

**COMPLEMENTARY ELEMENTS FOR DISCUSSION UNDER ITEM 7 OF THE
AGENDA FOR THE COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE**

Prepared by IOTC Secretariat, 18 APRIL, 2015

The Secretariat has received the following documents which are 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 12th Session of the Compliance Committee.

- Attachment 1 – The information has been previously provided through IOTC CIRCULAR 2015–004.
- Attachment 2 – Interpol Purple Notice for the fishing vessel KUNLUN.
- Attachment 3 – Interpol Purple Notice for the fishing vessel SONGHUA
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16 January 2015 / 16 janvier 2015

IOTC CIRCULAR 2015-004 / CIRCULAIRE CTOI 2015-004

Dear Sir/Madam,

SUBJECT: COMMUNICATION FROM INTERPOL

On the request of INTERPOL, please find attached the latest press release issued by INTERPOL. Other language versions will be published on the INTERPOL website as they become available (<http://www.interpol.int/INTERPOL-expertise/Notices>).

INTERPOL strongly recommend that you circulate these Purple Notices to your fisheries law enforcement authorities, ports, coastal and customs agencies, and other relevant national bodies to alert them about those vessels and their *modus operandi*, so that they may take whatever measures they deem necessary.

It is recommended to CPCs having information on those vessels to contact the Interpol General Secretariat at environmentalcrime@interpol.int.

Madame/Monsieur,

SUJET: COMMUNICATION D'INTERPOL

A la demande d'Interpol, veuillez trouver ci-joint le dernier communiqué de presse diffusé par INTERPOL. Les traductions seront publiées sur le site web d'INTERPOL au fur et à mesure de leur disponibilité (<http://www.interpol.int/INTERPOL-expertise/Notices>).

Interpol recommande fortement que vous circuliez ces avis aux autorités de contrôle des pêches, agences côtières et portuaires, services des douanes et autres organismes nationaux compétents pour les alerter sur ces navires et leur *modus operandi* afin qu'ils puissent prendre les mesures qu'ils jugent nécessaire.

Il est recommandé aux CPC qui ont des informations sur ces navires de contacter le Secrétariat Général d'Interpol au mel suivant: environmentalcrime@interpol.int.

Yours sincerely / Cordialement



Rondolph Payet
Executive Secretary / Secrétaire exécutif

Attachments / Pièces jointes:

- Purple Notice Vessel Songhu,
- Purple Notice Vessel Kunlun,
- Purple Notice Vessel Yongdin.

Distribution / Destinataires

IOTC Members/ Membres de la CTOI: Australia/Australie, Belize, China/Chine, Comoros/Comores, Eritrea/Erythrée, European Union/Union européenne, France (Territories/DOM-TOM), Guinea/Guinée, India/Inde, Indonesia/Indonésie, Iran (Islamic Rep of/Rép. islamique d'), Japan/Japon, Kenya, Rep. of Korea/Rép. de Corée, Madagascar, Malaysia/Malaisie, Maldives, Mauritius/Ile Maurice, Mozambique, Oman, Pakistan, Philippines, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Somalia/Somalie, Sri Lanka, Sudan/Soudan, United Rep. of Tanzania/Rép.-Unie de Tanzanie, Thailand/Thaïlande, United Kingdom/Royaume-Uni, Vanuatu, Yemen/Yémen.

Chairperson IOTC / Président de la CTOI

Cooperating Non-Contracting Parties/ Parties coopérantes non-contractantes: Djibouti, Senegal/Sénégal, South Africa/Afrique du Sud.

Intergovernmental organisations & Non-governmental organizations / Organisations intergouvernementales et non-gouvernementales

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Requesting country: New Zealand

Date of publication: 13/01/2015



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Type(s) of offence: All information stated as current is believed to be true at the time of publication.

The Government of New Zealand and the INTERPOL General Secretariat are seeking more information on the location of the individuals and networks that own, operate and profit from the illegal actions of the vessel Kunlun [3CAG]. For the purpose of this notice the vessel shall hereby be referred to as Kunlun.

By determining the status, location and the individuals and companies involved in the operation of Kunlun, member countries will be able to investigate possible violations of their laws and take appropriate enforcement measures should the Kunlun attempt to operate illegally in their waters or ports, or under their national jurisdiction.

Date of the offence: 07/01/2015

Place of offence: Inside the Convention on the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR) Area Statistical Subarea 58.4.1 Small Scale Research Unit H.

Country of offence: New Zealand

Description of modus operandi: Object/device/concealment method/procedure. **Kunlun** has changed its name, national registration (“flag”) and other identifying characteristics several times to avoid the detection of prohibited fishing activities.¹ By repeatedly changing these characteristics, the owners and operators of the **Kunlun** demonstrate a willingness to avoid the sanctions associated with “blacklisting”.² They are suspected of violating national laws and regulations, as well as international conventions and otherwise being engaged in fraud and fisheries-related crimes.

¹ A majority of Regional Fisheries Management Organisations (RFMO’s) maintain lists of vessels identified by their member states as having engaged in Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) fishing activities in the area of the high seas regulated by the RFMO. Vessels listed as “IUU” or “blacklisted” vessels are known to have engaged in or supported fishing activities in contravention of RFMO rules.

² “Blacklisted” vessels are subject to restrictions and sanctions imposed by the member states of the RFMO. Such sanctions include prohibiting the blacklisted vessel from interacting with a state’s own vessels; denying it access to a state’s ports; or denying it a licence to fish in state waters. In this manner, blacklisting limits a vessel’s ability to operate in a given area.

Summary:

Kunlun was detected fishing illegally by a Royal New Zealand Naval Patrol vessel on 7 January 2015 at 070452Z in the Area regulated by the Convention on the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR). At the time the **Kunlun** was hauling gill nets laden with toothfish. Gill netting is a prohibited fishing method within CCAMLR. When approached by the patrol vessel, the **Kunlun** continued to fish and did not give any indication that the vessel would cease fishing and leave the area. Based on this observation, it is believed that the **Kunlun** will remain in the CCAMLR Area and continue to fish for its preferred target species toothfish.

