

## 9 The Future of Fisheries Subsidies: From Imbalance to Equity, towards the creation of an Ocean Fund

17:30 FOAM, Place du Pin (Green Zone)

**Organised by ClientEarth, Seas At Risk & Birdlife Europe**

Focusing on fisheries subsidies as one of the main drivers of the existing inequity in the fisheries sector between various fleet segments, this session will explore how funding can make nature restoration targets a reality and better support a just transition in the sector. It will also discuss how the WTO agreement on fisheries subsidies can facilitate the global transition to sustainable fisheries and highlight the need to secure its entry into force. The transition of the fisheries sector needs to happen to create a triple bottom line impact: good for the environment, for people today and future generations, and for the economies of coastal communities.

Call for action: Side event organisers are calling on States to take urgent action to support the transition of the fisheries sector and support Small-Scale Low Impact fishers by removing harmful subsidies and pushing for the adoption of the WTO Agreement on fisheries subsidies, together with providing the necessary financial support to enable the transition of the fisheries sector. This call also includes the need to properly fund environmental protection and restoration, as a key tool to ensure the long-term resilience of the fisheries sector.

### **Provisional agenda:**

#### **Introduction:**

- Intro remarks from the **moderator: Juliet Stote** (ClientEarth).
- Intro remarks from Christophe Clergeau, Chair of the SEArca intergroup (**tbc**).

#### **Panel:**

We will be projecting video-capsules of Small-Scale, Low Impact fishers expressing their challenges: 3/4 video capsules of max 2 min (access to EU funds, environmental challenges, future of SSFs + another topic). A round of questions will be asked to the speakers after each video + 5 min to the public to interact, and so on with another capsule.

- **Marta Cavallé** (Low Impact Fishers of Europe) (**tbc**)
- **Tristan Irschlenger** from the IISD - Presentation of the WTO Agreement on Fisheries Subsidies
- **Cyrielle Goldberg, Marine Policy Officer**, BirdLife Europe and Central Asia.
- **Songlin Wang**, representative from a Chinese NGO.
- **New Zealand** representative from the Delegation (**tbc**).

#### **Concluding remarks :**

**MEP Yon-Courtin** - Vice-Chair of the PECH Committee and member of the SEArca intergroup (**tbc**).

**Rémi Cossetti** (Marine Policy Officer, Seas At Risk).

#### **Registration information:**

Due to limited capacity for now on invitation only.