

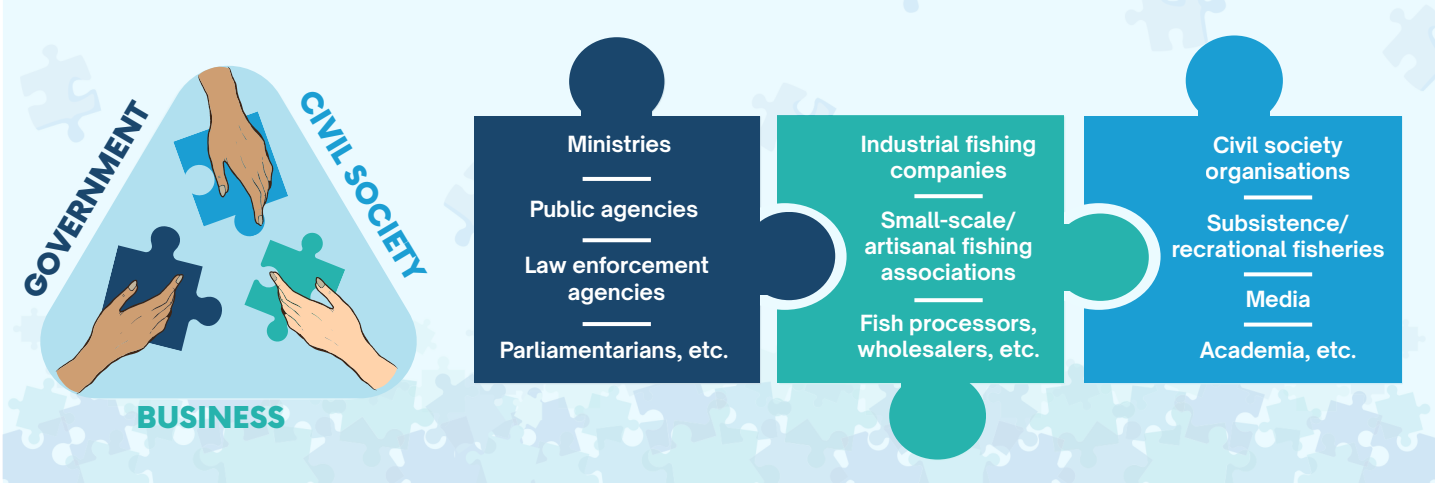


ENHANCING TRANSPARENCY OF FISHERIES MANAGEMENT: BECOME PART OF YOUR COUNTRY'S FITI NATIONAL MULTI-STAKEHOLDER GROUP (MSG)

WHY IS A NATIONAL MSG ESSENTIAL FOR FISHERIES TRANSPARENCY?

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 Fisheries Transparency Initiative (FITI) must use a dedicated National Multi-Stakeholder Group (MSG).

WHO IS PART OF THE NATIONAL MSG?



WHO CAN BECOME A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL MSG?

In general, only appropriately qualified organisations can become members in a FiTI National MSG, not individuals.

HOW ARE MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL MSG ELECTED?

While the government (through the country's Coordinating Authority) can appoint its own members, the nomination and election of members from business and civil society must be based on an independent process, without interference from other stakeholders.

WHAT ARE THE MAIN RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE NATIONAL MSG?

The FiTI National MSG is the main national decision-making body for enhancing transparency in your country's fisheries sector.



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

WHAT IS EXPECTED FROM EACH MSG MEMBER?

- Committing time to participate in regular (e.g. quarterly) MSG meetings;
- Disseminating proactively information that result from the FiTI process;
- Liaising with interested stakeholders (including those which are not part of the National MSG);
- Identifying opportunities to further strengthen public debates and inclusive decision-making;
- Adhering to the norms of respectful, ethical and professional conduct, as set forth in the FiTI Code of Conduct.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF BEING AN MSG MEMBER?

- Being at the forefront to recommend improvements regarding fisheries transparency and inclusive governance;
- Networking with peers within your country's fisheries sector;
- Learning about global good practices in fisheries transparency and wider open government efforts;
- Protecting your fisheries sector from misinformation and unfair adverse publicity;
- Participating in regional knowledge exchanges with other MSG members.

Members of the FiTI National MSG have the right to an enabling environment, e.g. engage in the public debate or express their opinions about the FiTI without restraint, coercion or repercussions.

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