The **Kunlun** is believed to be fishing in conjunction with two Illegal, Unregulated and Unreported (IUU) vessels, the **Songhua (3CAF)** and the **Yongding (3CAE)** which were detected in the vicinity by the same patrol. The **Kunlun** was travelling in concert with the **Songhua** and **Yongding** in December 2014 when they were sighted by an Australian Government aerial surveillance aircraft. INTERPOL Purple Notices 247 and 249 relate to the **Songhua** and **Yongding**.

Date of last known incident: 7 January 2015

Location of incident: Inside the Convention on the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR) Area Statistical Subarea 58.4.1 Small Scale Research Unit H.

Additional information about Kunlun:

The Kunlun is a well-known IUU vessel and has used the previous names of Taishan, Chang Bai, Hongshui, Huang He 22, Sima Qian Baru 22, Galaxy, Dorita, Black Moon, Ina Maka and Corvus and has also employed the use of several flags of convenience including Tanzania, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Panama, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and Uruguay.

The Kunlun itself is purported to be owned by Stanley Management Inc. This is believed to be a shell company based out of Panama with information contained under its listing revealing nothing about the true beneficial owners of the vessel.

Name	Kunlun	Vessel Type	Fishing Vessel
IMO Number	7322897	Current Flag	Equatorial Guinea
Gross Tonnage	656 tonnes		
Length over all	48 metres	IRCS (Call Sign)	3CAG
MMSI Number	Unknown	Current Operator	Conflicting information
Year of Build	1973	Built	Japan
Current Owner	Stanley Management Inc		
Status	In Service/Commission		

Regional Fisheries Management Organisation (RFMO) History

RFMO	Status	Date
Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR)	IUU listed	2003
http://www.ccamlr.org/en/node/85905		

Name, Flag and Call Sign History

Year	Name	Flag	Call Sign	Company
2015	Kunlun	Equatorial Guinea	3CAG	Stanley Management Inc
2014	Taishan	Indonesia	PLLG	Stanley Management Inc
2013	Chang Bai	unknown	5IM877	Stanley Management Inc
2012	Hongshui	unknown	5IM487	Rep Line Ventures S.A
2012	Huang He 22	Tanzania	5IM487	Rep Line Ventures S.A
2011	Sima Qian Baru	DPRK	HMVF2	Rep Line Ventures S.A
2009	Corvus	Panama	3ESP3	Rep Line Ventures S.A
2008	Galaxy	Sierra Leone	9LD2176	Rajan Corporation
2008	Ina Maka	DPRK	HMVF2	Meteora Development Inc
2006	Black Moon	DPRK	Unknown	Meteora Development Inc

Photographs

Photographs of **Kunlun** taken on 7 January 2015 in CCAMLR Area (Statistical Subarea 58.4.1 Small Scale Research Unit H)



Recommended action:

It is strongly recommended that you circulate this Purple Notice to your law enforcement and fisheries management authorities, ports-, coastal-, and customs agencies, and other relevant national bodies to alert them about this vessel and its modus operandi so that they may take whatever measures they deem necessary. It is advisable for INTERPOL National Central Bureaus to establish direct contact with national agencies responsible for fisheries law enforcement and maritime security.

All information about the vessel **Kunlun** is of interest, especially the following:

1. Identification information, including the vessel's current name, call sign, IMO number, MMSI number and hull color.
2. Photos of the vessel in its current configuration while in port, conducting fishing or transshipment activities, etc.
3. *If seen fishing*: summary of activities, location, species targeted, fishing methods used, duration of activities, etc.
4. *If seen transshipping at sea*: summary of activities, location, information on and photos of the associated vessel(s), etc.
5. *If seen in port*: information about entry permit and cargo (type, quantity and customer) on board or unloaded, purpose of entry, documentation of catch (log books and catch certificates), details of shipping containers or consignment numbers, etc.
6. Names and company registration details/national identification details of current and past owners, operators, and crew.
7. Information related to all past and ongoing legal proceedings conducted against the owners or operators of the vessel, or associated companies.
8. History of transactions related to fuel, port bills, etc. that may lead to beneficial owners.
9. Any information that could help establish links with other vessels, owners and operators.

This information must be exchanged with INTERPOL to update databases and cross-check files with activities of this type.

Requesting country: New Zealand

Date of publication: 13/01/2015



MODUS OPERANDI

Type(s) of offence: All information stated as current is believed to be true at the time of publication.

The Government of New Zealand and the INTERPOL General Secretariat are seeking further information on the activities of the fishing vessel **Songhua (3CAF)**. Information is also sought regarding the individuals and networks that own operate and profit from the illegal actions of the vessel. For the purpose of this notice the vessel shall hereby be referred to as **Songhua**.

By determining the status, location and the individuals and companies involved in the operation of **Songhua**, member countries will be able to investigate possible violations of their laws and take appropriate enforcement measures should the **Songhua** attempt to operate illegally in their waters or ports, or under their national jurisdiction.

Date of the offence: 07/01/2015

Place of offence: Inside the Convention on the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR) Area Statistical Subarea 58.4.1 Small Scale Research Unit H.

Country of offence: New Zealand

Description of modus operandi: Object/device/concealment method/procedure. **Songhua** has changed its name, national registration (“flag”) and other identifying characteristics several times to avoid the detection of prohibited fishing activities.¹ By repeatedly changing these characteristics, the owners and operators of the **Songhua** demonstrate a willingness to avoid the sanctions associated with “blacklisting”.² They are suspected of violating national laws and regulations, as well as international conventions and otherwise being engaged in fraud and fisheries-related crimes.

¹ A majority of Regional Fisheries Management Organisations (RFMO’s) maintain lists of vessels identified by their member states as having engaged in Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) fishing activities in the area of the high seas regulated by the RFMO. Vessels listed as “IUU” or “blacklisted” vessels are known to have engaged in or supported fishing activities in contravention of RFMO rules.

² “Blacklisted” vessels are subject to restrictions and sanctions imposed by the member states of the RFMO. Such sanctions include prohibiting the blacklisted vessel from interacting with a state’s own vessels; denying it access to a state’s ports; or denying it a licence to fish in state waters. In this manner, blacklisting limits a vessel’s ability to operate in a given area.

