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## **Possible Elements of Good Practice for the Withdrawal of Subsidies in Cases of Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing**








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Addressing Subsidies That Contribute to  
Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing  
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## Possible elements of good practice for the withdrawal of subsidies in cases of IUU fishing



	Elements triggering subsidy prohibition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Infringements of domestic law</li><li>• Inclusion on existing IUU fishing lists (RFMO/A, flag state)</li></ul>
	Actors targeted by subsidy prohibition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Vessels</li><li>• Operators and owners</li></ul>
	Subsidy penalty for IUU fishing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Termination of subsidy provision</li><li>• Future subsidy applications inadmissible</li><li>• Repayment of the subsidy</li></ul>
	Type of fishing targeted by sanction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All types of fishing</li></ul>
	Duration of the subsidy prohibition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Based on the seriousness of the offence, with a minimum duration</li></ul>
	Commitment of subsidy recipient	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Compliance with regulations before, during and after the provision of the subsidy</li></ul>
	Publication requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Subsidy programmes and recipients</li><li>• IUU fishing determinations</li><li>• IUU fishing sanctions, including subsidy withdrawal</li></ul>

Source: Bellmann, Irschlinger and Tipping (2020) *Stock Take of APEC Economies' Existing Measures on Withdrawal of Subsidies in Cases Where There Has Been a Determination of IUU Fishing*. APEC Secretariat.