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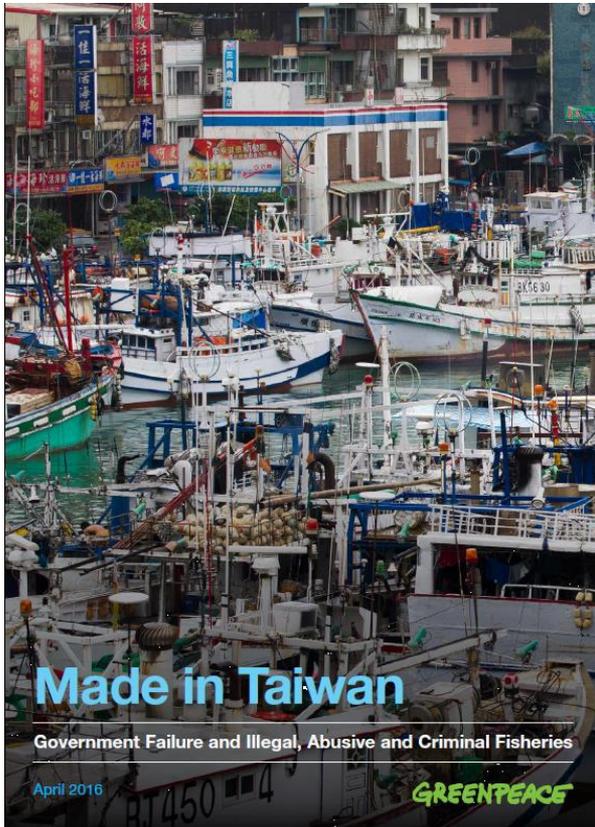
# Cape Town Agreement for the Safety of Fishing Vessels — relevance to global governance

Seafish Ethics Common Language Group – 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022

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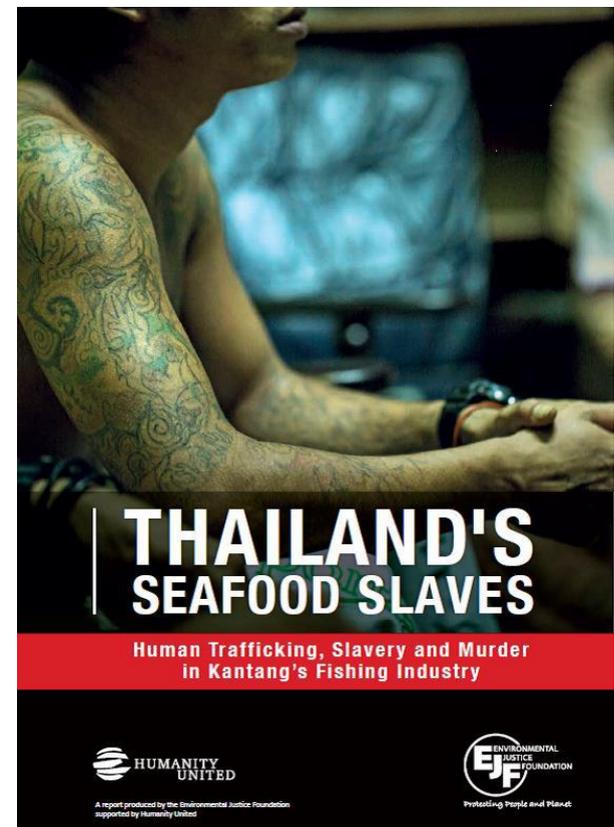
# Sustainability, Labour and Safety