Summary:

Songhua was detected fishing illegally by a Royal New Zealand Naval Patrol vessel on 6 January 2015 at 060920Z in the Area regulated by the Convention on the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR). At the time of detection, the **Songhua** was hauling gill nets laden with toothfish. Gill netting is a prohibited fishing method within CCAMLR. When approached by the patrol vessel, the **Songhua** continued to fish and did not give any indication that the vessel would cease fishing and leave the area. Based on this observation it is believed that the **Songhua** will remain in the CCAMLR Area and continue to fish for its preferred target species toothfish.

The Songhua is believed to be fishing in conjunction with two Illegal, Unregulated and Unreported (IUU) vessel, the Kunlun (3CAG) and the Yongding (3CAE) which were detected in the vicinity by the same patrol. The Songhua was travelling in concert with the Kunlun and Yongding in December 2014 when they were sighted by an Australian Government aerial surveillance aircraft. INTERPOL Purple Notices 247 and 248 relate to the Kunlun and Yongding.

Date of last known incident: 6 January 2015

Location of incident: Inside the Convention on the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR) Area Statistical Subarea 58.4.1 Small Scale Research Unit H.

Additional information about Songhua:

The **Songhua** is a well-known IUU vessel and has used the previous names of Yunnan, Nihewan, Huiquan, Wutaishan Anhui 44, Yangzi Hua 44, Trosky and Paloma V and has also employed the use of several flags of convenience including Tanzania, Mongolia, Cambodia, Namibia and Uruguay.

The **Songhua** itself is purported to be owned by Eastern Holdings Ltd. This is believed to be a shelf company based out of Belize with information contained under its listing revealing nothing about the true beneficial owners of the vessel.

Songhua has been on the CCAMLR Non-Contracting Party IUU vessel list since 2008 following an investigation when it was named the Paloma V. This vessel has previously been associated with the Vidal Armadores syndicate.

Name	Songhua	Vessel Type	Fishing Vessel
IMO Number	9319856	Current Flag	Equatorial Guinea
Gross Tonnage	1016 tonnes	Beam	10.20 metres
Length over all	47.85 metres	IRCS (Call Sign)	3CAF
MMSI Number	Unknown	Current Operator	Conflicting information
Year of Build	2004	Built	Spain
Current Owner	Eastern Holdings		
Status	In Service/Commission		

Regional Fisheries Management Organisation (RFMO) History

RFMO	Status	Date
Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR) http://www.ccamlr.org/en/node/85906	IUU listed	2008

Name, Flag and Call Sign History

Year	Name	Flag	Call Sign	Company
2015	Songhua	Equatorial Guinea	3CAF	unknown
2014	Yunnan	Indonesia	unknown	Eastern Holdings
2013	Nihewan	Tanzania	5IM284	Eastern Holdings
2012	Huiquan	Tanzania	5IM284	Eastern Holdings
2012	Wutaishan Anhui 44	Tanzania	5IM488	Eastern Holdings
2011	Yangzi Hua 44	Mongolia	JVHP4	Eastern Holdings
2009	Trosky	Cambodia	XUQC9	Eastern Holdings
2008	Paloma V	Namibia	V5PL	Omunkete Fishing Pty

Photographs

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Photographs of Songhua taken on 6 January 2015 in CCAMLR Area (Statistical Subarea 58.4.1 Small Scale Research Unit H)



Recommended action:

It is strongly recommended that you circulate this Purple Notice to your law enforcement and fisheries management authorities, ports-, coastal-, and customs agencies, and other relevant national bodies to alert them about this vessel and its modus operandi so that they may take whatever measures they deem necessary. It is advisable for INTERPOL National Central Bureaus to establish direct contact with national agencies responsible for fisheries law enforcement and maritime security.

All information about the vessel **Songhua** is of interest, especially the following:

1. Identification information, including the vessel's current name, call sign, IMO number, MMSI number and hull color.
2. Photos of the vessel in its current configuration while in port, conducting fishing or transshipment activities, etc.
3. *If seen fishing*: summary of activities, location, species targeted, fishing methods used, duration of activities, etc.
4. *If seen transshipping at sea*: summary of activities, location, information on and photos of the associated vessel(s), etc.
5. *If seen in port*: information about entry permit and cargo (type, quantity and customer) on board or unloaded, purpose of entry, documentation of catch (log books and catch certificates), details of shipping containers or consignment numbers, etc.
6. Names and company registration details/national identification details of current and past owners, operators, and crew.
7. Information related to all past and ongoing legal proceedings conducted against the owners or operators of the vessel, or associated companies.
8. History of transactions related to fuel, port bills, etc. that may lead to beneficial owners.
9. Any information that could help establish links with other vessels, owners and operators.

This information must be exchanged with INTERPOL to update databases and cross-check files with activities of this type.

Requesting country: New Zealand

Date of publication: 13/01/2015



MODUS OPERANDI

Type(s) of offence:	All information stated as current is believed to be true at the time of publication. The Government of New Zealand and the INTERPOL General Secretariat are seeking further information on the activities of the fishing vessel Yongding (3CAE). Information is also sought regarding the individuals and networks that own operate and profit from the illegal actions of the vessel. For the purpose of this notice the vessel shall hereby be referred to as Yongding. By determining the status, location and the individuals and companies involved in the operation of Yongding, member countries will be able to investigate possible violations of their laws and take appropriate enforcement measures should the Yongding attempt to operate illegally in their waters or ports, or under their national jurisdiction.
Date of the offence:	13/01/2015
Place of offence:	Inside the Convention on the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR) Area Statistical Subarea 58.4.1 Small Scale Research Unit H.
Country of offence:	New Zealand
Description of modus operandi: Object/device/concealment method/procedure.	Yongding has changed its name, national registration ("flag") and other identifying characteristics several times to avoid the detection of prohibited fishing activities ¹ . By repeatedly changing these characteristics, the owners and operators of the Yongding demonstrate a willingness to avoid the sanctions associated with "blacklisting". ² They are suspected of violating national laws and regulations, as well as international conventions and otherwise being engaged in fraud and fisheries-related crimes.

¹ A majority of Regional Fisheries Management Organisations (RFMO's) maintain lists of vessels identified by their member states as having engaged in Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) fishing activities in the area of the high seas regulated by the RFMO. Vessels listed as "IUU" or "blacklisted" vessels are known to have engaged in or supported fishing activities in contravention of RFMO rules.

