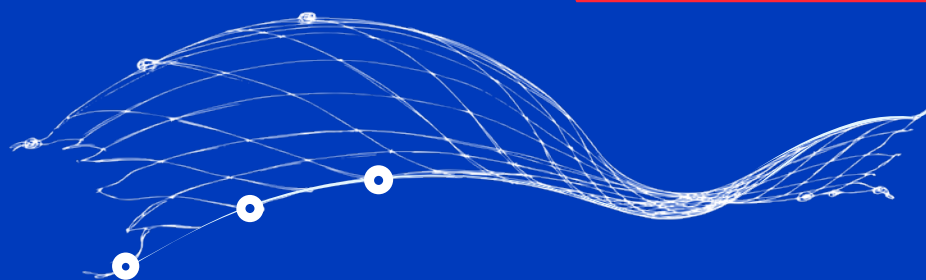
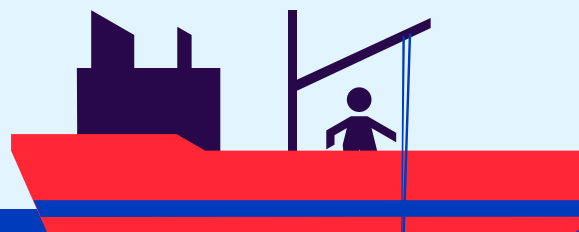




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C188

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2007



[C188 - Work in Fishing Convention, 2007 \(No. 188\)](#)

The Work in Fishing Convention, 2007 (No. 188), binding for Ratifying States, provides the roadmap to achieve decent work for fishers and a level-playing field for fishing vessel owners. It constitutes the social pillar of the international legal regime for the fishing sector.



2007



[R199 - Work in Fishing Recommendation, 2007 \(No. 199\)](#)

The non-binding Work in Fishing Recommendation, 2007 (No. 199) provides guidance on how to implement the provisions of Convention No. 188.

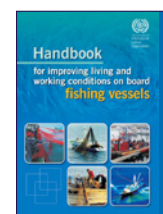


2010



[Handbook for improving living conditions on board fishing vessels](#)

This handbook intends to assist competent authorities, representative organizations of workers and employers, as well as other relevant stakeholders, to gain a more comprehensive understanding of C.188 and R.199. The Handbook is a useful tool for reviewing and improving existing legal protection mechanisms.

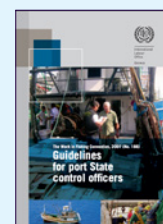


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[Guidelines for Port State Control Officers Carrying out Inspections under the Work in Fishing Convention, 2007 \(No. 188\)](#)

The Guidelines outline the port State control responsibilities under C188. They aim to assist port State control officers by providing proper guidance for the performance of their duties. They examine all aspects of conducting port State inspections and address basic requirements, indicative sources of information and examples of non-conformities for specific inspection areas.



2011



[Guideline to undertake a comparative analysis of the Work in Fishing Convention, 2007 \(No. 188\)](#)

This guidance recommends that Governments undertake a comparative or “gap” analysis to examine the extent to which national legislation would need to be adjusted to meet the requirements of C188. This “gap” analysis is the first step towards the ratification of the Convention.



2012



[Frequently Asked Questions: Work in Fishing Convention, 2007 \(No. 188\)](#)

This paper contains answers to frequently asked questions (FAQ) concerning Convention No. 188. This publication is in the process of being updated.



2017



[Guidelines on flag State inspection of working and living conditions on board fishing vessels](#)

The Guidelines aim to provide flag States with guidance and practical information that can be adapted to reflect national laws and other measures through which C.188 is implemented. The Guidelines include chapters on the key concepts and contents of C188, and on flag State inspection systems for the fishing sector.

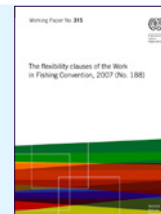


2018



[The flexibility clauses of the Work in Fishing Convention, 2007 \(No. 188\)](#)

This paper outlines the flexibility clauses of C188 with a view to assisting member States considering making use of these clauses when ratifying and implementing the Convention, so as to adapt the application of C188 to national circumstances.



2021



[ILO training package on inspection of labour conditions on board fishing vessels](#)

The training package draws upon the wealth of practical experiences on labour inspection in the fishing sector gained in recent years from ILO's constituents and projects. It seeks to promote cooperation and coordination among the many authorities that may have a role in the inspection of living and working conditions on fishing vessels.

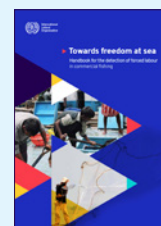


2023



[Towards freedom at sea: Handbook for the detection of forced labour in commercial fishing](#)

The Handbook is aimed at both State authorities with oversight over different aspects of the commercial fishing industry and at non-state actors directly engaged with fishers or otherwise concerned with labour and human rights in fishing. Although parts of the Handbook are of relevance to artisanal fishing, its principal focus is on the detection of forced labour in the context of industrial fishing activities, including distant water fishing.



2024



[Guidelines on the medical examination of fishers](#)

Adopted at a joint meeting of the ILO and IMO, the Guidelines identify the main features of a framework for medical examinations and the issue of medical certificates to fishers, provide information to competent authorities to assist with the framing of national regulations that will be compatible with Convention No. 188 and the 1995 STCW-F Convention, and provide information to medical practitioners carrying out fishers' medical examinations. The Guidelines may be used directly or may form the basis for national guidelines.



2025



[Guidelines for fair labour market services for migrant fishers](#)

The purpose of the Guidelines is to assist governments and the social partners in promoting fair, effective and sustainable labour market services for migrant fishers by providing guidance to and clarifying the roles of all relevant stakeholders in terms of recruitment processes, work agreements, complaint procedures, enforcement measures and other essential aspects aimed at ensuring fair treatment, safeguarding the rights of migrant fishers and supporting employers in recruiting and retaining a suitable skilled workforce.

