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WCPFC IUU VESSEL LIST FOR 2023

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Purpose

1. This paper presents the relevant information for the consideration and decision of WCPFC19 on the 2023 WCPFC IUU Vessel List.

Background

2. The Sixteenth Regular Session of the Commission (WCPFC16) adopted the Conservation and Management Measure to Establish a List of Vessels Presumed to Have Carried Out Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing Activities in the WCPO (CMM 2019-07¹) which amended and replaced CMM 2010-06.
3. CMM 2019-07 requires the Executive Director to prepare a draft IUU Vessel List based on information received from Members, Cooperating Non-Members and Participating Territories (CCMs) at least 70 days before the annual meeting of the Technical and Compliance Committee (TCC). Paragraph 6 of this CMM further requires the Executive Director to transmit the draft IUU Vessel List, together with all the supporting evidence provided, to all CCMs, as well as to non-CCMs with vessels on the list, at least 55 days before the annual meeting of the TCC.

Recommendations on the provisional WCPFC IUU Vessel List

4. TCC18 reviewed the current WCPFC IUU Vessel List for 2022. No changes are proposed to this list. The record of deliberations will be available in the draft TCC18 Summary Report from [18th Regular Session of the Technical and Compliance Committee | WCPFC Meetings](#). The recommendation is provided in the box below with the relevant paragraph numbering.

¹ The Seventh Regular Session of the Commission (WCPFC7) adopted CMM 2010-06 entitled 'Conservation and Management Measure to Establish a List of Vessels Presumed to Have Carried Out Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing Activities in the WCPO' (which replaced the first such CMM; CMM 2007-03).

TCC18 recommended to WCPFC19 that the three fishing vessels **NEPTUNE, FULIEN No.1 and YU FONG 168** on the WCPFC IUU Vessel List in 2022 remain on that list for 2023.

(TCC18 Provisional Outcomes WCPFC-TCC18-2022-outcomes paragraph 4)

5. A copy of the 2022 IUU Vessel List is provided in **Annex 1** and is posted on the WCPFC website at <https://www.wcpfc.int/wcpfc-iuu-vessel-list>. Copies of suitably documented information that relates to this List can be accessed by authorised CCM users from the WCPFC secure CCM site on the website.

Recommendation

6. WCPFC19 is invited, pursuant to CMM 2019-07, to adopt a WCPFC IUU Vessel List for 2023, considering the TCC18 recommendation to maintain the three vessels that are currently on the WCPFC IUU Vessel List and any other relevant information.



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(Effective from 5 February 2022: WCPFC18 agreed to maintain the WCPFC IUU list for 2021 as the WCPFC IUU list for 2022)

Note: Information provided in this list is in accordance with CMM 2019-07 para 19 and WCPFC13 decisions

Current name of vessel (previous names)	Current flag (previous flags)	Date first included on WCPFC IUU Vessel List ²	Flag State Registration Number/ IMO Number	Call Sign (previous call signs)	Vessel Master (nationality)	Owner/beneficial owners (previous owners)	Notifying CCM	IUU activities
Neptune	<i>unknown</i> (Georgia)	10 Dec. 2010	M-00545	<i>unknown</i> (4LOG)		Space Energy Enterprises Co. Ltd.	France	Fishing on the high seas of the WCPFC Convention Area without being on the WCPFC Record of Fishing Vessels (CMM 2007-03-para 3a)
Fu Lien No 1	<i>unknown</i> (Georgia)	10 Dec. 2010	M-01432 IMO No 7355662	<i>unknown</i> (4LIN2)		Fu Lien Fishery Co., Georgia	United States	Is without nationality and harvested species covered by the WCPFC Convention in the Convention Area (CMM 2007-03, para 3h)
Yu Fong 168	<i>unknown</i> (Chinese Taipei)	11 Dec. 2009		BJ4786	Mr Jang Faa Sheng (Chinese Taipei)	Chang Lin Pao-Chun, 161 Sanmin Rd., Liouciuo Township, Pingtung County 929, Chinese Taipei	Marshall Islands	Fishing in the Exclusive Economic Zone of the Republic of the Marshall Islands without permission and in contravention of Republic of the Marshall Islands's laws and regulations. (CMM 2007-03, para 3b)

² **Supplementary note:** In October 2015, the Executive Director wrote to: Chinese Taipei and Georgia requesting information on their vessel/s on the WCPFC IUU list, and to other RFMOs (CCAMLR, CCSBT, IATTC, ICCAT, IOTC, NPAFC & SPRFMO) to seek their cooperation with locating the vessels on the list. Georgia confirmed that the vessels **Neptune** and **Fu Lien No 1** were no longer flying the Georgia flag. Chinese Taipei confirmed the **Yu Fong 168** license was revoked in 2009 and the vessel owner financially penalized for violating the rules of not returning to port. Chinese Taipei further advised information was received from Thailand's notification to IOTC that the vessel landed their catches in the port of Phuket in the year 2013. On 17 November 2017, Chinese Taipei informed WCPFC that the **Yu Fong 168** had been deregistered by Chinese Taipei. On 29 April 2020, WCPFC received further information from Chinese Taipei identifying the master of the **Yu Fong 168** at the time of the IUU fishing activity who had been sanctioned.