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Summary:

Yongding was detected fishing illegally by a Royal New Zealand Naval Patrol vessel on 13 January 2015 at 050207Z in the Area regulated by the Convention on the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR). At the time of detection, the **Yongding** was hauling gill nets laden with toothfish. Gill netting is a prohibited fishing method within CCAMLR. When approached by the patrol vessel, the **Yongding** continued to fish and did not give any indication that the vessel would cease fishing and leave the area. Based on this observation it is believed that the **Yongding** will remain in the CCAMLR Area and continue to fish for its preferred target species toothfish.

According to markings on the stern of the **Yongding**, and information provided by the master of the vessel, it is flagged to Equatorial Guinea³. New Zealand is currently making diplomatic representations to Equatorial Guinea in order to verify the flag status and ultimately obtain information on the **Yongding's** beneficial owners.

The **Yongding** is believed to be fishing in conjunction with two Illegal, Unregulated and Unreported (IUU) vessels, the **Songhua (3CAF)** and the **Kunlun (3CAG)** which were detected in the vicinity by the same patrol. The **Yongding** was travelling in concert with the **Songhua** and **Kunlun** in December 2014 when they were sighted by an Australian Government aerial surveillance aircraft. Interpol Purple Notices 248 and 249 relate to the **Songhua** and **Kunlun**.

Date of last known incident: 13 January 2015

Location of incident: Inside the CCAMLR Area Statistical Subarea 58.4.1 Small Scale Research Unit H.

Additional information about Yongding:

The **Yongding** is a well known IUU vessel and has used the previous names of Jianfeng, Chengdu, Shaanxi Henan 33, Xiong Nu Baru 33, Draco 1, Liberty, Chilbo San 33, Hammer, Seo Yang No.88 and Carran and has also employed the use of several flags of convenience including Tanzania, Panama, Sierra Leone, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Togo and Uruguay.

The **Yongding** itself is purported to be owned by Stanley Management Inc. This is believed to be a shelf company based out of Panama with information contained under its listing revealing nothing about the true beneficial owners of the vessel.

Yongding has been on the CCAMLR Non-Contracting Party IUU vessel list since 2004.

Name	Yongding	Vessel Type	Fishing Vessel
IMO Number	9042001	Current Flag	Equatorial Guinea
Gross Tonnage	851 tonnes	Beam	
Length over all	61.72 metres	IRCS (Call Sign)	3CAE
MMSI Number	Unknown	Current Operator	Conflicting information
Year of Build	1990	Built	South Korea
Current Owner	Stanley Management Inc		
Status	In Service/Commission		

³ This has yet to be confirmed by Equatorial Guinea.

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Regional Fisheries Management Organisation (RFMO) History

RFMO	Status	Date
Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR)	IUU listed	2004
https://www.ccamlr.org/en/node/85904		

Name, Flag and Call Sign History

Year	Name	Flag	Call Sign	Company
2015	Yongding	Equatorial Guinea	3CAE	Stanley Management Inc
2014	Jianfeng	Indonesia		Redlines Ventures SA
2013	Chengdu	Tanzania	5IM403	Redlines Ventures SA
2013	Shaanxi Henan 33	Tanzania	5IM479	Redlines Ventures SA
2012	Xiong Nu Baru 33		HMVU8	Redlines Ventures SA
2011	Draco 1		XUUG8	Redlines Ventures SA
2011	Draco 1	Panama	HO5466	Redlines Ventures SA
2008	Liberty	Sierra Leone	9LD2177	Rajan Corporation
2006	Chilbo San 33	Democratic People's Republic of Korea	HMWM5	Global Intercontinental Services
2005	Hammer	Togo	5VHR2	Global Intercontinental Services
2001	Seo Yang No.88	Republic of Korea	6KBJ	
2001	Carran	Uruguay	CXAR	Viarsa Fishing Company / Navalmar SA

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Photograph

Photograph of **Yongding** taken on 13 January 2015 in CCAMLR Area (Statistical Subarea 58.4.1 Small Scale Research Unit H)



Recommended action:

It is strongly recommended that you circulate this Purple Notice to your law enforcement and fisheries management authorities, ports-, coastal-, and customs agencies, and other relevant national bodies to alert them about this vessel and its modus operandi so that they may take whatever measures they deem necessary. It is advisable for INTERPOL National Central Bureaus to establish direct contact with national agencies responsible for fisheries law enforcement and maritime security.

All information about the vessel **Yongding** is of interest, especially the following:

1. Identification information, including the vessel's current name, call sign, IMO number, MMSI number and hull color.
2. Photos of the vessel in its current configuration while in port, conducting fishing or transshipment activities, etc.
3. *If seen fishing*: summary of activities, location, species targeted, fishing methods used, duration of activities, etc.
4. *If seen transshipping at sea*: summary of activities, location, information on and photos of the associated vessel(s), etc.
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6. Names and company registration details/national identification details of current and past owners, operators, and crew.
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8. History of transactions related to fuel, port bills, etc. that may lead to beneficial owners.
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13 April 2015 / 13 avril 2015

IOTC CIRCULAR 2015-038 / CIRCULAIRE CTOI 2015-038

Dear Sir/Madam,

SUBJECT: LETTERS FROM THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE IOTC INVITING BELIZE, INDONESIA, BOLIVIA, TAIWAN, CHINA TO INVESTIGATE THE ACTIVITIES OF FISHING VESSELS NOT AUTHORISED TO OPERATE IN THE IOTC AREA THAT HAVE LANDED THEIR CATCH IN PHUKET THAILAND IN 2013, AND THE RESPONSE FROM BELIZE AND INDONESIA.

Please find attached:

- Four letters from the Executive Secretary of the IOTC to Belize, Indonesia, Bolivia, Taiwan, China, concerning an invitation to investigate the activities of one fishing vessel flagged to Belize, of five fishing vessels flagged to Indonesia, of four fishing vessels flagged to Bolivia and twelve fishing vessels registered to Taiwan, China. These vessels are presumed to have carried out fishing activities in the IOTC Area in a manner that undermines Resolution 14/04, *Concerning the IOTC Record of Vessels Authorized to operate in the IOTC Area of competence*.
- The responses of Belize and Indonesia, following the invitation to investigate the activities of the vessels which are apparently registered under their respective jurisdiction.

