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FAO GUIDANCE ON SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY IN FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE VALUE CHAINS

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Guidance Framework

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in Fisheries and Aquaculture Value
Chains



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WHY SOCIAL SUSTAINABILITY IS IMPORTANT....



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Human trafficking

Hazardous
situations



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Exposure to
situations
that can
lead to
illnesses

Gender
inequality

Forced labour

Modern
slavery

Unsafe use of
chemicals

**Violation of
human rights**

Forced
child
labour

Intensive
hours of
work

Bad working
conditions

Limited
medical care

Lack of safety
equipment

Vulnerability
to weather
conditions



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ARE YOU STILL THINKING
THAT SOCIAL ISSUES ARE
NOT IMPORTANT?



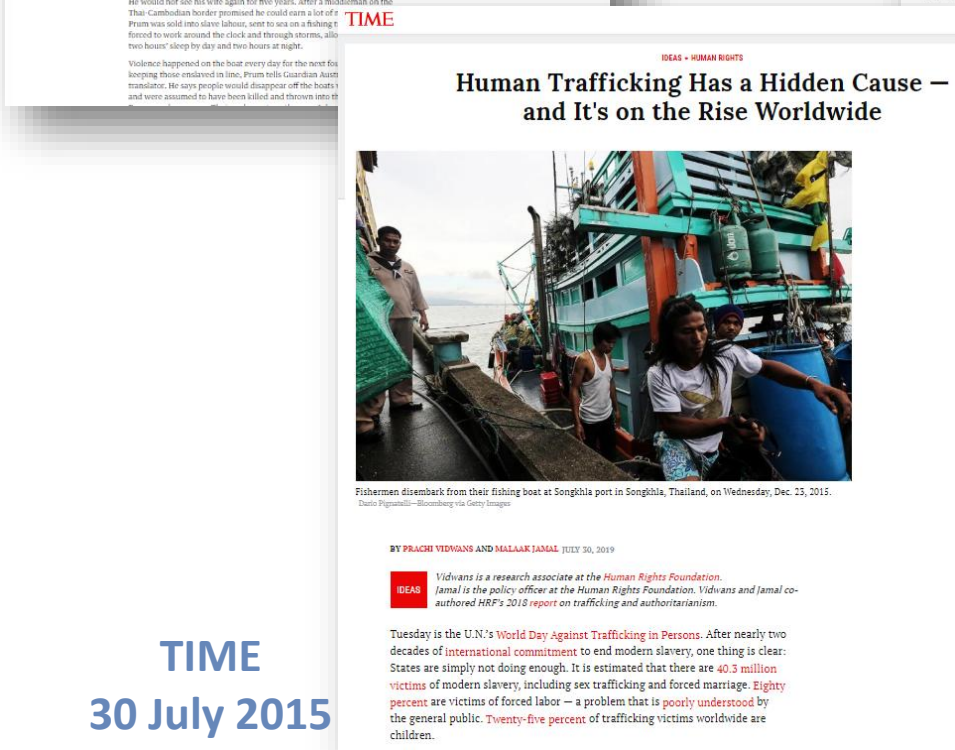
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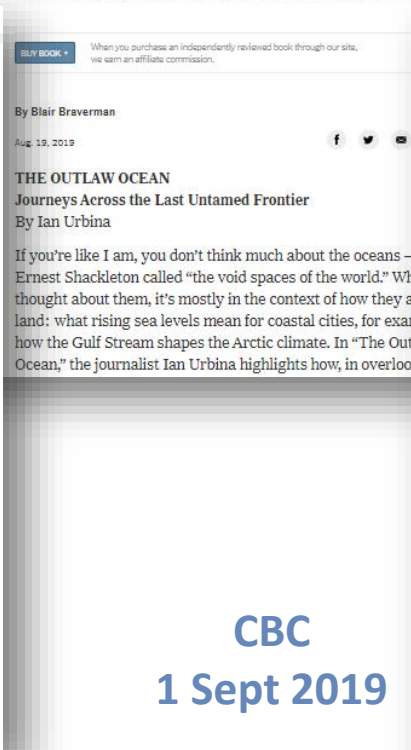
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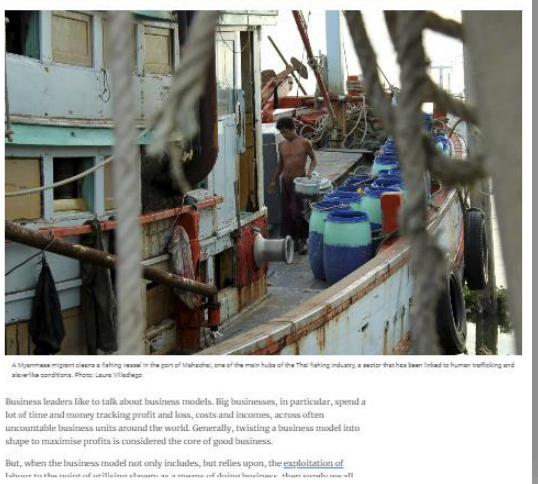
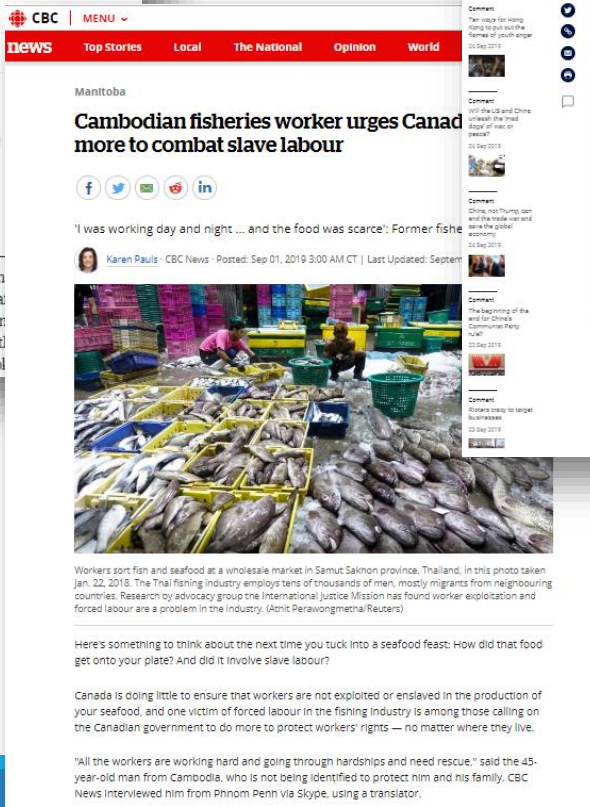
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TIME
30 July 2015



CBC
1 Sept 2019



South China Morning Post
24 Sept 2019

BACKGROUND



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- 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



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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

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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

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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

FAO GUIDANCE FRAMEWORK



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The Guidance is divided into 2 parts.

1st part:

General and horizontal

Recalling internationally
accepted principles

Framework

Other international
principles linked to social
issues

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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





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WHAT'S NEXT...?

Experience sharing, expert consultation,
development of appendices

2020 July – FAO COFI (Rome) – ???

