BRIDGING SUSTAINABILITY IN FISHERIES

Innovative Solutions and Advocacy for a Resilient Blue Economy

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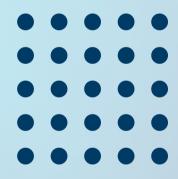




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Fisheries

Vital for food security, coastal livelihoods and biodiversity

Sustainability must balance environmental, economic and social needs. We need to recognize that fisheries policy is heavily contested at a political level and not always driven by the best available science.

Sustainability





Challenges in Fisheries Sustainability

Environmental Pressures

- Overfishing & habitat destruction
- Climate change
- Marine biodiversity loss

Socio-Economic Pressures

- Declining small-scale fisheries and generational renewal
- Market & trade challenges: IUU fishing, traceability gaps
- Policy fragmentation



Political Complexity

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- Shaped by industry lobbying & political negotiations
- The challenge of balancing sustainable fisheries policy with economic interests
- NGO & Industry Influence on **Fisheries Policy**
- Call for Transparency in Fisheries Governance, particularly at **RFMOs**

Innovative Solutions

Low-impact & Selective Fishing Techniques

Gear modification Co-management

Digitalization & Traceability Tools

AI & blockchain - vessel to plate traceability Global Fishing Watch

Multi-Use of Marine Space

Explore regenerative production in OWF to diversify seafood production



Advocacy for a Resilient Blue Economy







Balancing Advocacy & Transparency







Engage with decision-makers and industry stakeholders

Science communication

Support calls for increased transparency

Role of ECOPs in Sustainable **Fisheries**

Technology-driven solutions

Securing the future

Strengthening the role of fisheries in the sustainable blue economy





Cross-sectoral collaboration

Promoting equity and inclusion in ocean governance

Use data-driven innovation for compliance & policy development

THANK YOU!



