

# Global and WTO relevant fisheries subsidies

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IISD –Fisheries Subsidies That Contribute to  
Overcapacity and Overfishing:  
A review of key basic concepts and useful data



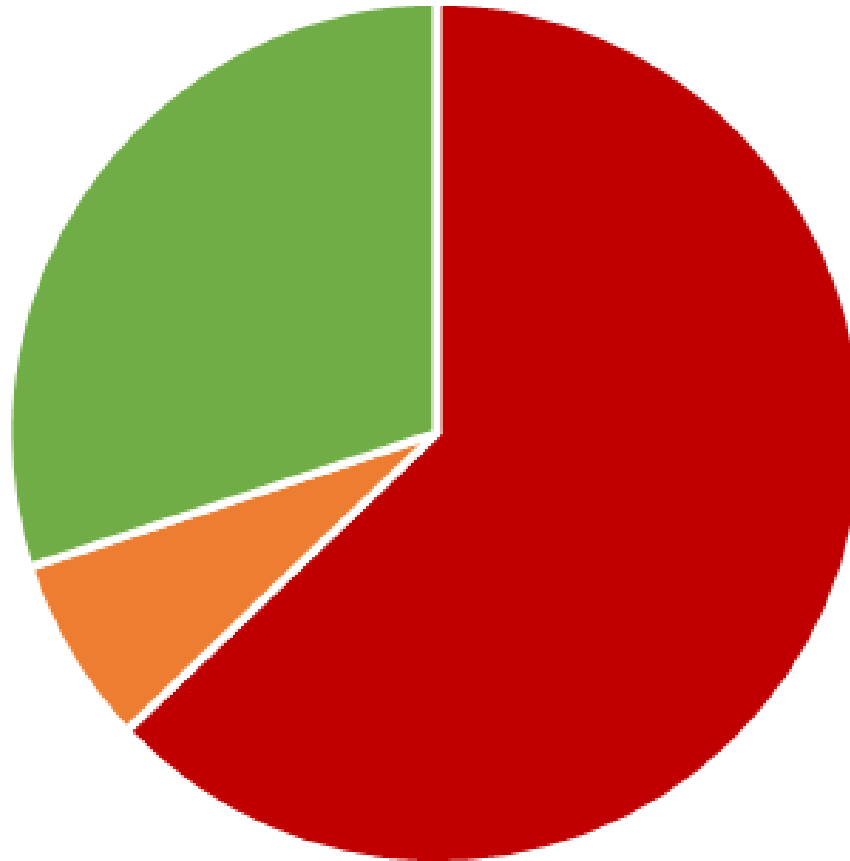
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# Total global fisheries subsidies = 35.4 billion USD

