



A regional task force taking action against illegal fishing

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Vision

- Making fisheries enforcement actions happen
- Making illegal fishing more difficult and unprofitable
- Turning illegal fishing into a high risk – low reward activity

Objective

- Achieving **enforcement actions against illegal fishing operators**
- show that it *is* possible even when resources and capacity are limited

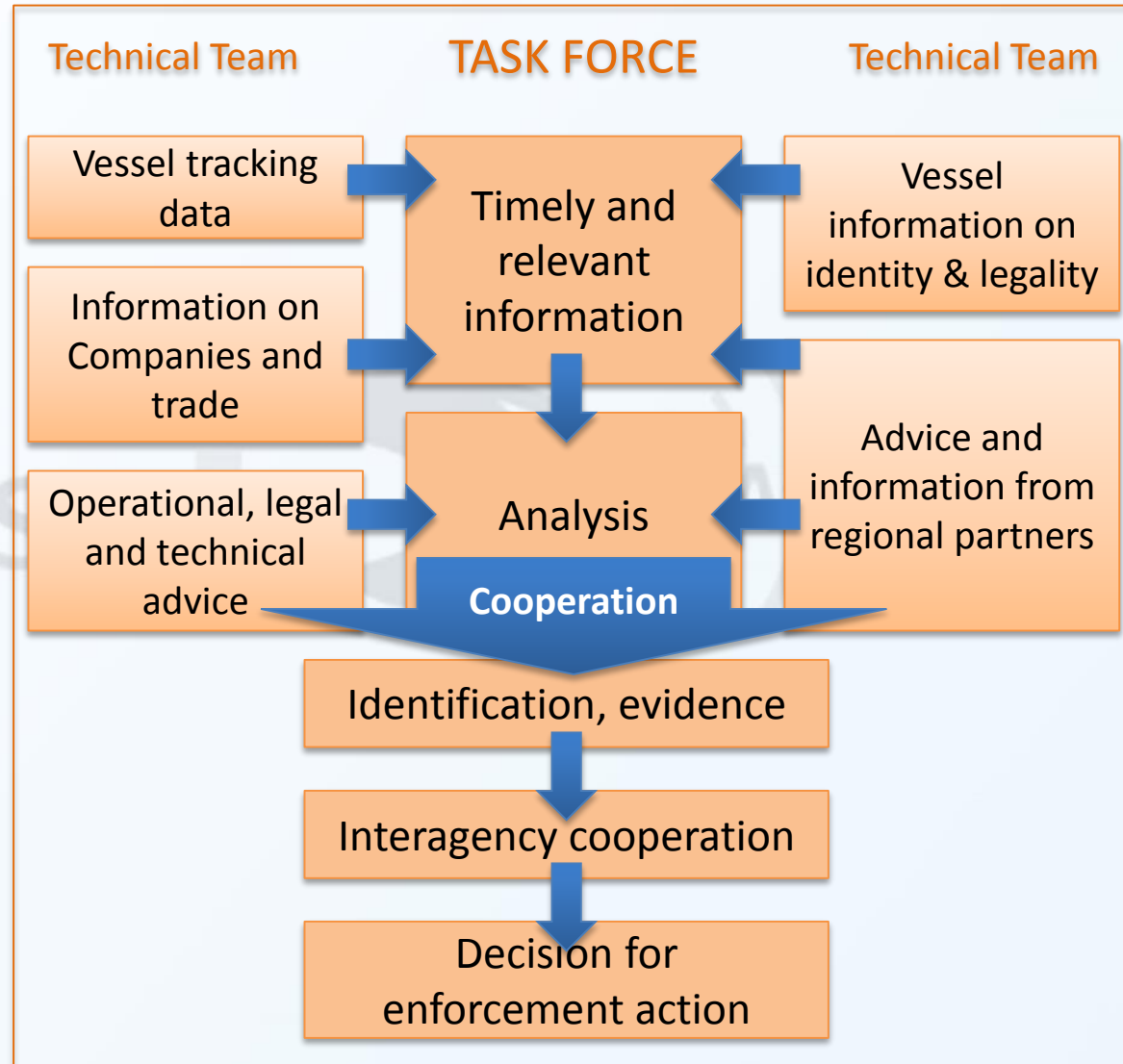
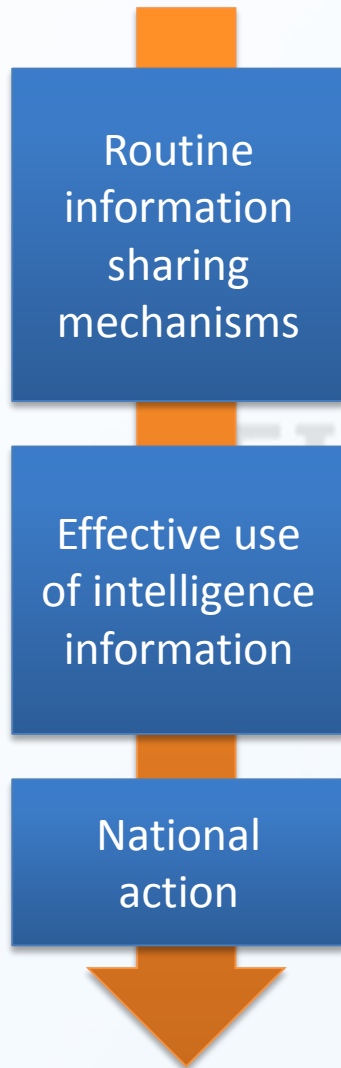
Needed

- Access to timely and relevant information
- Routine information and intelligence sharing mechanisms
- **Regional cooperation**



This is how it started....







Building permanent and robust mechanisms

- Development of **tools** for
 - effective information gathering and sharing
 - risk assessment
- **Research** for increased understanding of the patterns of IUU fishing in the region (identity issues, forgery/fraud, whitewashing of fish, avoidance of enforcement, links to associated crimes, identification of networks/syndicates)
- Strengthening of interagency **cooperation**
- Ensuring **political support** for Task Force

High-tech input to provide information
Low-cost model for effective communication and
cooperation





Regional cooperation plays a role in combatting illegal fishing and associated crimes

- Access to information: timely and relevant
- Cooperation for the effective use of information and to generate enforcement actions
- Reporting on progress within the group (accountability)



**illegal fishing cases → more risky and less profitable
→ change in behaviour of illegal fishing operators**