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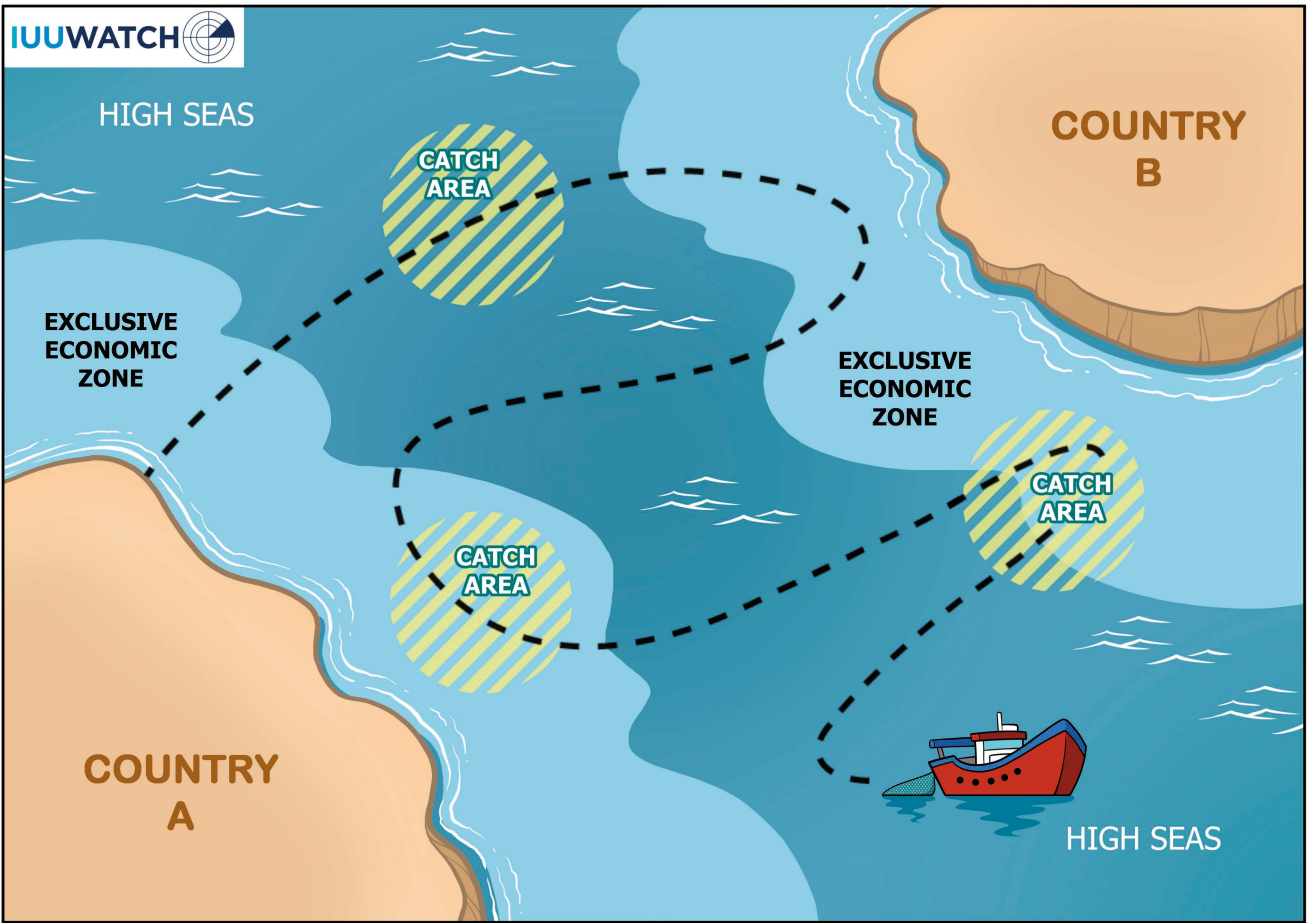
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Increasing the traceability and legality of imported seafood by only allowing imports from vessels that provide information on the specific area where seafood was caught

The EU's system of fisheries control is currently being revised. During the revision process, changes will be made to the form which accompanies imported seafood arriving at EU borders – the catch certificate. To allow for better traceability and an improved ability to detect illegally caught seafood, it is important that the information required on the catch certificate be expanded to contain certain essential information.

Requiring that a more specific catch area is recorded on catch certificates and linking this information with the catch date will allow competent authorities to trace imported fisheries products, as precisely as possible, back to where and when the fish was caught.

Specifically, information provided on catch certificates should indicate whether the catch was taken on the high seas or from waters under the jurisdiction of a coastal State (an Exclusive Economic Zone). This is important because fishing rules differ depending on where seafood is caught, and this information can assist EU authorities with identifying relevant contacts in different jurisdictions when cross-checking data.

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