Please note that the response(s) of Bolivia and Taiwan, China will be circulated as and when they are received.

Madame/Monsieur,

SUJET: LETTRES DU SECRETAIRE EXECUTIF DE LA CTOI ADRESSÉES A BELIZE, A L'INDONESIE, A LA BOLIVIE, A TAIWAN, CHINE CONCERNANT UNE INVITATION D'ENQUÊTE SUR LES ACTIVITÉS DE NAVIRES DE PÊCHE NON AUTORISÉS A OPERER DANS LA ZONE DE LA CTOI ET QUI ONT DEBARQUE LEURS PRISES A PHUKET, THAILAND EN 2013, ET LA RÉPONSE DU BELIZE ET DE L'INDONESIE.

Veuillez trouver en pièce jointe:

- Quatre lettres du Secrétaire Exécutif de la CTOI adressée à Belize, l'Indonésie, la Bolivie, Taiwan, Chine concernant une invitation d'enquête sur les activités d'un navire de pêche battant pavillon du Belize, cinq navires de pêche battant pavillon de l'Indonésie, quatre navires de pêche battant pavillon de la Bolivie, douze navires de pêche enregistrés à Taiwan Province de Chine. Ces navires sont présumés avoir exercé des activités de pêche dans la zone de compétence de la CTOI d'une manière qui portent atteinte à la Résolution 14/04 *Concernant le registre CTOI des navires autorisés à opérer dans la zone de compétence de la CTOI*.
- Les réponses du Belize et de l'Indonésie suite à l'invitation d'enquête sur les activités de pêche des navires qui sont apparemment enregistrés sous leur juridiction respective.

Distribution / Destinataires

IOTC Members / Membres de la CTOI: Australia, Belize, China, Comoros, Eritrea, European Union, France (Territories), Guinea, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Rep of), Japan, Kenya, Rep. of Korea, Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldives, Mauritius, Mozambique, Oman, Pakistan, Philippines, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Sri Lanka, Sudan, United Rep. of Tanzania, Thailand, United Kingdom, Vanuatu.

Cooperating non-Contracting Parties / Parties coopérantes non-contractantes: Senegal, South Africa.

Chairperson IOTC / Président de la CTOI

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Veillez noter que les réponses de la Bolivie et de Taiwan, Chine seront circulées lorsqu'elles seront reçues.

Yours sincerely / Cordialement

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R Payet', with a horizontal line extending from the end of the signature.

Rondolph Payet
Executive Secretary / Secrétaire exécutif

Attachments / Pièces jointes:

- Letters from the Secretariat to Belize/Indonesia/Bolivia/Taiwan Province de China/ Lettres du Secrétariat a Belize/Indonésie/Bolivia/Taiwan Province de Chine.
- Response from Belize and Indonesia / Réponses du Belize et de l'Indonésie.

Letter from the Secretariat to Belize:

IOTC Reference: 5730

Mr Robert Robinson
Deputy Director
Belize High Seas Fisheries Unit
Ministry of Finance
Government of Belize

Email: deputydirector.bhsfu@gmail.com; robertrbz@gmail.com

Dear Mr Robinson,

SUBJECT: REQUEST OF INVESTIGATION ON THE ACTIVITIES OF ONE FISHING VESSEL APPARENTLY FLAGGED TO BELIZE AND NOT REGISTERED ON THE IOTC RECORD OF AUTHORISED VESSELS.

We would like to bring to your attention that one fishing vessel apparently flagged to Belize is suspected to have carried out fishing activities in the IOTC area without being registered on the IOTC Record of Authorised Vessels (Resolution 14/04).

Fishing vessel Fu Hsiang Fa 18

As per the reporting requirement of the Resolution 05/03, the Secretariat has received information from Thailand (Annex 1), that one vessel flagged to Belize landed its catches in the port of Phuket in the year 2013. According to the IOTC record of authorised vessels, this vessel has never been registered on the IOTC record of authorised vessels.

I wish to invite your office to review the attached documents, conduct an investigation into the activities of the vessel in the IOTC area and to report the results of your investigation to the IOTC Secretariat at your earliest convenience.

Finally, I would also like to take this opportunity to kindly advise your office that this letter will be circulated to the Members of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission in the coming weeks. In the same manner, upon receiving the results of your investigation, the Secretariat will also circulate the results to the Members of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission. Please further note that the Members of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission may wish to request additional information on the activities of these vessels.

Please accept, Mr Robinson, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,





Rondolph Payet
Executive Secretary

Cc: FAO Representation in Belize - FAO-BZ@fao.org

Attachment:

Annex 1: Reporting of Thailand on the vessel flagged to Belize that have landed catch in the Port of Phuket (2013),

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Belize									
FU HSIANG FA 18	1	BEL		LL	tonnes	GRT	CHILLE		DEP ARR
	2								
	3								

Response from Belize :

GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE

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Belize



High Seas Fisheries Unit

Re: HSFU/RFMO/R04/2014(22) Vol.1

10th April 2015

Mr. Randolph Payet
Executive Secretary
Indian Ocean Tuna Commission
2nd Floor, Le Chantier Mall, PO Box 1011
Victoria, Mahé, Seychelles

SUBJECT: INVESTIGATION INTO ACTIVITIES OF FISHING VESSEL FU HSIANG FA 18

Dear Mr. Payet,

This Administration presents its compliments to the Executive Secretary and to the Commission.

Your letter bearing IOTC Reference 5730 has been well received and noted with thanks. This Administration would like to categorically declare that the subject fishing vessel: FU HSIANG FA 18 has never been registered under the Belizean flag and is therefore illegally operating under the pretence of a Belizean flagged vessel. Furthermore, please note that Belize does not have any vessels on the IOTC Record of Authorized Vessels and will not grant any new authorization for new vessels to operate in the IOTC Area of Competence as it has officially submitted a request to the Director General of the FAO to withdraw its participation from the IOTC Agreement.

As this vessel is in clear contravention of the substantive laws of Belize and has operated illegally in the IOTC Area of Competence, Belize would like to request that, in accordance with IOTC Resolution 11/03 on Establishing a List of Vessels Presumed to Have Carried Out Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing in the IOTC Area of Competence, that this vessel be listed as an IUU vessel. Please find attached the reporting form for the illegal activity conducted by the subject vessel with proposed necessary action.

GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE

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Belize



High Seas Fisheries Unit

Please accept the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

Sincerely,

Robert Robinson
Deputy Director of High Seas Fisheries
IOTC Commissioner

IOTC Reporting form for Illegal Activity

Recalling IOTC Resolution 2011/03 *On establishing a list of vessels presumed to have carried out illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing in the IOTC area of competence*, attached are details of illegal activity recorded in [Phuket, Thailand].

A. Details of Vessel

Item	Definition	Indicate
a	Current Name of Vessel (Previous name/s, if any)	FU HSIANG FA 18
b	Current Flag (previous flag/s, if any)	unknown
c	Date first included on IOTC IUU Vessel List (if applicable)	N/A
d	Lloyds IMO Number, if available	unknown
e	Photo	N/A
f	Call Sign (previous call sign, if any)	unknown
g	Owner / Beneficial Owner/s (previous owner/s, if any)	unknown
h	Operator (previous operator/s, if any) and Master/Fishing Master	unknown
i	Date of alleged IUU fishing activities	unknown
j	Position of alleged IUU fishing activities	unknown
k	Summary of alleged IUU activities (see section B for more detail)	A, C, I, J (see section B below for more details)
l	Summary of any Actions known to have been Taken in respect of the alleged IUU fishing activities	unknown
m	Outcome of Actions taken	unknown

B. Details of IOTC Resolution Elements Contravened

Item	Definition	Indicate
a	Harvest tuna or tuna-like species in the IOTC area of competence and are not registered on the IOTC Record of Vessels authorised to fish for tuna and tuna-like species in the IOTC area of competence	X
b	Harvest tuna or tuna-like species in the IOTC area of competence, when their flag State is without sufficient quotas, catch limit or effort allocation under IOTC conservation and management measures where applicable	<input type="checkbox"/>
c	Do not record or report their catches made in the IOTC area of competence in accordance with IOTC reporting requirements, or make false reports	X
d	Take or land undersized fish in contravention of IOTC conservation measures	<input type="checkbox"/>
e	Fish during closed fishing periods or in closed areas in contravention of IOTC conservation measures	<input type="checkbox"/>
f	Use prohibited fishing gear in contravention of IOTC conservation measures	<input type="checkbox"/>
g	Tranship with, or participate in joint operations such as re-supplying or re-fuelling, vessels included in the IUU Vessels List	<input type="checkbox"/>
h	Harvest tuna or tuna-like species in the waters under the national jurisdiction of a coastal State in the IOTC area of competence without authorisation and/or infringes the coastal State's laws and regulations	<input type="checkbox"/>
i	Are without nationality and harvest tuna or tuna-like species in the IOTC area of competence	X
j	Engage in fishing or fishing related activities contrary to any other IOTC conservation and management measures	X

C. Associated Documents

Annex 1 – Landing Report from Thailand

D. Recommended Actions

	Recommended Actions	Indicate
a	Notification to IOTC Secretariat only. No further action is recommended.	<input type="checkbox"/>
b	Notification of illegal activity to IOTC Secretariat. Recommend notification of activity to flag State.	<input type="checkbox"/>
c	Recommended for inclusion on IOTC IUU list	X

Letter from the Secretariat to Indonesia:

IOTC Reference: 5732

Dr Aryo Hanggono
IOTC Commissioner
INDONESIA

Dear Dr. Hanggono,

SUBJECT: REQUEST OF INVESTIGATION ON THE ACTIVITIES OF 5 FISHING VESSELS APPARENTLY FLAGGED TO INDONESIA AND NOT REGISTERED ON THE IOTC RECORD OF AUTHORISED VESSELS.

We would like to bring to your attention that 5 fishing vessels apparently flagged to Indonesia are suspected to have carried out fishing activities in the IOTC area without being registered on the IOTC Record of Authorised Vessels (Resolution 14/04).

Fishing vessels: ANEKA 228; KM. ANEKA 228; SAMUDERA PERKASA 11; SAMUDRA PERKASA 12; YI HONG 16.

As per the reporting requirement of the Resolution 05/03, the Secretariat has received information from Thailand (Annex 1), that 5 vessel flagged to Indonesia landed their catches in the port of Phuket in the year 2013. According to the IOTC record of authorised vessels, those 5 vessels have never been registered on the IOTC record of authorised vessels.

I wish to invite your office to review the attached documents, conduct an investigation into the activities of the 5 vessels in the IOTC area and to report the results of your investigation to the IOTC Secretariat at your earliest convenience.

Finally, I would also like to take this opportunity to kindly advise your office that this letter will be circulated to the Members of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission in the coming weeks. In the same manner, upon receiving the results of your investigation, the Secretariat will also circulate the results to the Members of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission. Please further note that the Members of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission may wish to request additional information on the activities of these 5 vessels.

Please accept, Dr. Hanggono, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,





Rondolph Payet
Executive Secretary

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	LLOYD'S REGISTRATION NUMBER (1), NATIONAL REGISTRATION NUMBER (2), RADIO CALL SIGN (3)									
Indonesia										
ANEKA 228	1		IDN		LL		GRT	CHILLE		DEP
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KM. ANEKA 228	1		IDN		LL		GRT	CHILLE		DEP
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	3									
SAMUDERA PERKASA 11	1		IDN		LL		GRT	CHILLE		DEP
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SAMUDRA PERKASA 12	1		IDN		LL		GRT	CHILLE		DEP
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YI HONG 16	1		IDN		LL		GRT	CHILLE		DEP
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Response from Indonesia:



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Ref: 0215-KEI/2011/IV/2015

April, 13, 2015

Mr. Rondolph Payet
Executive Secretary
Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC)
PO Box 1011 Victoria, Mahe, Seychelles

RE : Request of Investigation on the Activities of 5 Fishing Vessels Apparently Flagged to Indonesia and not registered on the IOTC Record of Authorised to Vessels

Dear Mr. Rondolph Payet,

We would like to thank you very much for your letter-IOTC Reference 5732 regarding the above subject. As a follow up to your request, we have made an investigation on the Indonesia Fishing Permit Database, and we wish to confirm you the following:

1. Those five (5) vessels namely **ANEKA 228; KM. ANEKA 228; SAMUDERA PERKASA 11; SAMUDERA PERKASA 12 ; YI HONG 16** have never been provided with a fishing permit by Indonesia Government.
2. In accordance with the point (1) above, we may conclude that those five (5) vessels namely ANEKA 228; KM. ANEKA 228; SAMUDERA PERKAS 11; SAMUDERA PERKASA 12 ; YI HONG 16 **are not Indonesia Flagged Vessels Authorized to Fish (NOT AUTHORIZED VESSELS)**

We do support any further investigation and collective action on this matter and looking forward to discussing this issue in the coming 12th Session of the IOTC compliance committee as well as 19th IOTC Session of the IOTC.