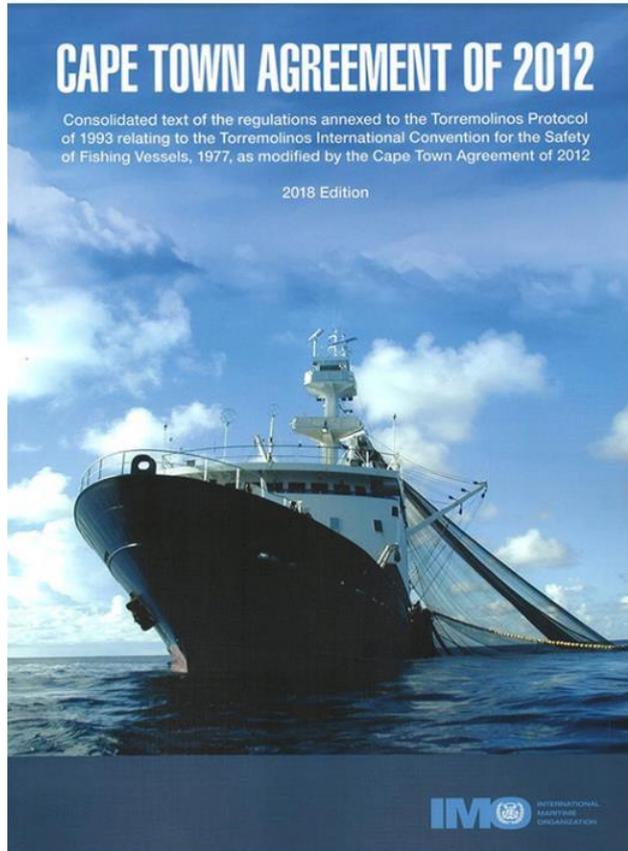
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# IMO Cape Town Agreement



# Cape Town Agreement: 10 Chapters



I. General Provisions



VI. Protection of the Crew



II. Stability and Associated Seaworthiness



VII. Life-Saving Appliances and Arrangements



III. Construction, Watertight Integrity and Equipment



VIII. Emergency Procedures, Musters and Drills



IV. Machinery and Electrical Installations



IX. Radiocommunications



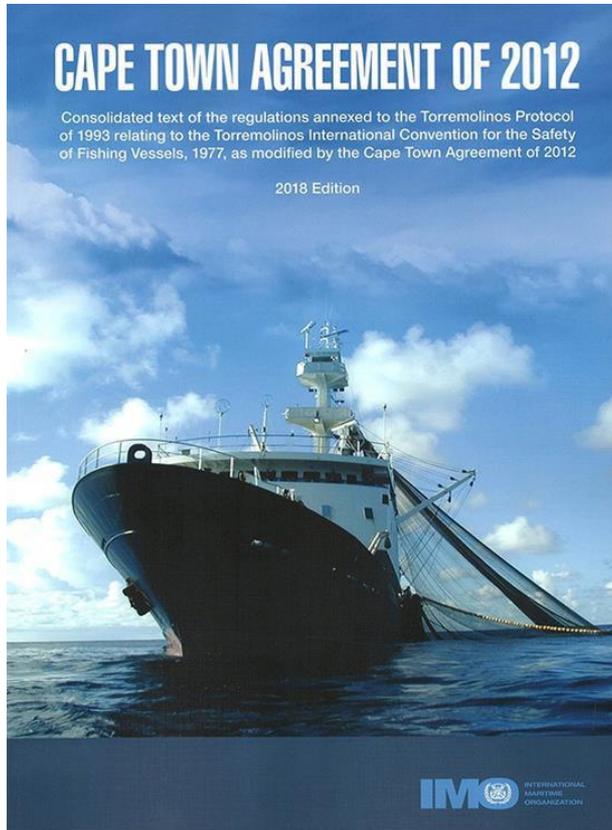
V. Fire Protection, Fire Detection and Fire Fighting



X. Shipborne Navigational Equipment and Arrangements

# Cape Town Agreement: Scope

An international treaty applicable mostly to:



New fishing vessels

24 m in length & more

operating on the high seas

# Entry into force

The Agreement will enter in force:



*Ratification of CTA by Norway*

12 months after

ratification by 22 States

with fleet of 3,600 fishing vessels

6 ratifications missing

and

1,693 fishing vessels

# Status of Ratification

⇒ 16 States have ratified the Cape Town Agreement with 1,907 fishing vessels:



Belgium



Rep. of Congo



Cook Islands



Croatia



Denmark



Finland



France



Germany



Iceland



Netherlands



Norway



Peru



Saint Kitts  
& Nevis



São Tome  
& Príncipe



Spain



South Africa



# Road to Ratification

## 2019 Torremolinos Declaration

⇒ Signed by **51 States** which agreed to target ratification by 11 October 2022



# Torremolinos Declaration

## The 51 Signatories

	Argentina		Croatia		Ghana		Mozambique		Poland
	Bangladesh		D.R. Congo		Rep. of Guinea		Namibia		Portugal
	Belgium		Denmark		Guinea-Bissau		Netherlands		Rep. of Korea
	Belize		Ecuador		Island		New Zealand		São Tome & P.
	Bulgaria		Fiji		Indonesia		Nicaragua		Sierra Leone
	Centr. Afr. Rep.		Finland		Ireland		Nigeria		South Africa
	Chile		France		Kiribati		Norway		Spain
	China		Gabon		Liberia		Panama		Togo
	Rep. of Congo		Germany		Lebanon		Papua New G.		Uganda
	Costa Rica		Cook Islands		Marshall Isl.		Peru		UK
									Vanuatu

# Brest Commitments

⇒ **6 countries** committed to ratify by October 2022 at the One Ocean Summit in Brest, France:



Ghana



Kenya



Ireland



Portugal



Republic of  
Korea



Japan

# Relevance to Seafood Industry Coalitions



83% seafood consumers worldwide are prepared to take action to safeguard the ocean (GlobeScan, 2020)



65% say buying fish and seafood from sustainable sources is vital



58% already made changes to the way they choose and buy seafood in 2019 in order to protect fish in our oceans



Ratification of the CTA by flag States would ensure consumers that IUU fishing & safety are **core GTA priorities**



CTA ratification and safety at sea already included in 25PST



Together we can work with supply chain to support flag State ratifications



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SUSTAINABLE TUNA

**25PST**

# Relevance to Market Actors



Safety provisions are met within the supply chain in the future



For existing vessels:

- ⇒ Navigational equipment
- ⇒ Radio-communication Equipment
- ⇒ Safetyequipment
- ⇒ International Fishing Vessel Safety Certificate