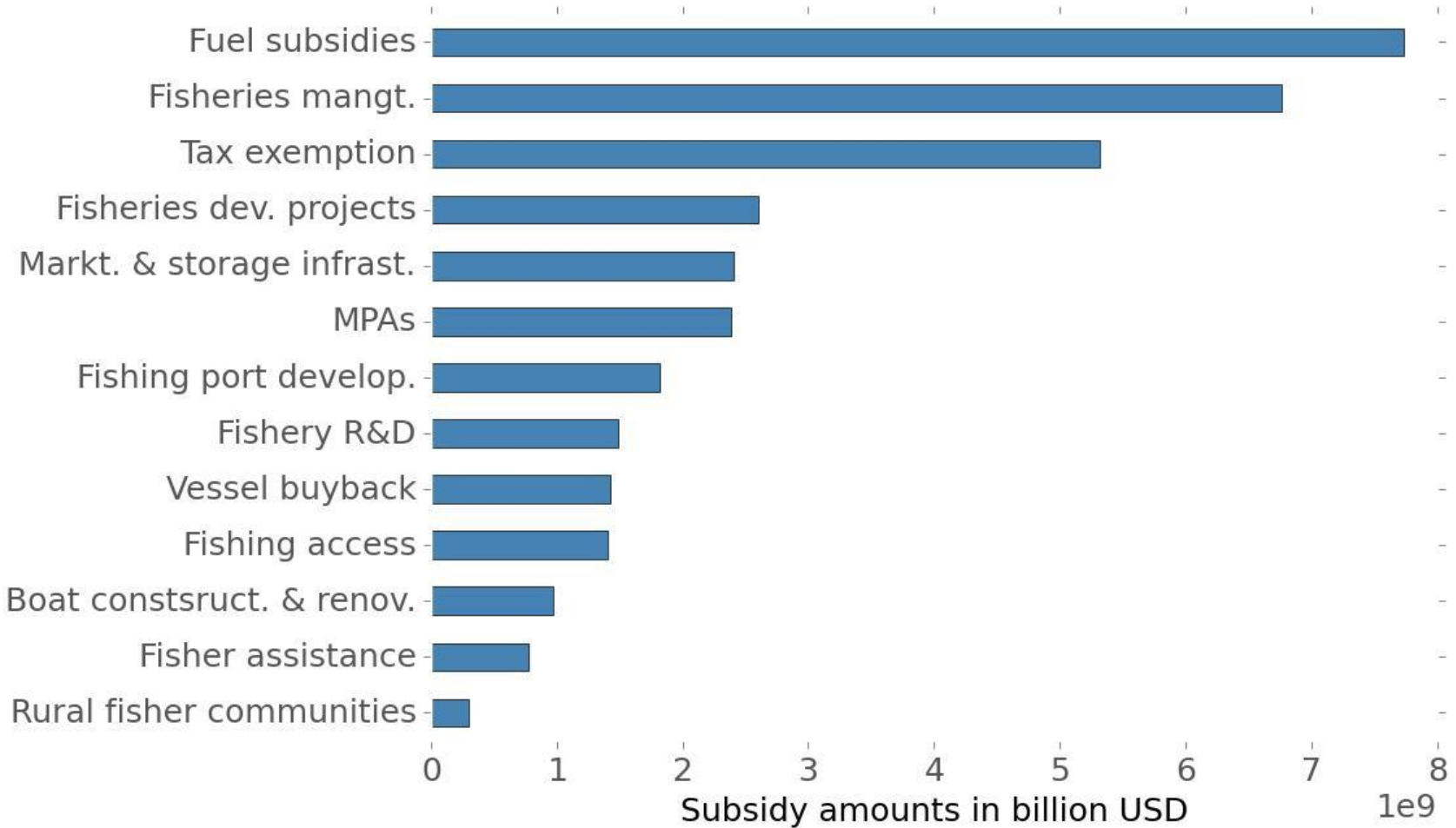
Beneficial:  
USD 10.6 Bn

Ambiguous:  
USD 2.5 Bn

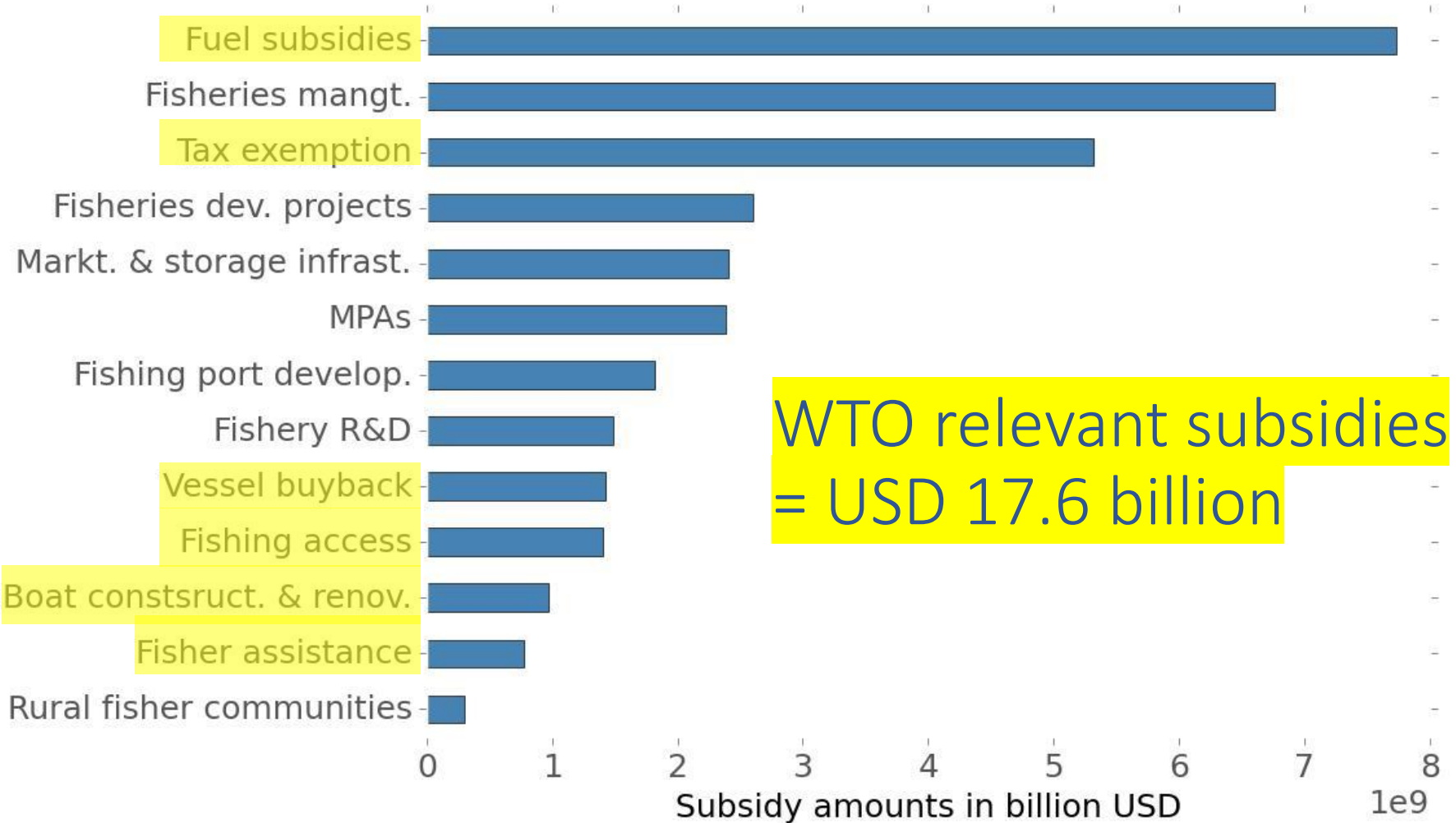


Capacity-enhancing:  
USD 22.2 Bn

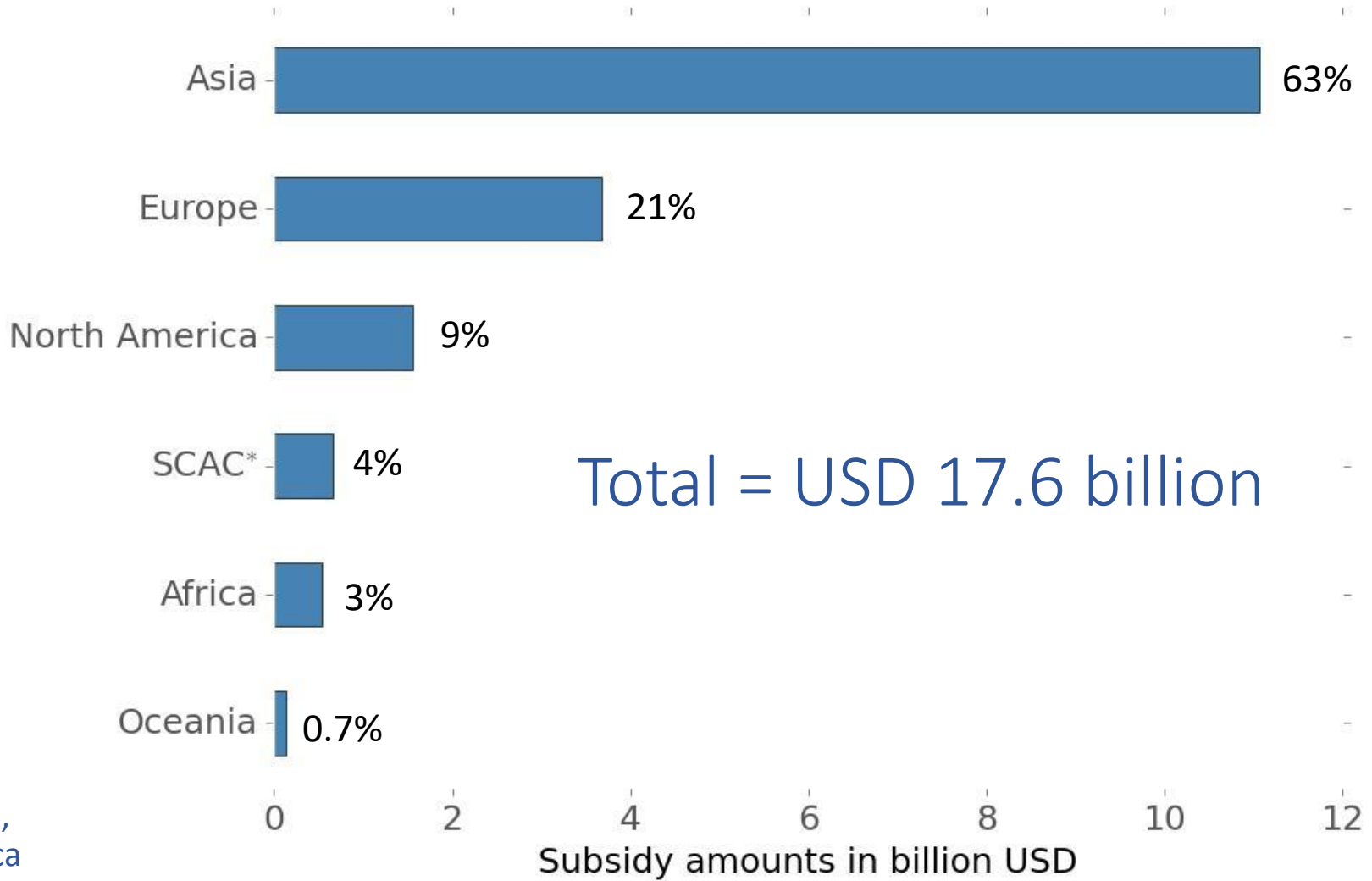
# Global fisheries subsidies - Types



# WTO