

## THE NEED FOR FISHERIES SUBSIDIES REFORM

Ending overfishing, fleet overcapacity and illegal fishing





**Construction** and **acquisition** of fishing vessels



Vessel modernisation, such as engine replacement





Compensation of operational costs, such as fuel



Strengthen governance by including stakeholders in the sustainable management of fisheries



Increase research and data
collection on the status of fish
populations and health of the
marine environment to inform
sustainable fisheries management



Improve control and monitoring of fishing activities to effectively enforce marine legislation and mitigate negative environmental impacts

## **IMPACTS OF HARMFUL FISHERIES SUBSIDIES**



Intensified fishing capacity and time spent at sea, leading to overfishing, habitat destruction and biodiversity loss



**Decreased fish populations** and reduced seafood catches, resulting in economic losses for fishers



Unstable employment which threatens the livelihoods of coastal communities

## **IMPACTS OF POSITIVE SUBSIDIES REFORM**



Ensures that fishing activities are environmentally sustainable in the long term



Contributes to a healthy and productive marine environment, supporting thriving ecosystems, abundant fish stocks and sustainable livelihoods



Reduces illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing