

National Legislation Regarding IUU Fishing

ARGENTINA



- Law 23.968: Law of Maritime Spaces (1991)
- Law 48: Regimen of commercial exploration of mariculture (1993)
- Constitution (stipulates rational use of natural resources and preservation of biological diversity) (1994)
- Law 24.922: Fishing Law (supersedes prior fishing law) (1998)
- Law 25.470: Law establishing sanctions for violations of Fishing Law (2001)
- Law 5.037: Regimen for control and oversight of maritime resources (2003)
- Law 5.639: General Maritime Fishing Law (2007)
- Federal Fisheries Council (FFC) Resolution No.1: National Plan of Action to Discourage Illegal Fishing (2008)
- Law 27.231: Law on Sustainable Development of Aquaculture (2015)
- Multiple resolutions regulating fishing of specific species

ECUADOR



- Supreme Decree No. 2026: Creates the National Fishing Institute (1977)
- Constitution (Article 406 on the environment) (1980)
- Decree Law No. 3: Law Reforming the Law on Fishing and Fishing Development (1985)
- Law on the National Fishing Chamber (2003)
- Law on the Special Regime for the Conservation and Sustainable Development of the Province of Galapagos (2005)
- Plan for the Management of Protected Areas of the Galapagos (2014)
- Organic Law for the Development of Aquaculture and Fisheries (2020)
- Multiple decrees and resolutions governing fishing in particular regions and of particular species.

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CHILE



- Decree Law 2.222: Law on Navigation (modified in subsequent years) (1978)
- Law 18.892: General Law of Fishing and Aquaculture (subsequently amended on multiple occasions) (1989)
- Law 19.520: establishes competency for courts judging high sea infractions by Chilean ships (1997)
- General Customs Order (DFL-2/97): regulates disembarkation, transfer and imports of fish products (1997)
- Law 19.713: establishes Maximum Limits for Ship Capture (2001)
- Decree 78: Promulgates 1993 FAO Distant Water Fleet Agreement (2004)
- National Action Plan for preventing, discouraging, and eliminating IUU Fishing (2004)
- Law 20.445: Regularizes regulation of swordfishing fleet (2012).
- Multiple decrees and resolutions governing fishing in particular regions and of particular species.

URUGUAY



- Law 13.833: Law of Fishing (1969)
- Law 14.484: creates the National Institute of Fishing (1975)
- Law 15.641: regulates national fishing vessels (1984)
- Law 16.736: establishes state jurisdiction over living resources in maritime waters (1996)
- Law 17.118 and Law 17.802: Ratifies FAO Distant Water Fleet Agreement and UNCLOS (1998)
- Law 17.234: creating the National System of Protected Natural Areas (2000)
- Law 19.175: Declaring public interest in conservation and sustainable development of hydrobiological resources (2013)
- Law 19.402: Law on Aquaculture (2016)

Sources: Organization of American States (OAS); United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO); national governments.