SDG 14 – People on change journeys for implementation

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SDG 14 underpins many other SDGs
The ocean is suffering, so are people

Megafauna in the ocean is dramatically reduced compared to a few hundred years ago, aggravated by onset of massive industrial fishing after WWII (drawing courtesy: Pauly, D., 2007. *Ambio*, 36(4):290-295)
Dubious or criminal practices...

New observation methods facilitate identifying dubious or criminal practices – e.g. transshipment at sea

Expansion of bottom trawling, mostly foreign flag vessels, with a CO2 footprint on a par with the aeronautics industry!

facilitated by harmful fisheries subsidies: ~ USD 22 billion/yr
SSF Academy in Senegal
Every journey starts with a vision
Nabia’s successful change journey 2019

Nabia is a micro-fish vendor in Yoff, Senegal
Nabia’s successful change journey

cut unnecessary expenditures like tailored dresses, mobile phone credit, costly loans
Nabia’s successful change journey

Increase marketed crates of fish from 1 to 2 and 3 per week
Nabia’s successful change journey

Market six crates per week, diversify products, improve the roof of her house after a year
Pick-up after covid (1)
Pick-up after covid (2)
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**At the macro-level top priorities are**
- WTO to stop harmful fisheries subsidies (14.6), no loopholes
- Curbing IUU fishing, improving records, research & management
- Conclude negotiations about 30x30 successfully for recovery
- United against climate change through peaceful cooperation

**Bottom-up priorities are**
- Invest in people - education, health, gender equity - and fair institutions, fish for food not for feed
- Connect immediate needs with macro-level political agendas for greater citizen engagement and empowerment
- Implement the SSF Guidelines to support sustainable futures
Thanks for your attention

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