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Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing

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Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated fishing

(11-26 million tonnes annually; 1 in 5 fish!)



- *Fishing and fishing-related activities conducted in contravention of national, regional and international laws. (illegal)*
- *Non-reporting, misreporting or under-reporting of information on fishing operations and their catches. (unreported)*
- *Fishing by “Stateless” vessels. (unregulated)*
- *Fishing in convention areas of RFMOs by non-party vessels. (unregulated)*
- *Fishing activities which are not regulated by States and cannot be easily monitored and accounted for. (unregulated)*
- *Fishing in areas or for fish stocks for which there are no conservation or management measures. (unregulated)*





IUU fishing

Where?

Why?

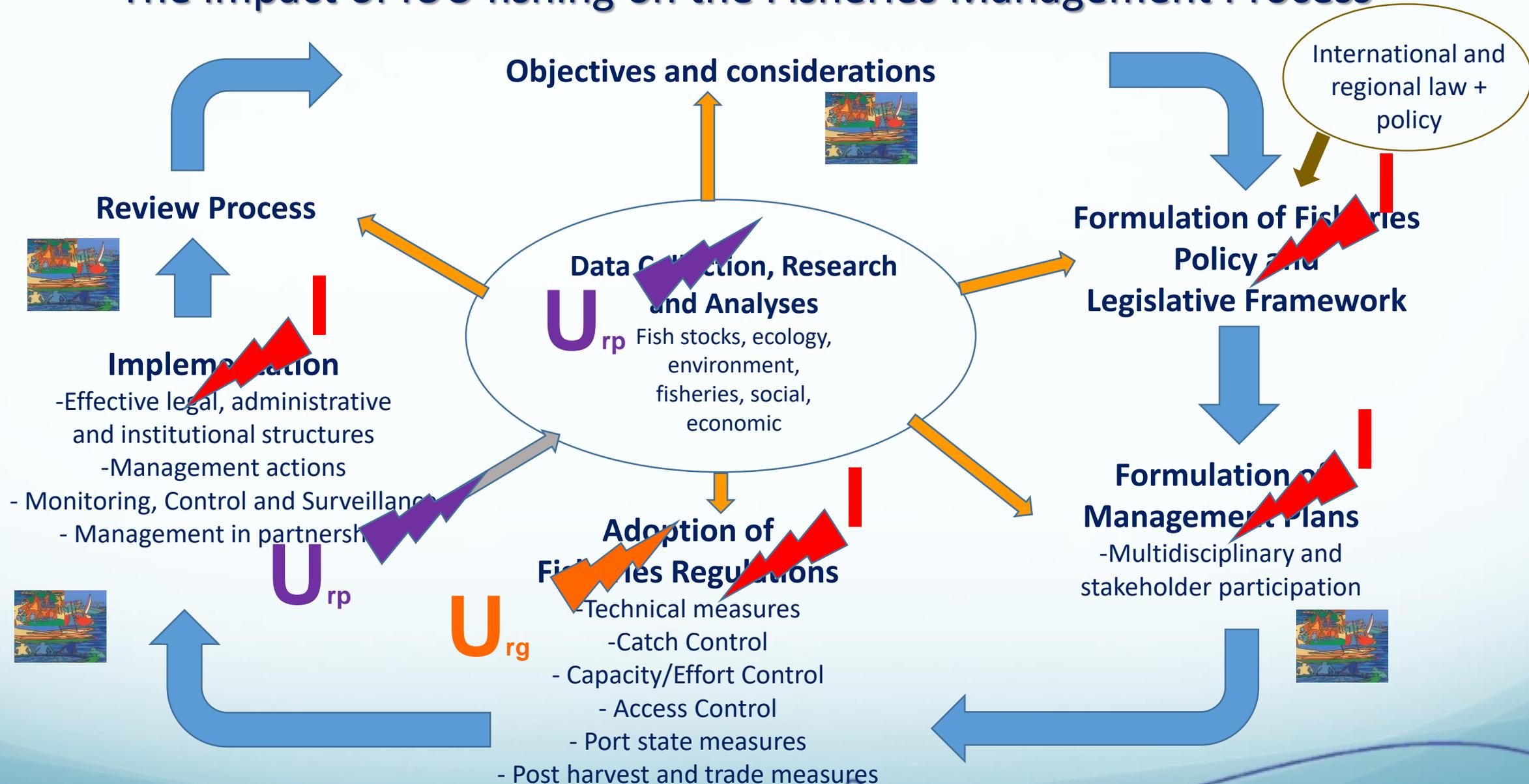
Impact?



