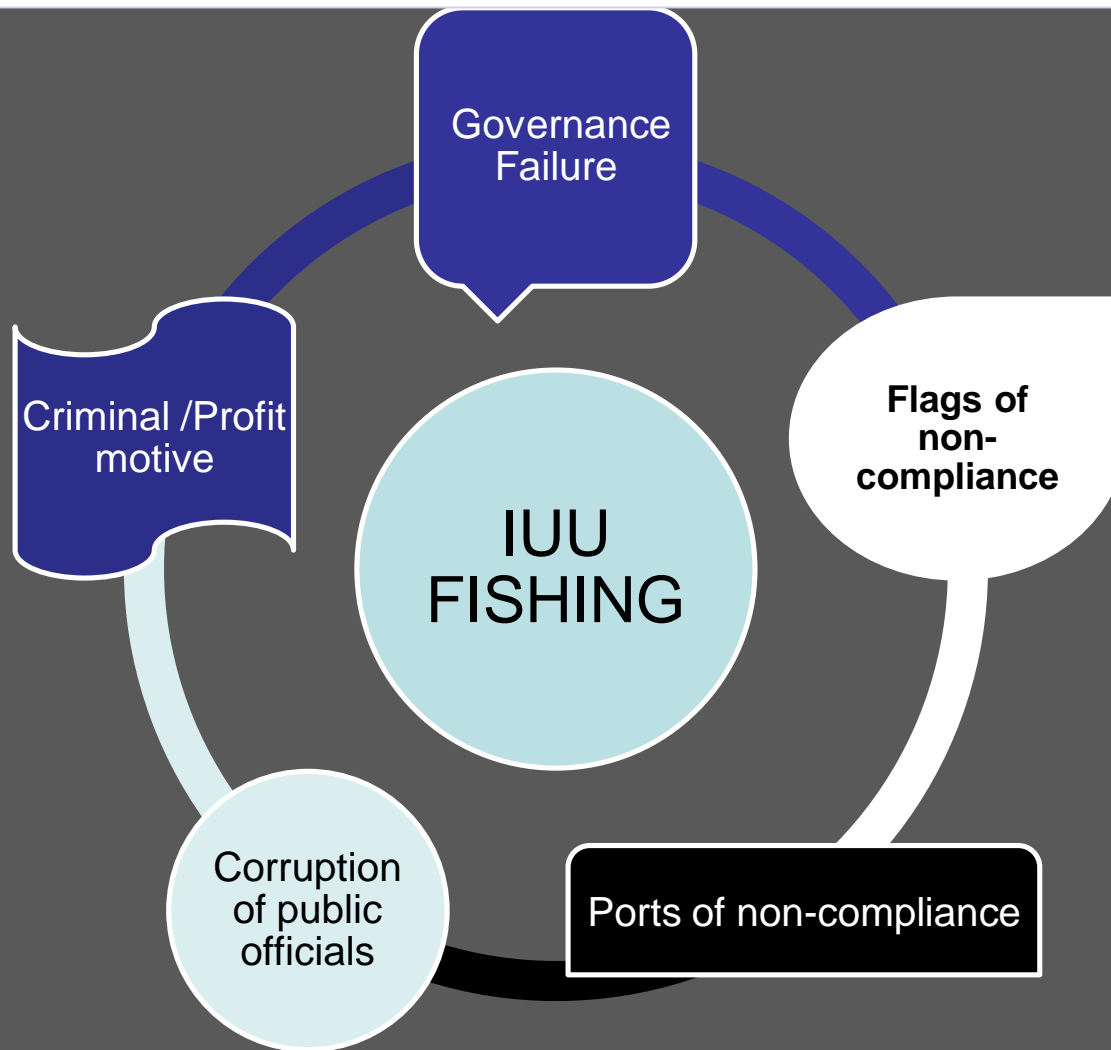


- We know more about the moon than IUU fishing
- True economic, environmental and social cost of IUU fishing not known

# EXAMPLES OF ESTIMATED FINANCIAL COST

Year	Estimated Financial Loss
2005	MRAG – estimated that the lost export value to developing countries estimated at USD2.2 billion.
2007	APFIC – estimated that losses from IUU fishing in the Asia-Pacific region both industrial and artisanal fisheries was around 8% of total recorded landings, or equivalent to US\$2 500 million annually.
2009	MRAG- estimated that West African waters had the highest levels of IUU fishing in the world as a proportion of the region's total catch, with the illegal catch in the wider Eastern Central Atlantic estimated to be worth between US\$828 million and US\$1.6 billion per year, or 37 percent of seafood catches.
2012	Environment Justice Foundation – estimated losses in Sierra Leone at USD29 million each year. 90% of the “pirate” vessels documented by EJJF to be fishing illegally in the country's EEZ from 2011-2012 are bottom trawlers. Up to 75% of the catch of these vessels is discarded back into the sea.
2014	European Commission- The estimated global value of IUU fishing is approximately 10 billion euros per year. Between 11 and 26 million tonnes of fish are caught illegally a year, which corresponds to at least 15% of world catches.

# SOME KEY DRIVERS





## Examples of Global Measures

- Plans of actions
- Port State control measures
- Flag State control measures
- Boarding and inspection schemes
- IUU Vessel lists
- Vessel registration and unique identifiers
- Market-related measures

# MY WISH LIST

A comprehensive global study and understanding of the scope and dynamics of IUU fishing

Focused action on a few measures and approaches that have an impact on the market

(1) Coordinated attention to and rigorous implementation of Port State measures

(2) Increased Implementation of Market Related Measures

# Any question?