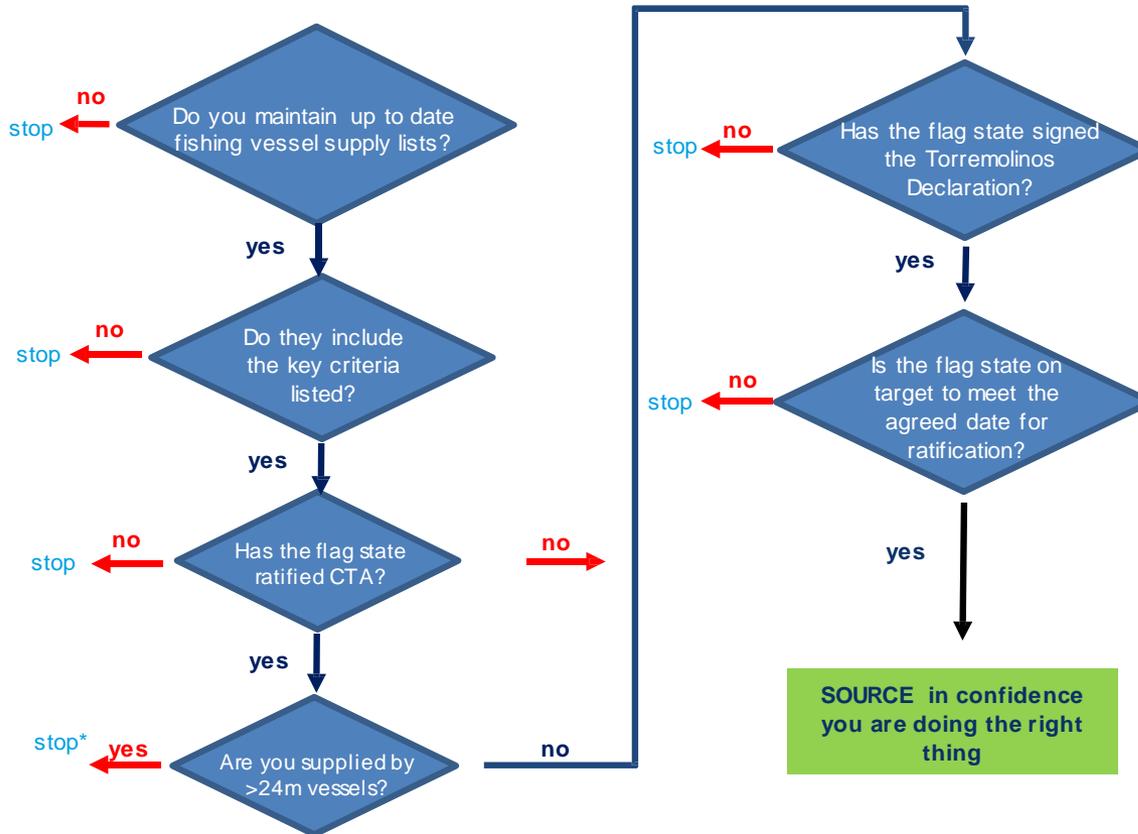


For new vessels:

- ⇒ Meet the standards of the Agreement as a minimum
- ⇒ Work with supply chain to support flag State ratifications

# Seafood Buyer Questions

1. To determine CTA compliance in your supply chain and identify steps to be taken to improve it



- Key criteria:
- Details of the flag state to which the vessels are registered
  - Gross tonnage and length of the vessels
  - Their IMO number or UVI if they do not qualify for an IMO number
  - Radio call sign MMSI
  - Whether they have VMS or AIS installed
  - The year of construction
  - Presence of observers used in the fishery

In the event of **STOP**  
 -- work to address the deficiency (or note relativity to implementation)  
 - in conjunction with your suppliers advocate for the government to progress towards CTA ratification  
 -Agree an action plan to achieve safety and transparency of activities at sea

\* Many CTA provisions applicable to vessels will not enter into force immediately