- found in all types of fisheries and occurs in all waters
- poses a serious threat to marine ecosystems and undermines efforts to manage fisheries sustainably and conserve marine biodiversity
- motivated by economic gain and may be associated with organized crime and linked to indecent working conditions and forms of slavery
- threatens the livelihood of fishers and other stakeholders, and exacerbates malnutrition, poverty and food insecurity
- takes advantage of corrupt administrations and exploits weak management regimes

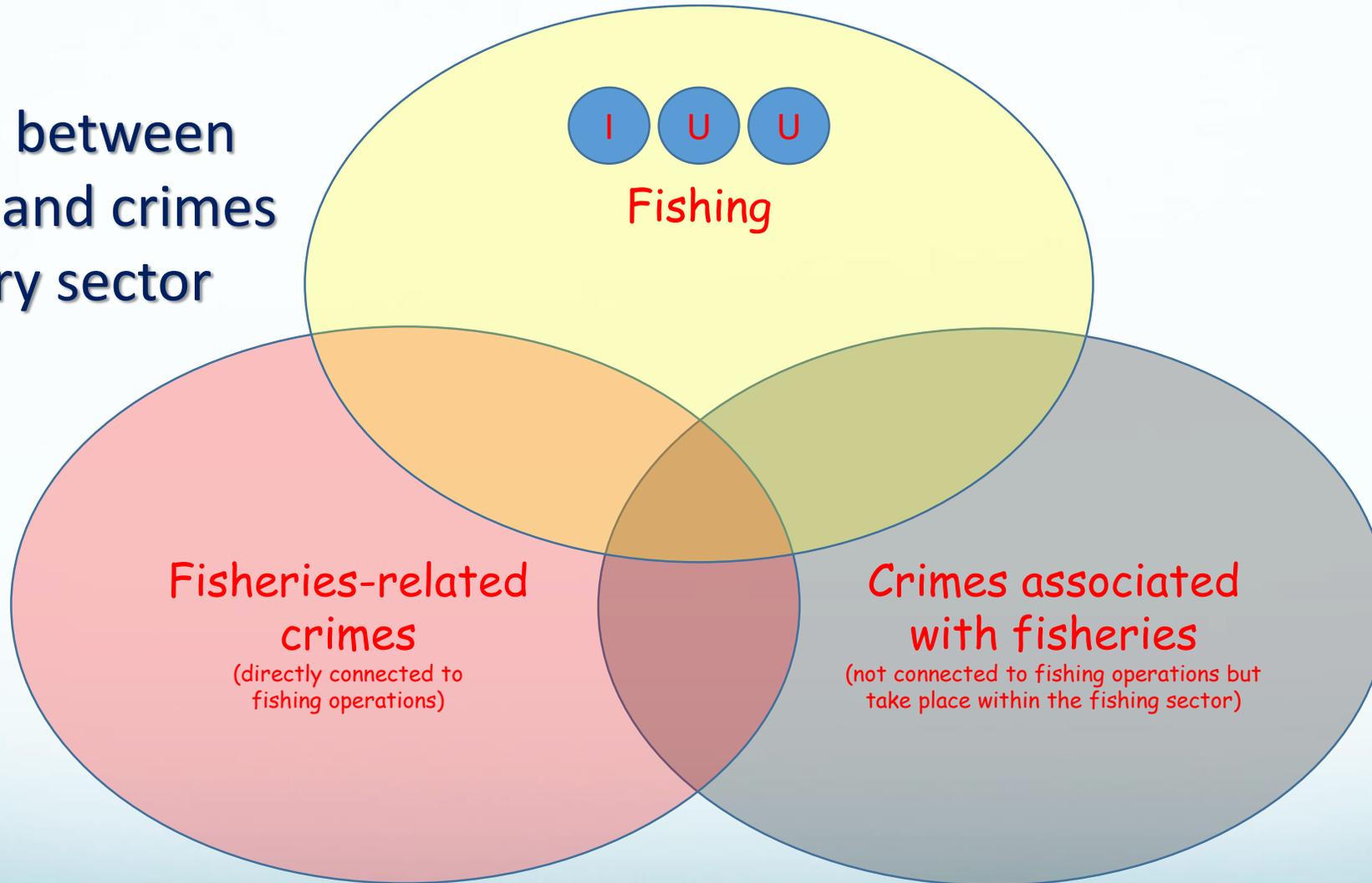


The impact of IUU fishing on the Fisheries Management Process





Connection between IUU fishing and crimes in the fishery sector





Combating IUU fishing

- Strong political will and concerted action, including through RFMOs, by:
 - ✓ Flag States
 - ✓ Port States
 - ✓ Coastal States
 - ✓ Market States



