

Where to Start

# Targeting Corruption Behind Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing

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- » Corruption facilitates multi-billion dollar IUU fishing operations.
- » Transparency initiatives are key foundational mechanisms for reducing the risk of corruption and preventing illegal fishing.
- » In addition to strengthening enforcement, prevent opportunities for corruption in fisheries by improving traceability systems, advocating for global financial and corporate transparency, and ensuring auditable catch documentation.

## Building Anti-Corruption into Conservation Programming

### 1 UNDERSTAND CORRUPTION

Get familiar with how corruption impacts conservation and ways to respond

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### 2 ASSESS YOUR SITUATION

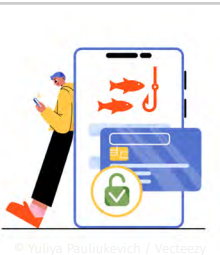
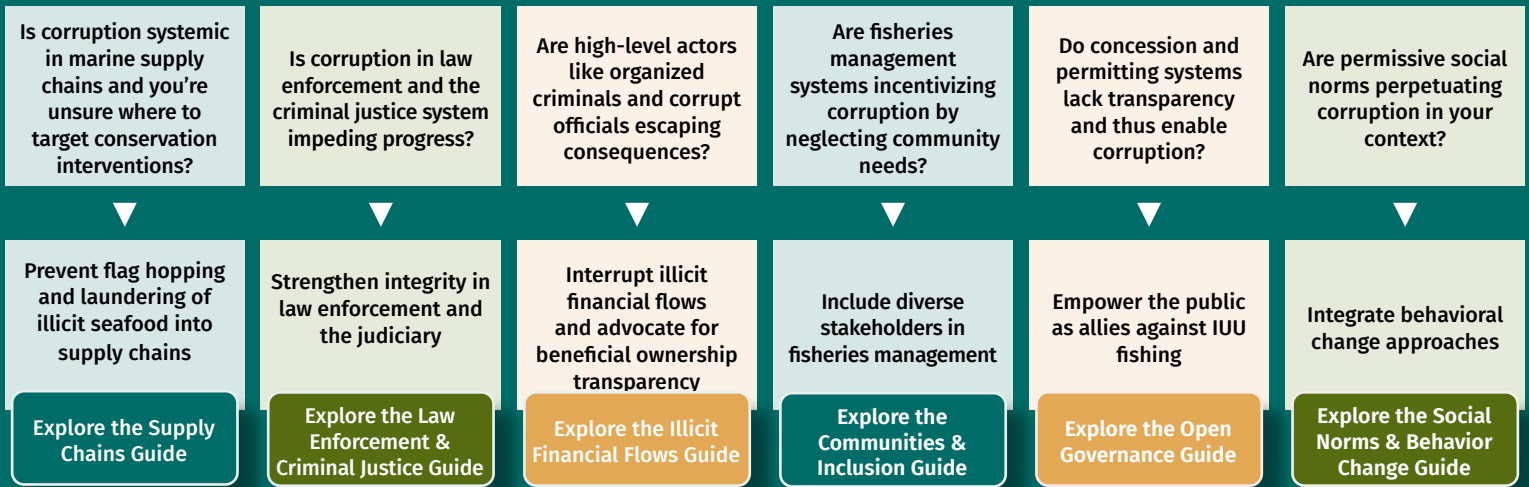
Identify how corruption affects the objectives of your own programming

Find TNRC tools for situation analysis

### 3 ADAPT YOUR PROGRAMMING

Consider approaches that fit your needs

*Remember: Evidence suggests that targeting corruption through multiple approaches yields best results*



#### CASE STUDY: Reducing opportunities for bribery to evade regulations in small-scale fisheries

In Peru, IUU fishing creates challenges for fishers, the government, and buyers and sellers of fish, while also threatening the country's marine resources. An estimated 60% of Peru's artisanal fishing vessels are informal or illegal. WWF Peru developed an electronic permitting app to enable small-scale fisheries to more easily obtain relevant permits and reduce instances of bribe paying. In 2021-2022, the app was rolled out to fisheries in three cities who were provided support throughout the life of the pilot. Effectiveness was assessed using participatory methods to collect the experiences of fishers. Risk mitigation measures were taken to support the anonymity of participants in data collection. In 2023, additional work will identify wider corruption risks in Peruvian fisheries, engage national stakeholders to consider appropriate responses, and expand technology-enabled solutions to more industry sector and official processes ([TNRC Pilot 2021-2023](#)).

This TNRC "Cheat Sheet" outlines pathways to get started with anti-corruption programming. For more information and resources, visit [tnrcproject.org](http://tnrcproject.org).

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