

VI Atlantic Centre Seminar

“Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing in the Atlantic”

31 October 2024

Auditorium 1, National Defence Institute, Lisbon

CONCEPT NOTE

Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing (IUU) poses a significant threat to global maritime security. It creates considerable harm to multiple domains, impacting both wildlife and its ecosystems while also affecting the livelihoods of vulnerable coastal communities.

IUU fishing is both a security as a social problem that produces negative effects which are felt throughout the Atlantic. In that respect, while underlining IUU as a *Whole-of-Atlantic* concern, it becomes clear that this issue creates an avoidable regional divide for Atlantic communities and States in a matter that ought to be addressed collectively and cooperatively.

In that matter, the Atlantic Centre and the Atlantic community will thus contribute to discuss and restore this issue to light. The Atlantic Centre alongside its partners, is coordinating the IUU Fishing research project which aims to examine the current Atlantic challenges of IUU Fishing and its connections to other domains. It aims to propose innovative and tangible ways forward, with a particular emphasis on the role of technology, capacity-building and international cooperation.

Moreover, the report is coordinated to submit the regional intricacies of the Whole-of-Atlantic community when faced with the threat of IUU Fishing. Through this report, the Atlantic Community will understand the views of several Atlantic countries while also understanding to what extent IUU Fishing impacts its regional theatres of action.

Lastly, it is the view of the Atlantic Centre and its member-states that by producing this policy-oriented report, that the Atlantic Community can reinforce the fight against IUU Fishing and therefore, contribute to safeguarding our shared Atlantic domain and its resources.

PROGRAMME

08:30 - 09:00 - Guests' arrival

09:00 - Welcome Remarks

- Professor Isabel Ferreira Nunes, National Defence Institute Director
- Rear Admiral Nuno de Noronha Bragança, Atlantic Centre Coordinator

09:15 - Opening Remarks

- Her excellency Dra. Cláudia Monteiro de Aguiar Portuguese Secretary of State for Fisheries

09:30 - Keynote address: “The Environment on the Collective Maritime Security Agenda: Fighting Fishery Crime”

- Christian Bueger, PHD

09:50 - Presentation of the Atlantic Centre's report “Illegal, unreported and unregulated Fishing in the wide Atlantic” (session 1)

- Chair: CMG (Res) António Alexandre, integrated researcher IPRI/NOVA and researcher at National Defence Institute.

Speakers:

- Abdessalam Jaldi, PHD | Policy Center for the New South (Morocco)
- Rafael Zelesco, PHD | Escola de Guerra Naval (Brasil)
- Navy Captain Andrés Trujillo | Escola Naval de Estudo Estratégicos (Colombia)

10:25 - Coffee break

10:45 - Presentation of the Atlantic Centre's report “Illegal, unreported and unregulated Fishing in the wide Atlantic” (session 2)

Speakers:

- Juliet Obeng | Gulf of Guinea Maritime Institute (Ghana)
- Lt. Jacob Aloisi | United States Coast Guard

11:40 - FLAD Atlantic Security Award

- Chair: Mrs. Leonor Barroso¹

Speakers:

- Jan Stockbruegger, PHD, Department of Political Science at the University of Copenhagen (on line)
- Alexandra Mendes, PHD, Faculty of Engineering, University of Porto (on line)

12:50 - Closing Remarks

- Her excellency Professor Ana Isabel Xavier, Portuguese Secretary of State for National Defence

13:00 - End of Seminar

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