covered fisheries subsidies - Types

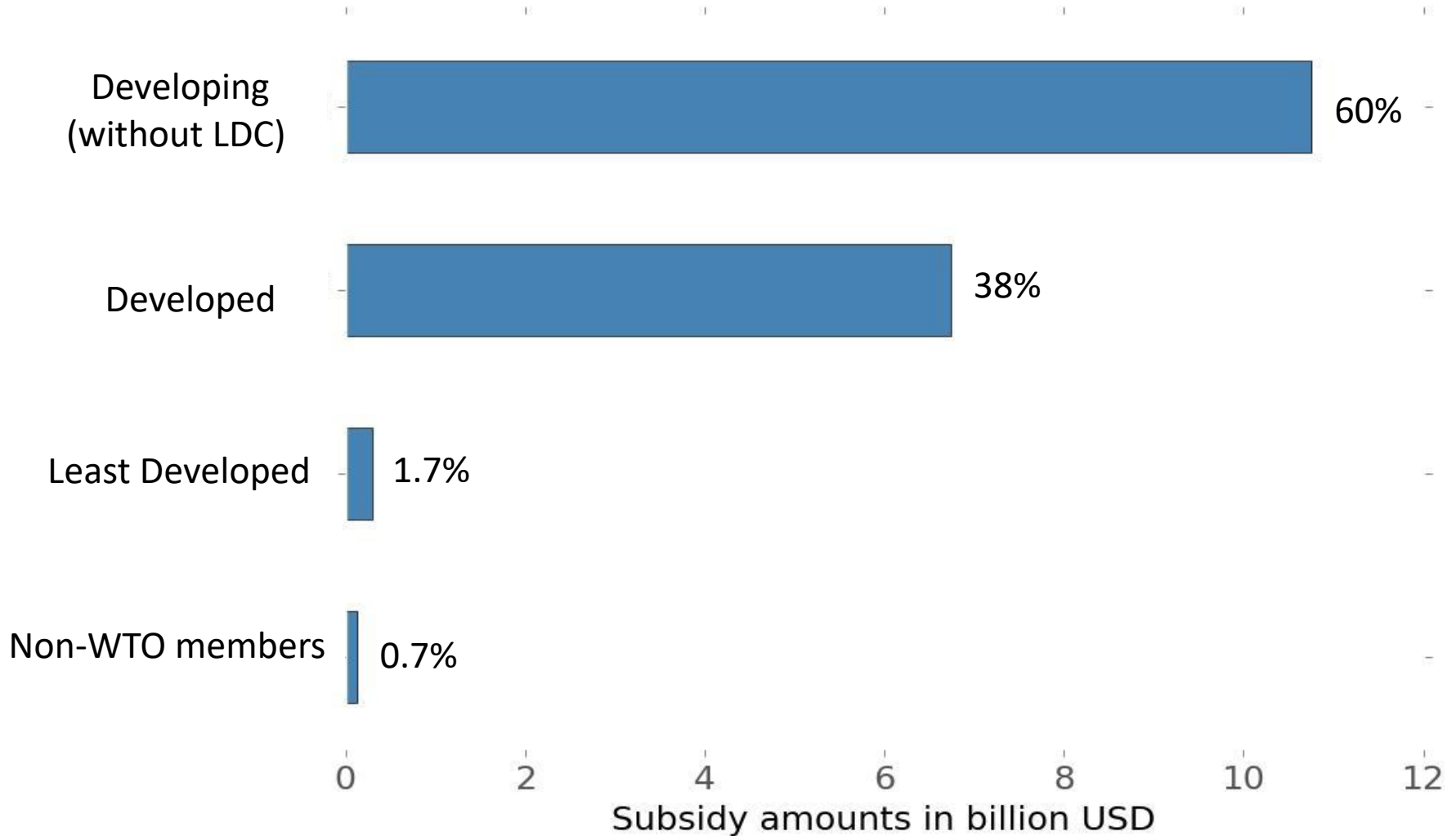


# WTO covered subsidies by major region

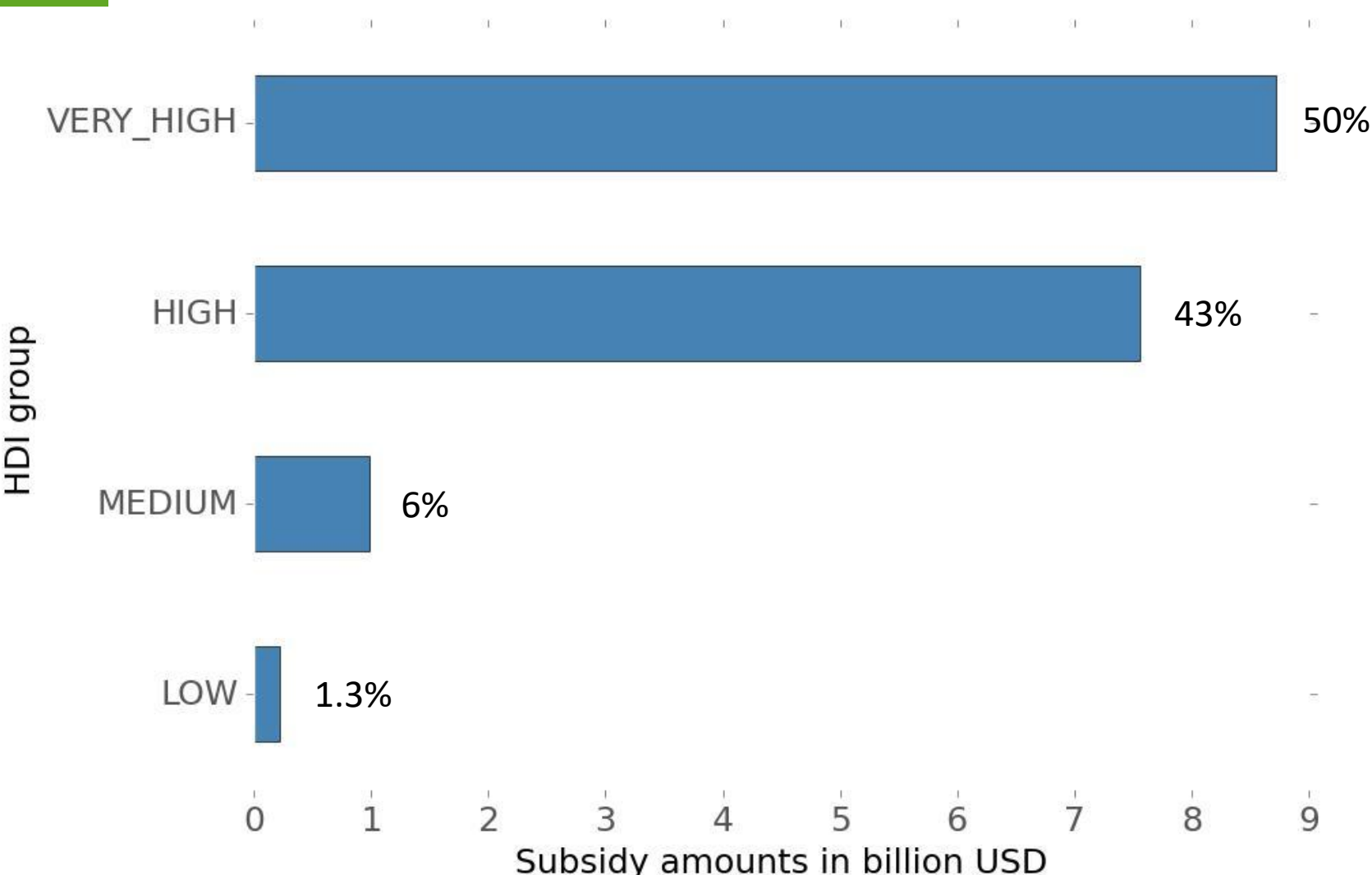


\*SCAC = South, Central America and Caribbean

# WTO covered subsidies by development status