- Capacity and resources to:
 - ✓ Detect IUU fishing
 - ✓ Enforce regulations
 - ✓ Take action and prosecute



International fisheries instruments and tools to combat IUU fishing



UNCLOS #

CA #

UN FSA #
CCRF

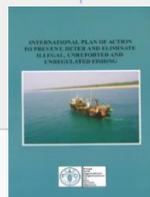
IPOA-IUU

Rome Declaration

PSMA #

VG-FSP

Global Record*
VG-CDS



1982

1993

1995

2001

2005

2009

2014

2017

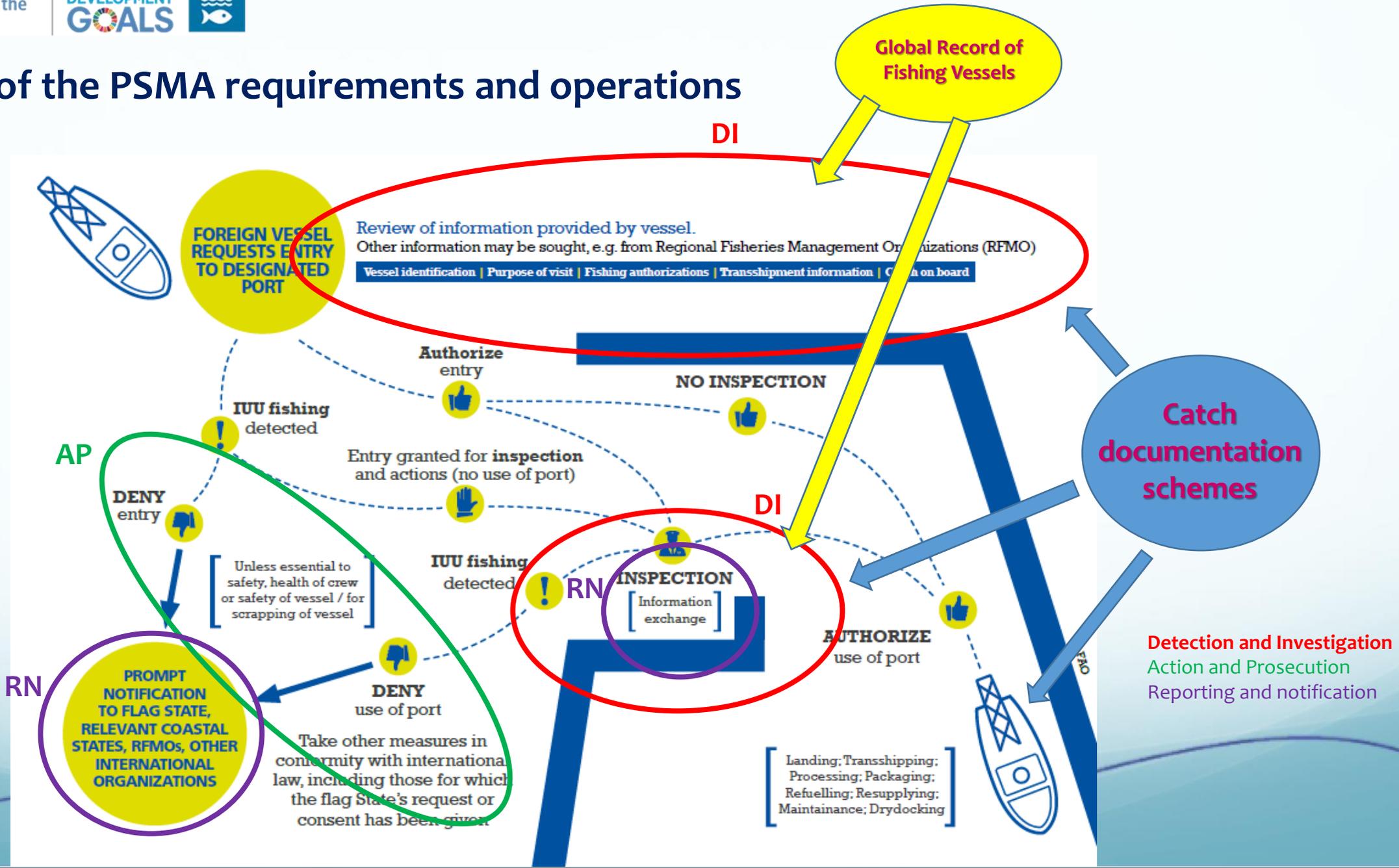
2018

Flag State, Port State, Coastal State, Market State RESPONSIBILITIES

Binding

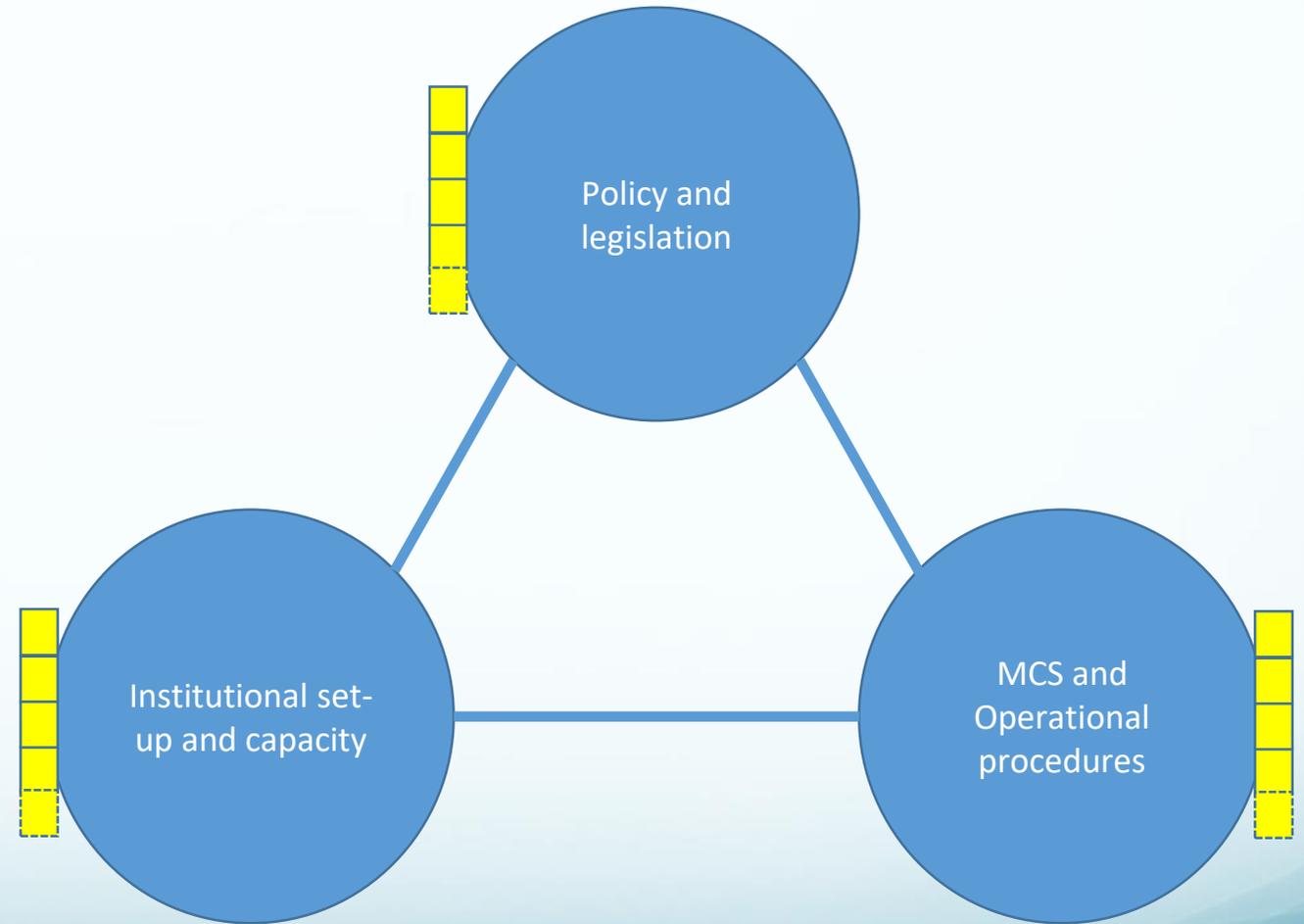


Overview of the PSMA requirements and operations





For the PSMA and complementary instruments to be effective, States need to move ahead with developing implementation strategies, supported by sound policy, legal and institutional frameworks, as well as operational mechanisms sustained by sufficient human and financial resources





FAO Global Capacity Development Programme



- Technical Assistance in up to 40 countries over the next 5 years
- Assistance delivered on the basis of a needs assessment exercise – policy, legal, institutional and operational
- Support to implement the PSMA, improve flag State and coastal State performance and implement market measures (including CDS)
- Currently 6 projects (total of 13 million USD); donors – European Union, Norway, Rep. Korea, Sweden and USA





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