

# FAO expert consultation – Trade in fisheries services

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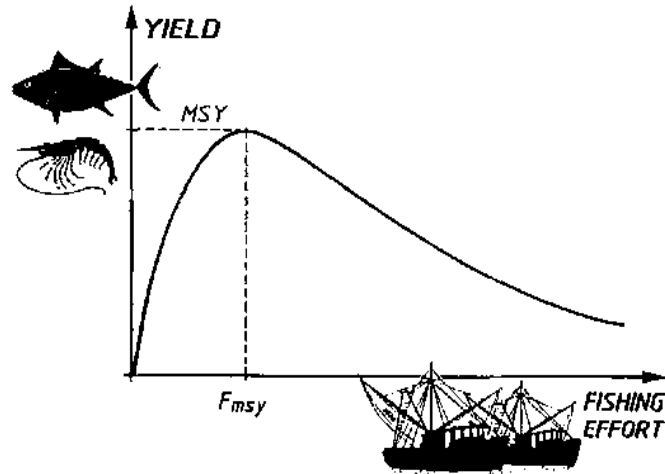
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# FAO Sub-committee on Fish Trade

- Mandate to promote international trade in
  - Fish and fishery products,
  - Fisheries and aquaculture services



# Fisheries and aquaculture services





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# Some conclusions from the consultation

- Common definitions of trade, services and trade in services can be used when defining and analyzing trade in fisheries services.
  - Fisheries and aquaculture services are intangible products provided to or on behalf on another person or entity in respect of the fisheries and aquaculture sectors, including as part of pre-harvesting, extraction/harvesting and post-harvesting activities
- Harvesting under an access agreement constitutes a fishing service when:
  - The fish resources are owned by the costal state
  - The harvested fish is landed for the benefit of the costal state

# Fairness for developing countries



- Trade in services increases globally
- Trade in services provides both opportunities and risks for developing countries.
- Risks need to be mitigated

# Recommendations to COFI

- That FAO secr. develops a methodology for increasing its knowledge base,
- Include trade in fisheries services in the biennial Questionnaire on the CCRF
- Best-practice review
- Next step in the process could be:
  - Technical consultation – negotiating international guidelines
  - Technical guidelines developed by the secretariat
  - Something innovative???