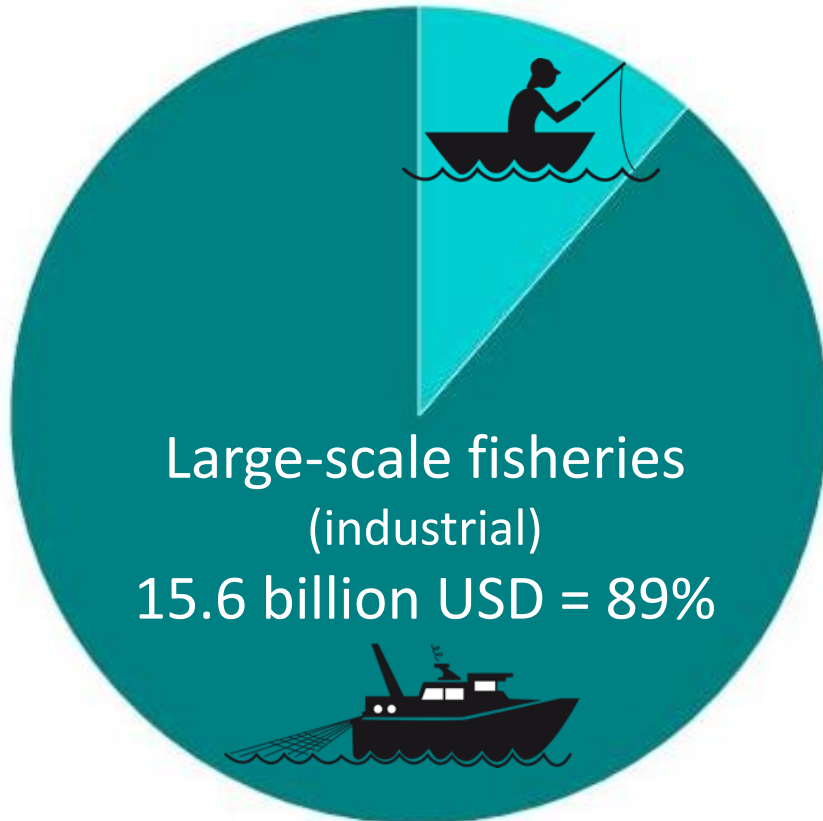
# WTO covered subsidies by HDI



# WTO covered subsidies by Fishing Sector

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Small-scale fisheries  
(including artisanal and subsistence)  
2 billion USD = 11%

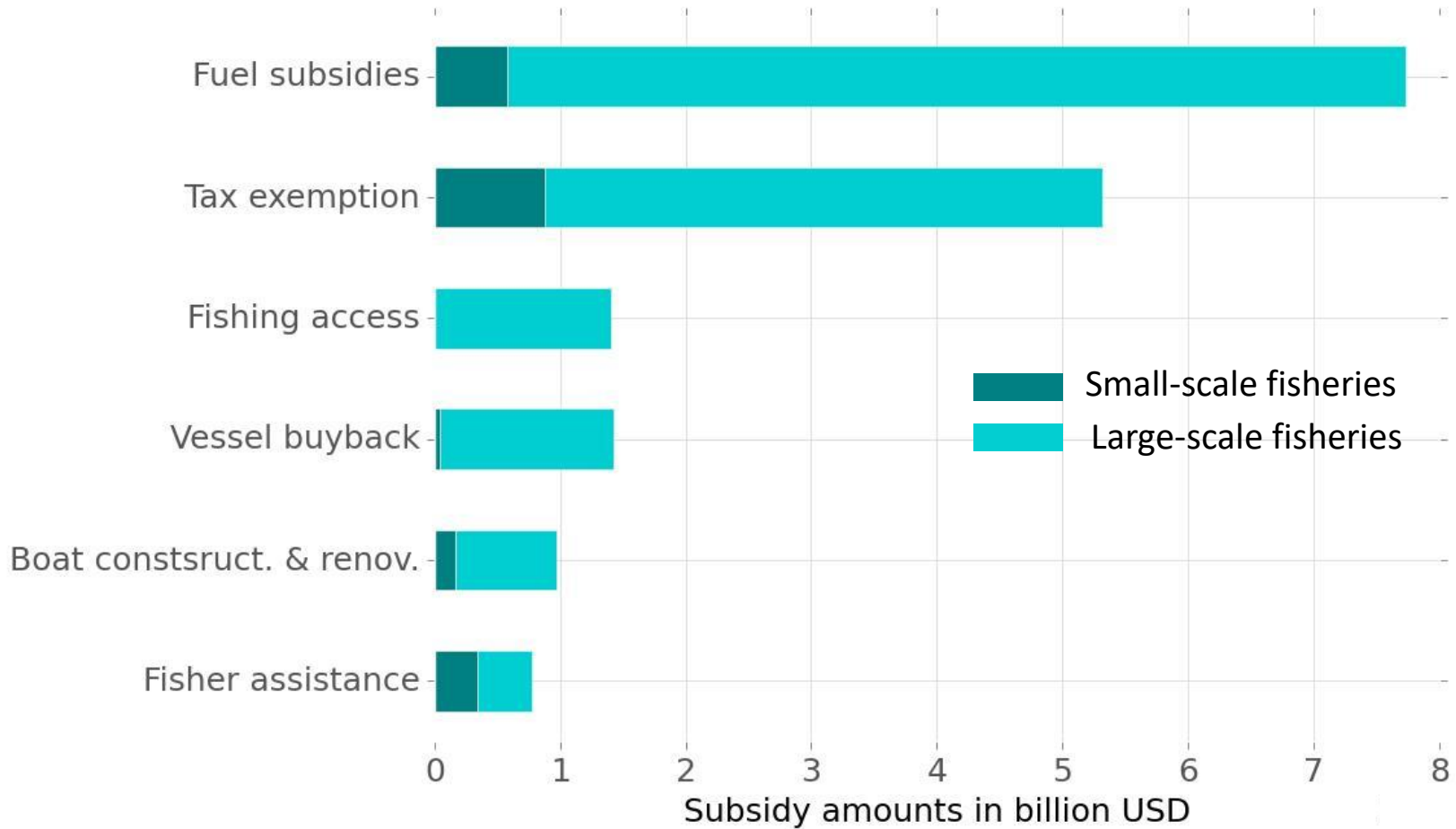


## Definition of SSF:

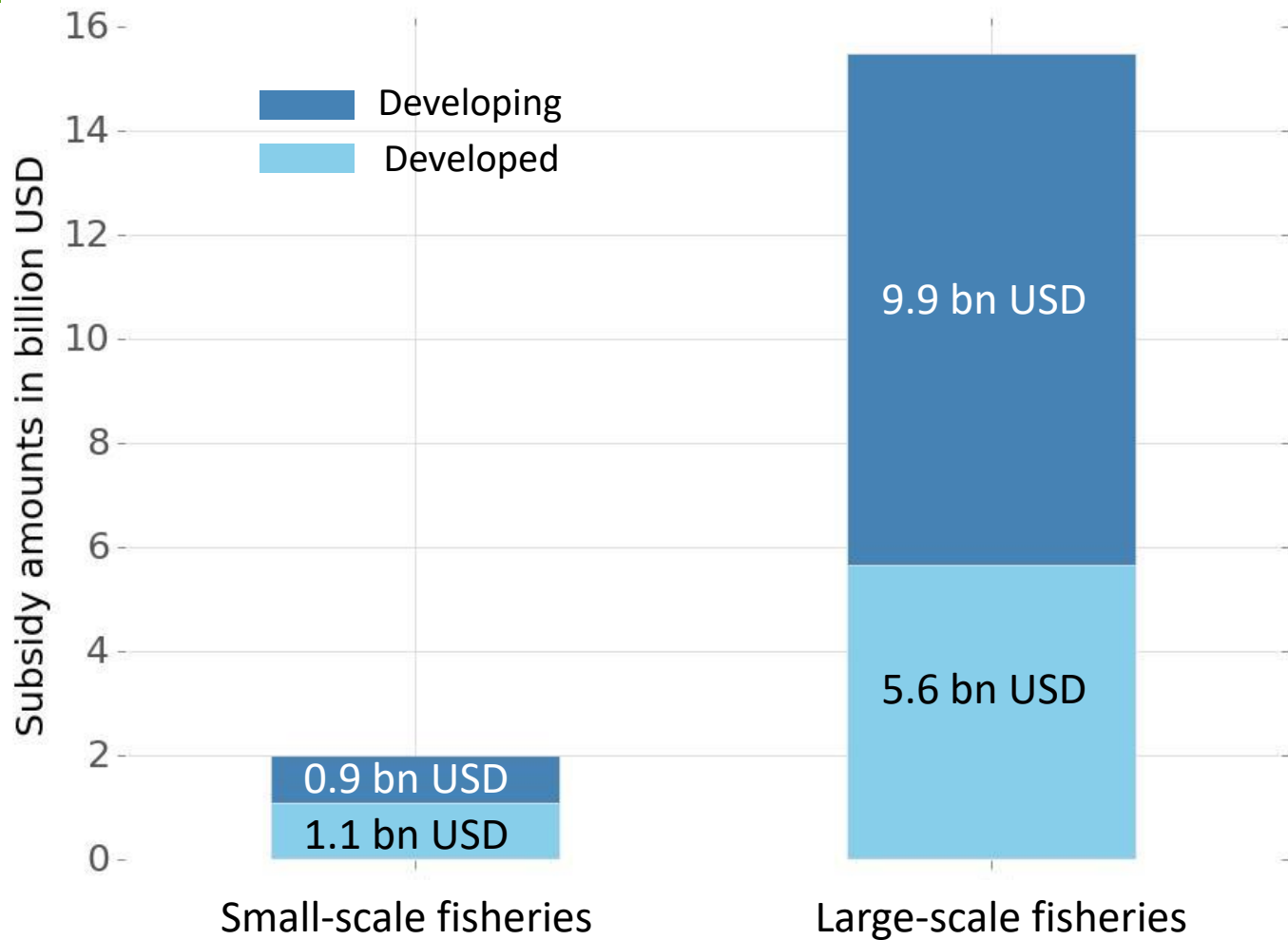
- based on each country's definition
- if non-existent used EU definition for EU member states
- for remaining countries used Sea Around Us definition



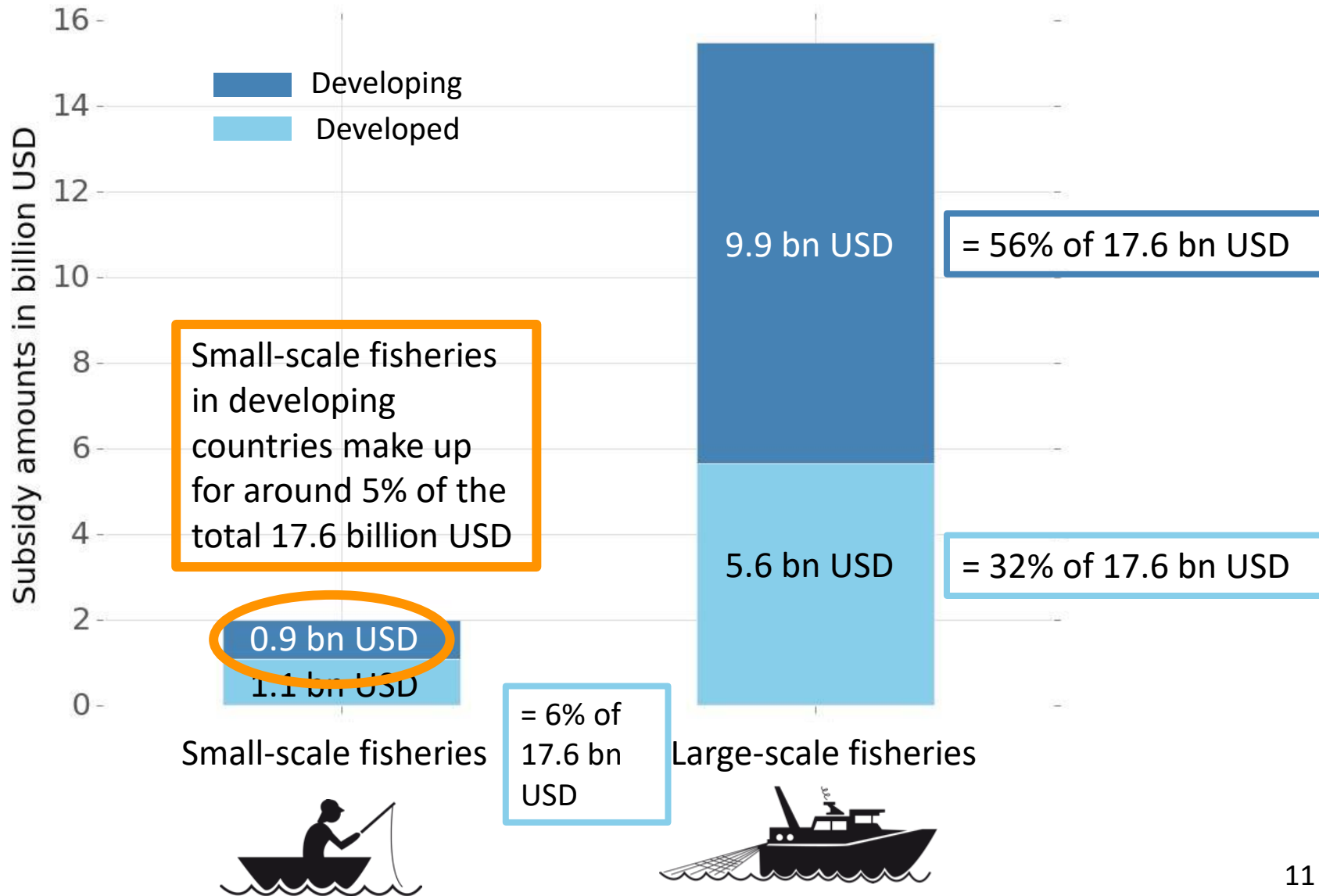
# WTO covered subsidies by sector and subsidy Type



# WTO covered subsidies by Fishing Sector



# WTO covered subsidies by Fishing Sector



# Challenges and caveats of analysis

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- Lack of data, details and transparency;
- using assumptions such as catch data as a proxy for sector size can lead to some bias;
- regions with especially low information availability include Middle and western Africa, Western Asia, Micronesia and Polynesia.
- database could be improved through in depth regional/national/local studies.

Thank you.

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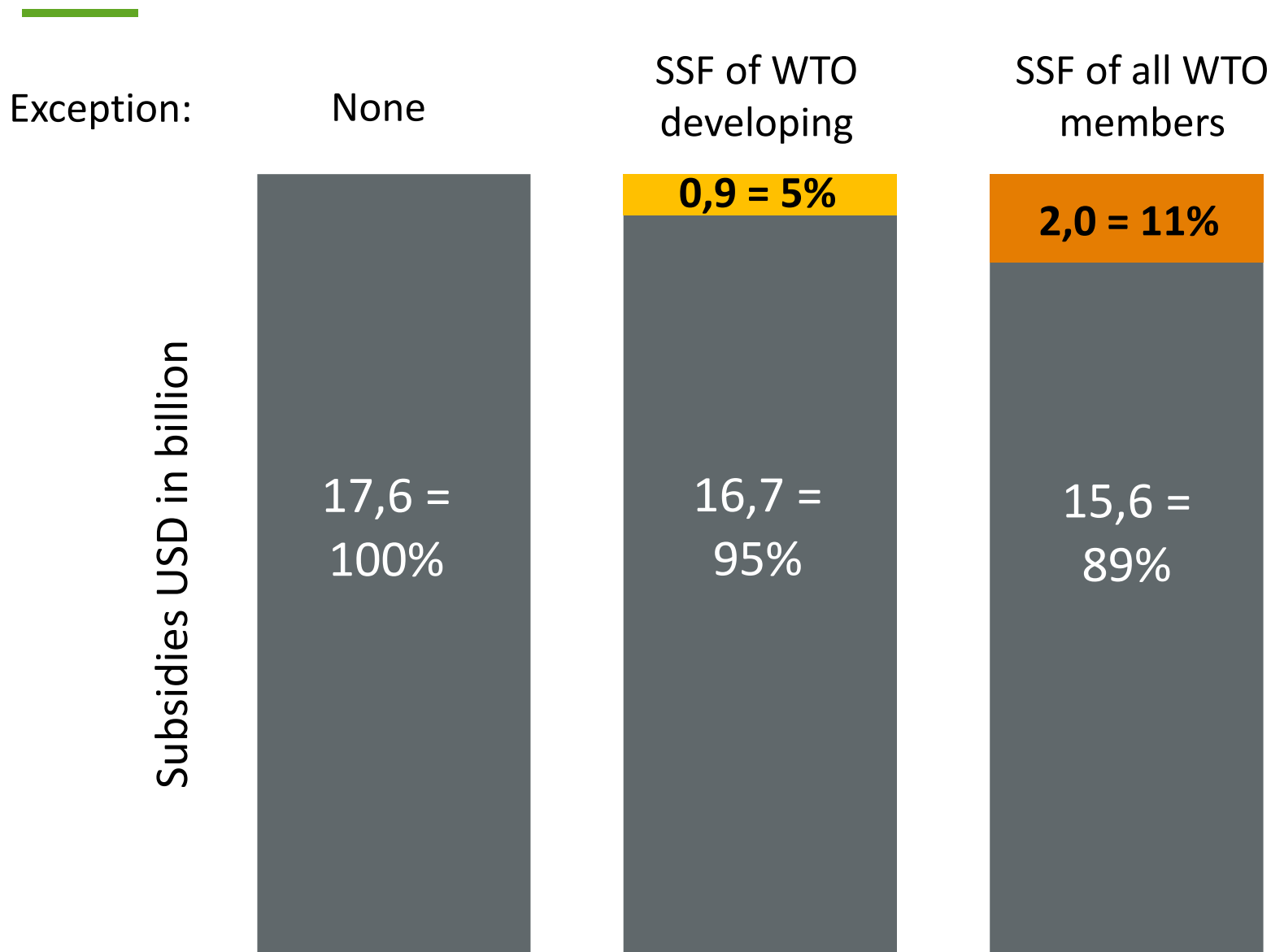
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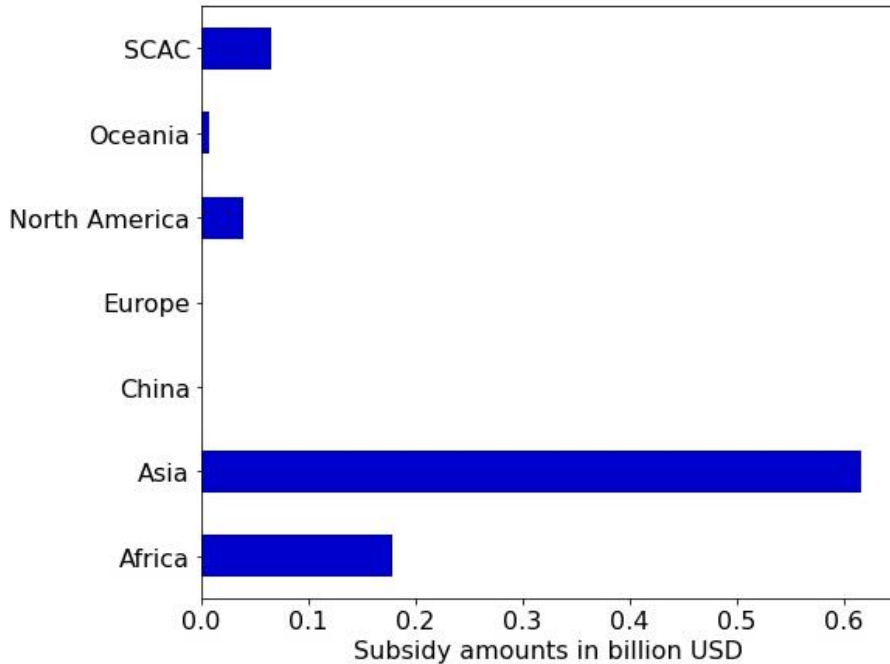
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# Scenarios where exceptions to SSF could apply

