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**COMPLEMENTARY ELEMENTS FOR DISCUSSION UNDER ITEM 8 OF THE  
AGENDA FOR THE COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE**

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The Secretariat has received the following document which is being made available through this report for the consideration of CPCs and for them to take any action that they may feel is appropriate, at the 11th Session of the Compliance Committee.

Attachment – Report on detention of Naham 4.



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**TO: SECRETARIAT INDIAN OCEAN TUNA COMMISSION**

**FROM: DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES**

## **REPORT ON DETENTION OF NAHAM No. 4**

The ship agent made an application to the Department on 04 January 2013 and the permit was issued on 8 January 2013. However, the vessel did not enter the port of Cape Town and a subsequent permit was issued on 20 March 2014. The vessel arrived in Cape Town port on 21 March 2014 and during routine inspection in the Table Bay Harbour, on Tuesday 22 March 2013, the Fishery Control Officers detected irregularities and a faded name on the fishing vessel, *Naham No. 4*, Call sign A4DK6 registered in Oman.

The vessel was detained at Table Bay Harbour in Cape Town on suspicion that it was falsely purporting to be *Naham No. 4*. A South African Police Services' Forensic Image Analyst was called to ascertain what the faded name was. The analyst confirmed that the vessel had another name which was hidden under the painted name of *Naham No. 4*. It also came to light that as many as four separate vessels may simultaneously be using the same vessel identity as *Naham No. 4*.

During the investigation the ship agent and owners abandoned the vessel. It was confirmed that the documentation provided for the port entry were falsified. The owners and ship agent could not prove that the vessel in port was the *Naham No. 4*. The vessel and the entire fish product on board was seized.



The outcome of the investigation resulted in the vessel being forfeited to the state as the true identity of the vessel could not be determined by the purporting owners. The vessel has since been detained within Table Bay harbour.

Yours sincerely

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