IUU fishing, which occurs in both developed and developing parts of the world, takes different forms — including these:

- Fishing in closed areas
- Fishing in areas without regulations
- Fishing without permission
- Fishing with prohibited gear
- Catches of prohibited species or undersized fish
- Transport of or under-reported catches
- Escalating fishing quotas

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ISSF is working to wipe out IUU fishing with a multi-pronged approach.

**Tuna Companies Worldwide**

That process or market tuna commit to conform to and be audited on ISSF Conservation Measures, including measures on traceability, data collection and transshipment, among many others that deter IUU activities.

**Tuna Fishing Vessels Worldwide**

Can signal their commitment to fishing best practices by registering on the ISSF ProActive Vessel Register (PVR). Many organizations collaborate to combat IUU, including vessels, governments, NGOs (like ISSF), regional fisheries management organizations (RFMOs), and fishing processing & retail companies.

**ISSF scientific research and advocacy guides outreach to Regional Fisheries Management Organizations (RFMOs) and governments.**

**COST to the global ECONOMY**

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Results:

- Since 2011, a near 80% increase in number of vessels with unique vessel identifiers, improving vessel tracking and regulations

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