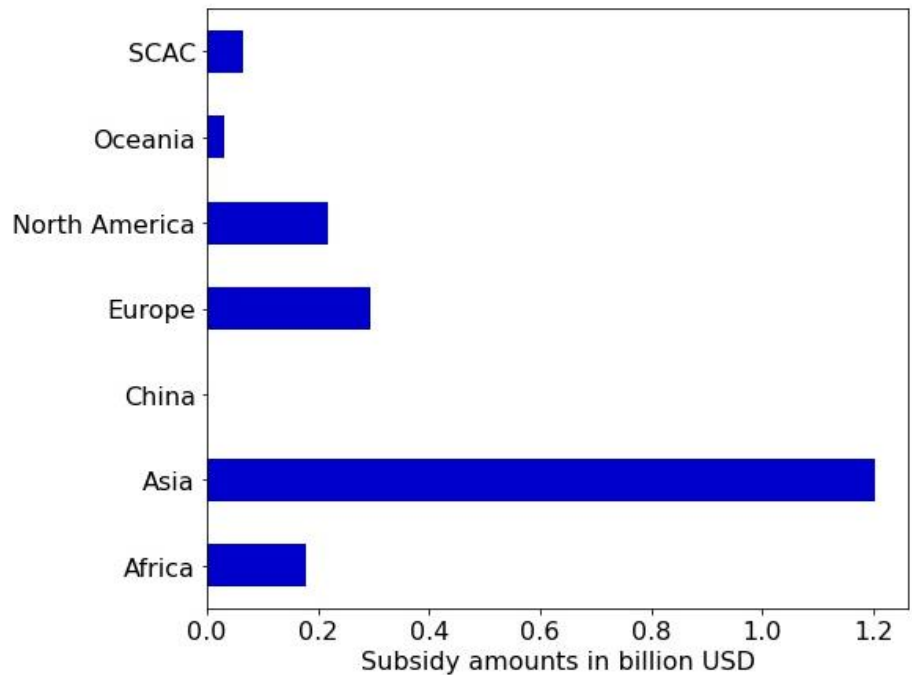


# SSF subsidies exceptions break down by region

Subsidies to SSF of WTO developing country members  
(total = **0.9** Bn USD)

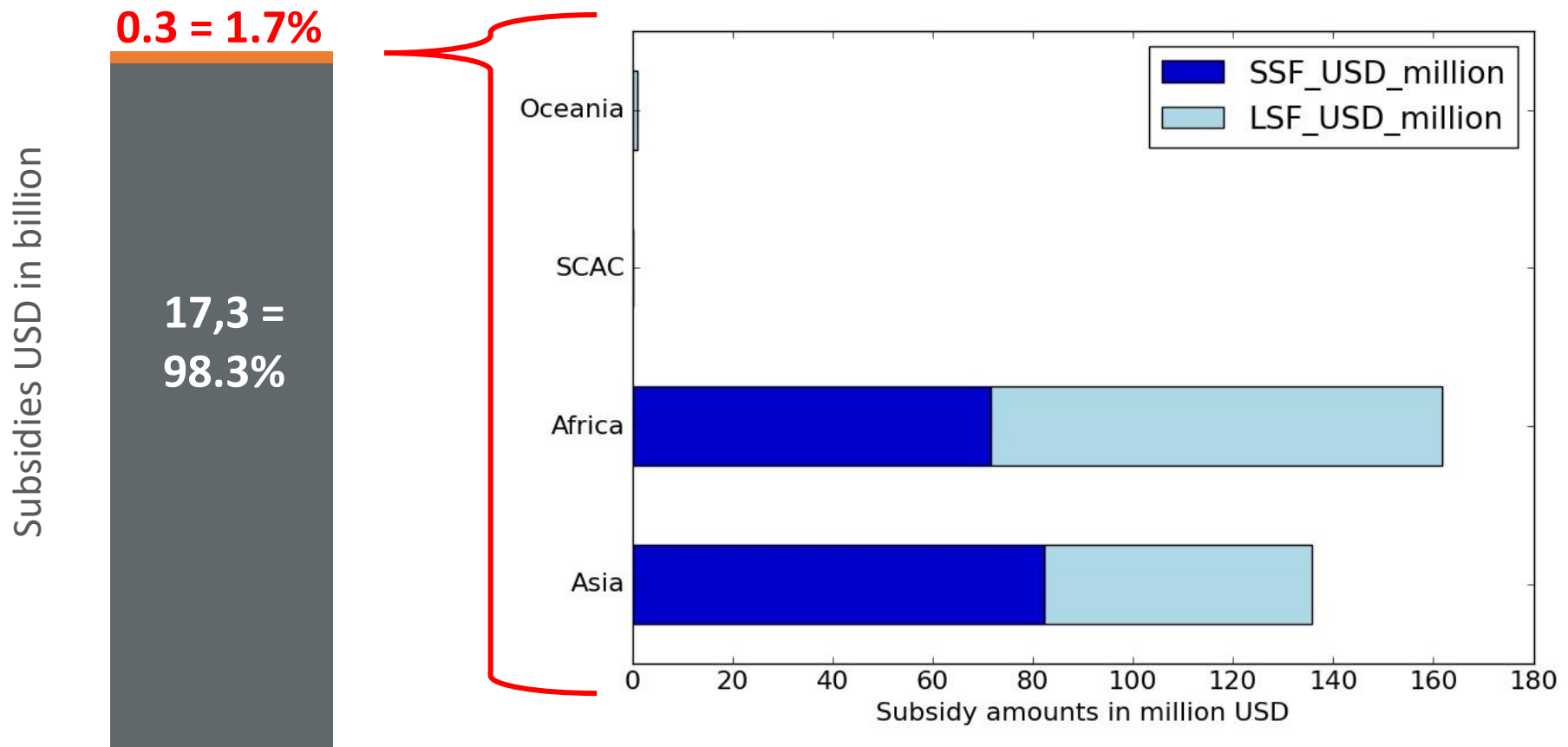


Subsidies to SSF of all WTO members  
(total = **2.0** Bn USD)





# Fisheries subsidies to Least Developed Countries (LDC)



A total of USD 154 million is provided to small-scale fisheries and USD 144 million to large-scale fisheries of all WTO least developed country members.

# Methods: Split subsidies into SSF and LSF

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