



Fisheries
Transparency
Initiative

Sustainable marine fisheries through transparency and multi-stakeholder collaboration.



FiTI is a global multi-stakeholder partnership, comprising representatives from governments, industrial fishing companies, small-scale fishing associations, civil society and intergovernmental organisations.

FiTI supports national authorities in enhancing the accessibility, credibility and usability of fisheries management information, thereby complementing other transparency efforts, such as seafood traceability or ocean-based vessel monitoring.



FiTI offers the only globally-recognised transparency standard to enhance access to information, stakeholder collaboration, inclusive governance, and accountability in marine fisheries management.

“Lack of basic transparency could be seen as an underlying facilitator of all the negative aspects of the global fisheries sector - IUU fishing, fleet overcapacity, overfishing, ill-directed subsidies, corruption, poor fisheries management decisions, etc.”



Our transparency approach

“Increasing transparency and participation must be feasible and introduced progressively in order to ensure the wide acceptance of this initiative.”

Principle #7 of the Fisheries Transparency Initiative (FiTI)

At the heart of the initiative lies the **FiTI Standard**, the global default framework for transparency in national marine fisheries management. It defines what information should be published online by national authorities, how it can be verified, and used more effectively to inform public debate.

As such, national authorities of FiTI countries must disclose available information according to the following 12 thematic areas ...



National Objectives



Legal Framework



Small-Scale Fisheries



Vessels and Authorisations



Catches



Health of Fish Populations



Employment and Labour Standards



Law Enforcement



Trade and Consumption



Fiscal Management



Development Finance



Beneficial Ownership

... and where data gaps exist, demonstrate progressive improvements over time. Therefore, FiTI countries are not expected to have complete data for every transparency requirement from the beginning.

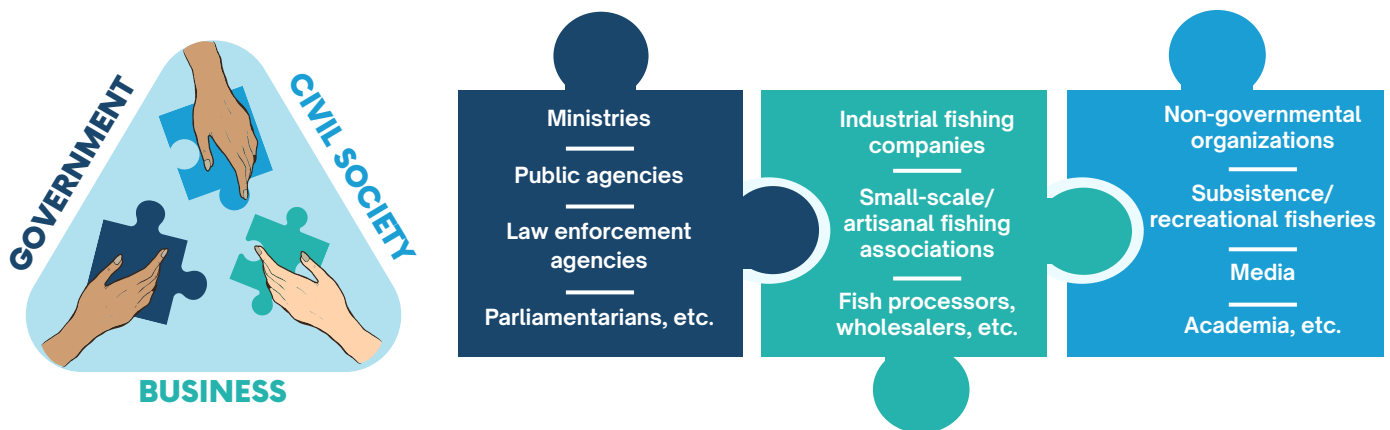
Use the QR code to the right to learn more about the FiTI Standard at the FiTI website.



Fisheries transparency is a collective effort

Sustainable fisheries management is complex and requires balancing economic, environmental, and social needs. No stakeholder can do it alone; a collaborative partnership, involving multiple actors, is needed. That is why each country that implements the FiTI establishes a National Multi-Stakeholder Group (MSG).

WHO IS PART OF THE NATIONAL MSG?



