

FAO GUIDANCE ON SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY IN FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE VALUE CHAINS

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WHY SOCIAL SUSTAINABILITY IS IMPORTANT....



Human trafficking

Hazardous (F. Situations

Food and Agriculture
Organization of the
United Nations

Exposure to situations that can lead to illnesses

Gender Forced labour inequality

Forced child labour

Slavery

Intensive
hours of

Unsafe use of chemicals

Violation of human rights

Bad working conditions

Limited e medical care

Lack of safety equipment

Vulnerability to weather conditions



ARE YOU STILL THINKING THAT SOCIAL ISSUES ARE NOT IMPORTANT?



The Guardian 21 Sept 2019



The New Hork Times



The New York **Times** 19 Aug 2019





That-Cambodian border promised he could earn a lot of a Prum was sold into slave lahour, sent to sea on a fishing a forced to work around the clock and through storms, allo

go to look for labouring work. He needed to earn enough money to for his wife Sokun's impending hospital stay to give birth to their child. He intended to be away for two months.

Violence happened on the boat every day for the next for translator. He says people would disappear off the boats 1 and were assumed to have been killed and thrown into the

two hours' sleep by day and two hours at night.

Human Trafficking Has a Hidden Cause and It's on the Rise Worldwide



Fishermen disembark from their fishing boat at Songkhla port in Songkhla, Thailand, on Wednesday, Dec. 23, 2015.

BY PRACHI VIDWANS AND MALAAK JAMAL JULY 30, 2019

Jamal is the policy officer at the Human Rights Foundation. Vidwans and Jamal co-authored HRF's 2018 report on trafficking and authoritarianism.

Tuesday is the U.N.'s World Day Against Trafficking in Persons. After nearly two decades of international commitment to end modern slavery, one thing is clear: States are simply not doing enough. It is estimated that there are 40.3 million victims of modern slavery, including sex trafficking and forced marriage. Eighty percent are victims of forced labor - a problem that is poorly understood by the general public. Twenty-five percent of trafficking victims worldwide are

By Blair Braverman Aug. 19, 2019 THE OUTLAW OCEAN Journeys Across the Last Untamed Frontier By Ian Urbina If you're like I am, you don't think much about the oceans -Ernest Shackleton called "the void spaces of the world." Wh

The crew of a small fishing boat in the Philippines in 2015. Hannah Reyes for The New York Times

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thought about them, it's mostly in the context of how they a land: what rising sea levels mean for coastal cities, for exan how the Gulf Stream shapes the Arctic climate. In "The Out Ocean," the journalist Ian Urbina highlights how, in overlool

> **CBC** 1 Sept 2019



Workers sort fish and seafood at a wholesale market in Samut Sakhon province. Thailand, in this photo taken Ian, 22, 2018. The Thai fishing industry employs tens of thousands of men, mostly migrants from neighbouring countries. Research by advocacy group the International Justice Mission has found worker exploitation and forced labour are a problem in the industry. (Athit Perawongmetha/Reuters)

Here's something to think about the next time you tuck into a seafood feast: How did that food get onto your plate? And did it involve slave labour?

Canada is doing little to ensure that workers are not exploited or enslaved in the production of your seafood, and one victim of forced labour in the fishing industry is among those calling on the Canadian government to do more to protect workers' rights - no matter where they live.

"All the workers are working hard and going through hardships and need rescue," said the 45year-old man from Cambodia, who is not being identified to protect him and his family. CBC News Interviewed him from Phnom Penh via Skype, using a translator



Business leaders like to talk about business models. Big businesses, in particular, spend a lot of time and money tracking profit and loss, costs and incomes, across often uncountable business units around the world. Generally, twisting a business model into

But, when the business model not only includes, but relies upon, the exploitation of

South China Morning Post 24 Sept 2019

TIME 30 July 2015

BACKGROUND



2016 FAO COFI:FT Agadir

Side-event: "Decent Work in fisheries"

2017 FAO COFI:FT Busan

Inclusion for the first time of social sustainability in the agenda Members confirmed the significant importance of the human and labour rights in the fish value chains

2018 FAO COFI Rome

"The Committee recommended that future guidance on social sustainability be developed in cooperation with relevant stakeholders, including the industry and fish worker associations"

2019 FAO COFI:FT Vigo

Continued support for sharing of national experiences and multi-stakeholder involvement in development of the draft guidance

PROCESS AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE FAO GUIDANCE



Multiple stakeholder consultations:

- Physical Dialogues worldwide more than 155 participants and attendees
 - 1) Agadir, Morocco National and regional 22 February in the 5th Edition of Halieutis Expo
 - 2) Brussels, Belgium International 8 May in the Seafood Expo Global
 - 3) Rome, Italy mainly NGOs and trade unions 19 20 June
 - 4) Shanghai (China) International 3 4 July

PROCESS AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE FAO GUIDANCE



Multiple stakeholder consultations:

- Online consultations
 - 1) Online public platform
 - on the FAO GLOBEFISH website;
 - available for one month and half;
 - more than 1,000 people invited;
 - 57 subscribers and 750 comments
 - 2) E-mails
- > Participation in other events with stakeholders

PROCESS AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE FAO GUIDANCE



Main outcomes and conclusions:

- Practical and simple, "one size does not fit all"
- Involvement of all actors in the value chain
- Distinction between small-scale and large-scale fisheries
- Cultural and traditional nuances
- Recognition of the role of women
- Child labour, migrant labour and gender inclusiveness
- Inclusion of retailers into the guidance





The Guidance is divided into 2 parts.

1st part:

General and horizontal

Recalling internationally accepted principles

Framework

Other international principles linked to social issues

FAO GUIDANCE FRAMEWORK



2nd part:

Small-scale fishing

Processing

Industrial fishing

Distribution

Aquaculture production

Retailing

Each appendix should take into consideration aspects on child labour, gender equity and equality, and fair integration of migrant workers

THE FAO GUIDANCE CONTRIBUTES TO:

- > FAO's Strategic Programme on Rural Poverty Reduction:
 - by promoting decent work and social protection
- 2030 Agenda, the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG):
 - **SDG 1** End poverty in all its forms everywhere
 - **SDG 2** End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture
 - **SDG 5** Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls
 - **SDG 8** Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all
 - **SDG 10** Reduce inequality within and among countries
 - **SDG 14** –Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development
 - **SDG 17** –Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development





















































WHAT'S NEXT...?

Experience sharing, expert consultation, development of appendices

2020 July – FAO COFI (Rome) – ???



