



Terms of Reference – Case Study Researcher (Philippines)

Project's title: Illegal, unreported, and unregulated (IUU) fishing and unsustainable behaviour of Distant Water Fishing Fleets

Background of project

This project will address a fundamental data gap related to distant water fishing (DWF) fleets to help inform sustainable fisheries policies in five developing economies (Senegal, Ghana, Peru, Ecuador, and the Philippines), which are some of the most vulnerable fisheries in the world where the impacts of unsustainable fishing affect people's income, employment, and food security the hardest. Using a replicable and scalable approach, the project will: a) visualise, define, and investigate the scale, form, and behaviour of the international and national DWF fleets operating within the Exclusive Economic Zones (EEZs) and surrounding waters of each country; b) study and compare illegal, unreported, and unregulated (IUU) fishing and unsustainable behaviour of the DWF fleets in these EEZs to identify patterns and commonalities, as well as concrete vessels (including the companies behind them); and c) estimate the economic losses derived from this activity to build a business case for policy and enforcement reform.

Purpose and role

ODI is seeking a case study researcher for the Philippines case study as part of the above project. They will work with the Economist and the Technical Lead in generating the country case studies, offering local insights and support with local stakeholders. They will be expert in local fisheries, who can work offer intelligence on:

- Fishing licences and agreements with foreign DWF fleets and fishing companies for 2021 and 2022 under the umbrella of bilateral agreements or vis-à-vis agreements with companies. Format: originals and translation into English. (List of licences and agreements, with details of companies, beneficiaries' names, dates, quantities)
- How are licences negotiated and obtained?
- Subsidies (e.g., fuel, engine) and other relevant government policies regulating fisheries (deliverable by March 1).
- A list of national and international fleets (i.e., list vessels and/or companies, names, IMO numbers, VMS numbers) operating within the EEZ and surrounding waters.



- Monitoring and enforcement efforts and capacity.
- Suggestions for potential data sources on the fishing industry/industry sector data.
- Size of the formal and informal sector of fisheries (i.e., number of jobs, main companies, women/men, dynamic of change in the last 5 years, income), (deliverable by March 1).
- Impact of reduced catch in income, jobs, other economic aspects (deliverable by March 1).
- Stakeholders' names, and interviews (minimum twelve) (deliverable March 1, 2023).
- Helping to organise a webinar (January 2024).
- Submission of a written report responding to the issues in this ToRs (by May 15, 2023).
- Review of relevant parts of the final report (2024).
- Participating in meetings with ODI when relevant.
- Other relevant information.

The job will entail doing brief interviews, policy reviews, document analysis, writing, and reviewing the case study. The researcher may be asked to investigate a concrete vessel or company.

Steps in which this role is leading or involved:

1. **Inception planning workshop.** We will ask the Case Study Researchers to participate in an initial inception planning workshop in September.
2. **Identification of the fleets** or concrete vessels with a national record.
3. **Analysis of the data.**
4. **Economic analysis**, offering local information in collaboration with the Economist.
5. **Report writing and production of the case studies and executive summary style briefs**, including a local overview, Overview, DWF licensing, and Economic Cost of IUU fishing.
6. **Outreach** locally.

Activities in which the role is leading or involved:

- Inception workshop
- Engage with relevant stakeholders.
- Analysis of the data and algorithmic results and writing.
- Case studies and estimate the extent of the economic losses arising from IUU activities accompanying the DWF fleet. This involves gathering the relevant economic indicators for each case study country and building the dataset to calculate the economic cost (opportunity loss, additional costs of enforcement, and other indirect economic costs).
- Communications and outreach plan produced to ensure that the research and findings are targeted at the right audience (including relevant country specific technical debriefings and webinar)

Qualifications Required:

- More than 6 years of relevant experience in international development sector
- Masters in relevant topic



- Experienced in mixed methods research
- Experienced in data analysis
- Experienced in report writing
- Working knowledge of region and countries (Senegal and Ghana)

Remuneration

The role is estimated to take 9 working days. A maximum daily fee rate of USD \$500 will be considered.

Submission details

Please submit your Expression of Interest (Eoi) to Ilayda Nijhar (i.nijhar@odi.org.uk)

The Eoi should include:

- Profile of the researcher(s) / organisation (0.5 page)
- Your interest in the project themes and questions (0.5 page)
- Proposed budget including all fees in USD

ODI will review expressions of interest on a rolling basis. Following conclusion of any required negotiations, a contract will be put in place with ODI.