

# EMERGING REQUIREMENTS FOR TRADE IN FISH AND FISHERIES PRODUCTS



Dramatic changes during the past decade relevant to trade of fish and fisheries products:

- increasing requirements to guarantee good quality, healthy products and other aspects that could indicate that the product is safe for human consumption
- growing demands to ensure and certify that all steps of production and production methods are in line with acceptable environmental standards and that the production can be sustained including the important habitats
- global and regional initiatives and efforts to combat IUU fishing through
  - the development of legally-binding agreement on Port State Measures by FAO
  - the EC Regulation to Prevent, Deter and Eliminate IUU Fishing indicating that fishery products could only be imported to the EU when accompanied by a catch certificate

In responding to such changes, SEAFDEC has been supporting the Member Countries in:

- monitoring and reviewing the emerging international fish trade-related issues and challenges that could affect fisheries activities in the region
- regular organization of regional consultations to promote discussion and develop joint and harmonized approaches to address relevant issues, such as
  - the listing of commercially-exploited aquatic resources under the CITES Appendices
  - fisheries subsidies
  - measures in combating IUU fishing such as EC Catch Certificate, Legally-binding Instrument on Port State Measures
  - traceability, certification and labeling
  - small-scale fisheries-related concerns
  - climate change and fisheries
  - welfare of fishing crew and fishing labor

