

“Aquatic foods are fundamental to food security and poverty alleviation, especially as climate change and biodiversity loss increasingly threaten our oceans. Effective, ecosystem-based fisheries management is an effective lever for both food security and biodiversity conservation.

However, IUU fishing continues to undermine sustainable fisheries management, with consequences for fish stocks and their ecosystems and by that jeopardizing livelihoods, and increasing poverty and hunger.

Fostering sustainable fisheries management and supporting small-scale fishers, is important to ensure the long-term preservation of marine ecosystems and their services for humans and thus for our livelihoods.

Harmful subsidies aggravate overcapacity and lead to unsustainable fishing practices. This is why it is important that as many WTO member states as possible ratify the fisheries subsidies agreement as soon as possible, so that it can enter into force.

Germany is dedicated to support not only through WTO Fish Fund, but also through our bilateral cooperation the successful implementation of the agreement.

Through our bilateral Cooperation together with Partners in the school meals coalition we are achieving a higher ratio of aquatic foods in school meals. 2 billion people in the world are suffering from malnutrition. Aquatic Foods are prerequisite for the fight against malnutrition.”