# International Treaties



**Port State Measures Agreement**

**Work in Fishing Convention**

**Cape Town Agreement**

# Do you know...



*How many States did ratify  
all 3 treaties: PSMA, CTA, C188?*



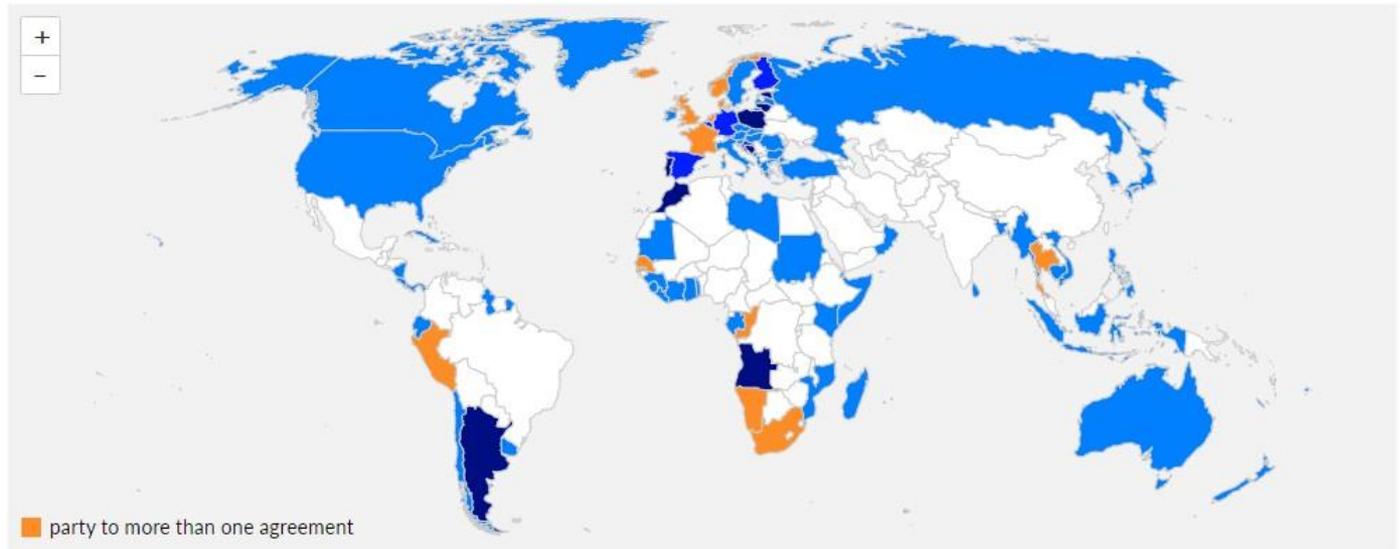
**4 States**



**14 States**



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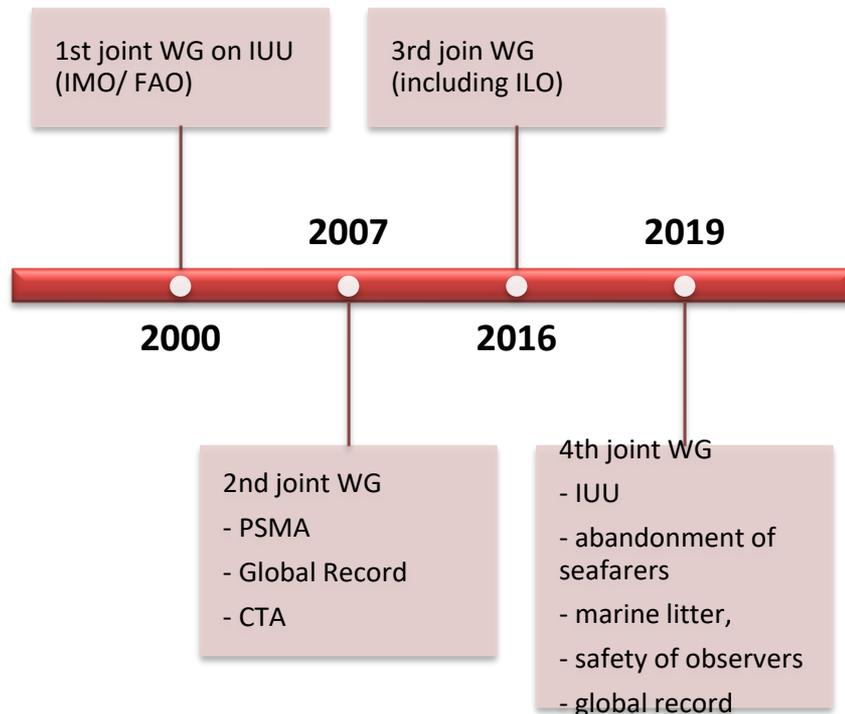
Filter by treaties

The Port State Measures Agreement

The Cape Town Agreement

C188 Work in Fishing Convention

# Tripartite working group on IUU and Related Fishing Matters



The 3 UN organisations cover multiple IUU and related fishing matters giving an opportunity for:

- harmonized approach for at port inspections
- Bring 3 treaties into force & implemented
- Joint action on flag state responsibilities (UNCLOS)
- Training & capacity building to tackle IUU at government level
- Marine plastic litter
- Share learnings – ILO SEA Fisheries Project reducing human trafficking



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## Sharing Information on Fisheries Activities Across International Boundaries Has Benefits



New research provides evidence that information exchange between State authorities could help deter illegal fishing.

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Thank you!

Merci !

¡Gracias!

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