WHAT ARE THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE NATIONAL MSG?



Enhance the credibility and data quality of national fisheries information



Recommend fisheries transparency improvements to the government and monitor their implementations



Promote the public understanding (and appreciation) of the country's fisheries sector



Contribute to information-based policy making and fisheries governance

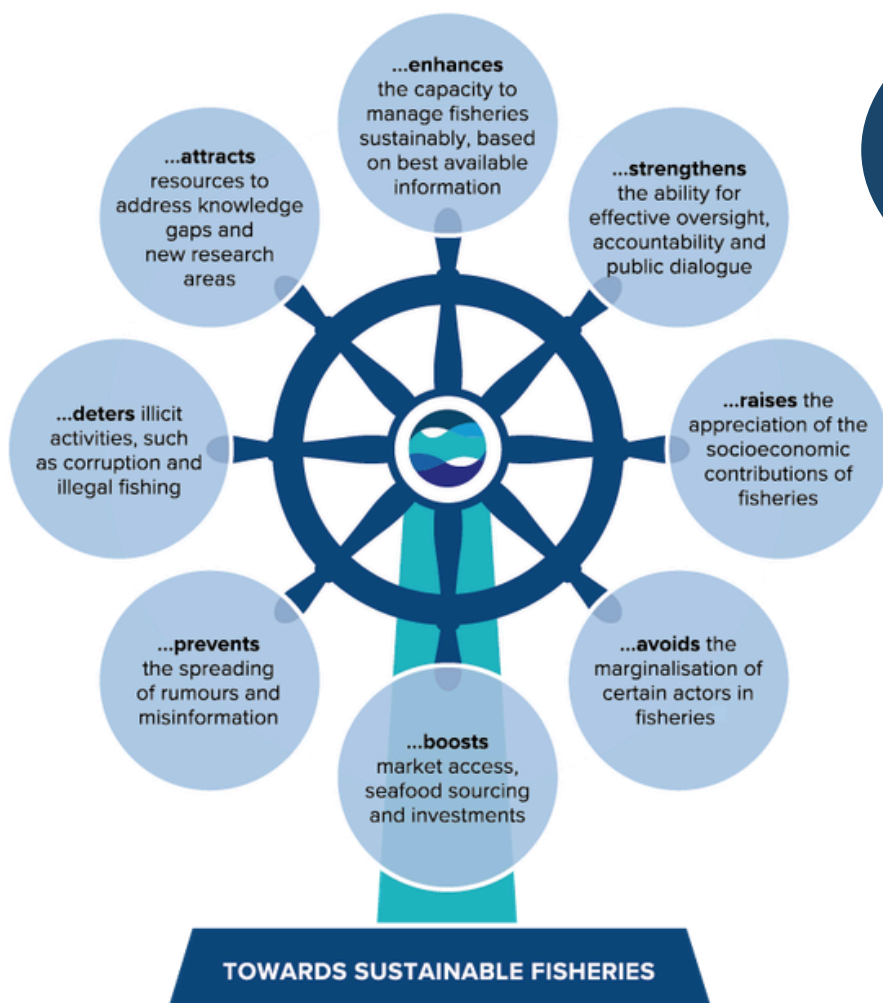


Monitor compliance of national efforts against the global FiTI Standard

Only together can we build a more transparent, equitable, and sustainable future for our fisheries.

Benefits for FiTI countries

Enhancing transparency in fisheries management appeals to all stakeholders that appreciate the enormous value of marine fisheries – whether that relates to food and nutrition security, biodiversity, employment, the value to national economies, or the cultural importance of fishing. Promoting these positive features of fisheries lies at the heart of the FiTI.



“The investment climate in our fisheries sector is now seen as more favourable due to a decreased risk of uncertainty caused by the previous lack of information.”

“FiTI helps us to promote a culture of compliance.”

“Countries benefit from implementing the FiTI Standard when seeking eco-certification of fisheries, such as MSC.”

Join the FiTI!

The implementation of the FiTI Standard is voluntary. The intention to do so must come from a country’s national authority, for example by signing an agreement with the FiTI to establish a mutually beneficial collaboration framework.

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