We appreciate very much if you could kindly acknowledge receipt of this confirmation.

Best Regards,
For Director of Fisheries Resources Management,

Saut Tampubolon
Deputy Director of Fisheries Resources Management in Indonesia EEZ and High Seas.

Cc:

1. Director General of Capture Fisheries, MMAF
2. Director of Fisheries Resource Management, DGCF

Letter from the Secretariat to Bolivia:

IOTC Reference: 5731

Exa. Ministra de Desarrollo Rural y Tierras de Bolivia
BOLIVIA

Email: contacto@agrobolivia.gob.bo

Excellency,

SUBJECT: REQUEST OF INVESTIGATION ON THE ACTIVITIES OF 4 FISHING VESSELS APPARENTLY FLAGGED TO BOLIVIA.

We would like to bring to your attention that the below listed four (4) fishing vessels, apparently flagged to Bolivia, are suspected to have carried out fishing activities in the Area of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC).

Fishing vessels: KIM SENG DENG 3; YI HONG 106; YI HONG 116; YI HONG 6

As per the reporting requirement of IOTC Resolution 05/03, the Secretariat has received information from Thailand (Annex 1), that the four (4) vessels flagged to Bolivia landed their catches in the port of Phuket in the year 2013. According to the IOTC record of authorised vessels, those four (4) vessels are not authorised to operate in the IOTC Area. We note that Bolivia is neither a Member, nor a Cooperating non-Contracting Party of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission.

We wish to invite your office to review the attached documents, and conduct an investigation into the activities of the four (4) vessels in the IOTC Area, and to report the results of your investigation to the IOTC Secretariat at your earliest convenience.

Finally, we would also like to take this opportunity to kindly advise your office that this letter will be circulated to the Members of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission in the coming weeks. In the same manner, upon receiving the results of your investigation, the Secretariat will also circulate the results to the Members of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission. Please further note that the Members of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission may wish to request additional information on the activities of these four (4) vessels.

Please accept, your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,





Rondolph Payet
Executive Secretary

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Attachment:

Annex 1: Reporting of Thailand on the 4 vessels flagged to Bolivia that have landed catch in the Port of Phuket (2013),

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	LLOYD'S REGISTRATION NUMBER (1).	NATIONAL REGISTRATION NUMBER(2).								FLAG COUNTRY
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<u>Bolivia</u>										
KIM SENG DENG 3	1		BOL		LL	GRT	CHILLE		DEP	
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	3								tonnes	
YI HONG 106	1		BOL		LL	GRT	CHILLE		DEP	
	2								ARR	
	3								tonnes	
YI HONG 116	1		BOL		LL	GRT	CHILLE		DEP	
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YI HONG 6	1		BOL		LL	GRT	CHILLE		DEP	
	2								ARR	
	3								tonnes	

Letter from the Secretariat to Taiwan, Province of China:

IOTC Reference: 5733

Mr Ming-Fen Wu
Fisheries Agency
Taiwan, Province of China.
Email: mingfen@mstl.f.a.gov.tw

Dear Mr. Wu,

SUBJECT: REQUEST OF INVESTIGATION ON THE ACTIVITIES OF 12 FISHING VESSELS APPARENTLY AUTHORISED BY THE FISHERIES AGENCY OF TAIWAN, PROVINCE OF CHINA AND NOT REPORTED AS AUTHORISED BY TAIWAN, PROVINCE OF CHINA.

We would like to bring to your attention that 12 fishing vessels apparently authorised by the Fisheries Agency of Taiwan, Province of China are suspected to have carried out fishing activities in the IOTC area without being reported as authorised by the Fisheries Agency of Taiwan, Province of China.

Fishing vessels: CHI TONG; KUANG HGING 127; KUANG HGING 196; MAAN YIH HSING; SHUEN SIANG; SIN SHUN FA 6; SIN SHUN FA 67; SIN SHUN FA 8 ; SIN SHUN FA 9; TIAN LUNG NO.12; YI HONG 3; YU FONG 168

As per the reporting requirement of the Resolution 05/03, the Secretariat has received information from Thailand (Annex 1), that 12 vessels authorised by the Fisheries Agency of Taiwan, Province of China landed their catches in the port of Phuket in the year 2013. Those 12 vessels have never been reported as authorised by the Fisheries Agency of Taiwan, Province of China.

I wish to invite your office to review the attached documents, conduct an investigation into the activities of the 12 vessels in the IOTC area and to report the results of your investigation to the IOTC Secretariat at your earliest convenience.

Finally, I would also like to take this opportunity to kindly advise your office that this letter will be circulated to the Members of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission in the coming weeks. In the same manner, upon receiving the results of your investigation, the Secretariat will also circulate the results to the Members of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission. Please further note that the Members of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission may wish to request additional information on the activities of these 12 vessels.

Please accept, Mr. Wu, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,



Rondolph Payet
Executive Secretary

Attachment:

Annex 1: Reporting of Thailand on the 12 vessels authorised by Taiwan, Province of China that have landed catch in the Port of Phuket (2013),

Annex 1 - Reporting of Thailand on the 12 vessels authorised by the Fisheries Agency of Taiwan, Province of China that have landed catch in the Port of Phuket (2013).



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	LLOYD'S REGISTRATION NUMBER (1), NATIONAL REGISTRATION NUMBER (2), RADIO CALL SIGN (3)									
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CHI TONG	1		TWN		LL		GRT	CHILLE		DEP
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	3									
KUANG HGING 127	1		TWN		LL		GRT	CHILLE		DEP
	2									APR
	3									
KUANG HGING 196	1		TWN		LL		GRT	CHILLE		DEP
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MAAN YIH HSING	1		TWN		LL		GRT	CHILLE		DEP
	2									APR
	3									
SHUEN SIANG	1		TWN		LL		GRT	CHILLE		DEP
	2	CT3-3803								APR
	3									
SIN SHUN FA 6	1		TWN		LL		GRT	CHILLE		DEP
	2	CT4-2284								APR
	3									
SIN SHUN FA 67	1		TWN		LL		GRT	CHILLE		DEP
	2									APR
	3									
SIN SHUN FA 8	1		TWN		LL		GRT	CHILLE		DEP
	2									APR
	3									
SIN SHUN FA 9	1		TWN		LL		GRT	CHILLE		DEP
	2									APR
	3									
TIAN LUNG NO.12	1		TWN		LL		GRT	CHILLE		DEP
	2	CT2-4418								APR
	3									
YI HONG 3	1		TWN		LL		GRT	CHILLE		DEP
	2									APR
	3									
YU FONG 168	1		TWN		LL		GRT	CHILLE		DEP
	2									APR
	3									



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Please address all Correspondence to the Chief Executive Officer

06 April 2015

Mr. Rondolph Payet
Executive Secretary
Indian Ocean Tuna Commission
P.O. Box 1011, Victoria
Seychelles



Dear Sir,

RE: Case of illegal fishing in Seychelles Waters by vessel
MAOULLAI and MALIKI flag to the Islamic Republic of Iran

Pursuant to our submission to the IOTC Secretariat on 30th January 2015 of the report of illegal fishing activity in Seychelles waters by vessels MAOULLAI and MALIKI flag to the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Seychelles wishes to update the Commission on the development of the case.

The two subjected vessel were apprehended on 16th January 2014 for suspicion of illegal fishing in Seychelles waters.

A case was file with the Supreme Court of Seychelles and the masters of the respective vessels namely Mr. Mahomed Unes and Mr. Yusuf Tina, both of Iranian nationality were charged by the Seychelles' Court for fishing without a foreign fishing vessel licence, contrary to Section 7 (1) of the Fisheries Act (Cap 82) and punishable under Section 24(1) of the Fisheries Act (Cap 82), as amended by Act 3 of 1997.

As provided for under the Fisheries Act, the masters of the vessels represented by operator Mr. Kamaran Dorrani also of Iranian nationality admitted to the commission of offence as charged and agreed to it being dealt with under Section 26 of the Fisheries Act (Cap 82). Thus the offences were compounded and both maters paid the sum of USD 45,000 to Seychelles for the settlement of said offence.

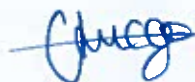
Seychelles hereby wish to inform the Commission of same and request that the above mentioned vessels not be placed on the draft IUU list as per submission of 30th January 2015.



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J'aime *les Seychelles*

However Seychelles would like to request that the Secretariat communicate with the respective flag State and advise them to regularize the activity of the respective fishing vessels in the IOTC Convention area.

Yours sincerely,



Vincent Lucas (Mr)

AG. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



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J'aime *les Seychelles*

Response from Taiwan, Province of China:



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Mr. Rondolph PAYET
Executive Secretary
Indian Ocean Tuna Commission
P.O.Box 1011
Victoria, Seychelles

April 16, 2015

Dear Mr. Payet,

I am writing to respond to your letter dated April 10, 2015 (IOTC Reference 5733), regarding twelve (12) alleged Taiwanese vessels that are suspected to have carried out fishing activities in the IOTC area of competence.

After reviewing our fishing vessel registry, among those twelve fishing vessels, eight (8) of them, namely *TIAN LUNG NO.12*, *KUANG HGING NO.127*, *KUANG HGING NO.196*, *MAAN YIH HSING*, *SIN SHUN FA NO.67*, *SIN SHUN FA NO.8*, *SIN SHUN FA NO.9* and *YI HONG NO.3*, have never been registered under the Taiwanese flag and were illegally operating by falsely claimed and pretended as Taiwanese flagged fishing vessels.

As to the fishing vessel *SIN SHUN FA NO.6*, there is one fishing vessel registered in TAIWAN is under the name of *SIN SHUN FA NO.6*. However, the vessel is a small scale fishing vessel only operating in the offshore area of Taiwan, and in accordance with its voyage data recorder (VDR) on board, it has never been in the Indian Ocean in 2013. The registration number provided in your letter belongs to another fishing vessel, which was scrapped in 2012. Accordingly, it is evident that the said vessel was illegally operating under pretence of an innocent Taiwanese flagged fishing vessel.

Regarding the fishing vessel *CHI TONG* and *SHUEN SIANG*, in accordance with our historical records, there were two vessels fitting in with the name in our fishing vessel registry. The fishing licenses of these two vessels were both revoked in 1995 and no further record exist after that. Therefore, it is apparent that these two vessels are engaging fishing activities by intentionally forging the name and registration number of our fishing vessels.

Regarding the fishing vessel *YU FONG NO.168*, the fishing vessel was authorized by our fisheries authority to operate in the Pacific Ocean before 2009. In 2009, the vessel was found illegally operating in the exclusive economic zones of the Marshall Islands. As the offense is found, our government instructed the vessel to navigate back to Taiwan immediately. Unfortunately, the vessel escaped and never back to Taiwan ever since. As the result, our government has revoked the fishing license of the



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vessel in 2009 and the vessel has been listed on the IUU Vessel List of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC).

Our government has been trying to track down the vessel *YU FONG NO.168* for many years. On the other hand, we once asked assistance from both the members and the Cooperating Non-members of WCPFC in locating the vessel. I would like to take this chance to seek the assistance of all CPCs of IOTC. In the event that any CPC finds the vessel again, please arrest and detain the vessel as per request of the flag state and inform us as soon as possible for further actions, so as to prevent the vessel from continuing engaging in IUU activities.

Please kindly circulate this letter to all CPCs of the IOTC. Should you have any further question, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Best regards,

Ming-Fen Wu

Ming-Fen WU

Section Chief

Deep Sea Fisheries Division