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## DRAFT IUU VESSEL LIST AND CURRENT WCPFC IUU VESSEL LIST

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#### Purpose

1. This paper presents the draft IUU Vessel List and supporting documentation, and the current WCPFC IUU Vessel List for 2024 for the consideration and decision of TCC20.

#### Background

2. 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 2019-07](#)) requires the Executive Director 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).
3. In addition, CMM 2019-07 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.
4. A copy of the [current IUU Vessel List](#) for 2024 is available on the WCPFC website.

#### Vessels presumed to have undertaken IUU activity

5. As advised in [WCPFC Circular 2024/49](#), the Secretariat received a submission regarding presumed IUU vessels for inclusion on the draft IUU Vessel List for 2025. Australia notified China as the responsible Flag State on 12 July 2024 in accord with CMM 2019-07.
6. In a letter dated 17 July 2024, Australia notified the Secretariat of a fishing vessel flagged to China presumed to be carrying out IUU activities in the Convention Area during the current or previous

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<sup>1</sup> This document replaces the original paper of 14 August and includes an update to reflect new information provided by China and Australia.

year. The notifications and supporting documentation were circulated to CCMs in Circular [2024/49](#) on 1 August.

7. A response from China regarding their investigation and subsequent sanctions on the vessel was received on 13 August 2024. On 6 September 2024, Australia provided further information and advised the case has been settled to their satisfaction in line with CMM 2019-07 paragraph 15c.
8. A copy of the draft IUU Vessel List for 2025 is provided in **Annex 1**. Copies of documented information relating to the draft IUU Vessel List and the current WCPFC IUU Vessel List can be accessed by authorized CCM users from the secure CCM IUU webpages on the WCPFC website.

#### Current WCPFC IUU Vessel List for 2024

9. The WCPFC IUU Vessel List for 2024 maintained the previous year's list and included one additional new vessel as agreed by WCPFC20 ([Attachment 1 Summary Report page 178](#)). A copy of this list is provided in **Annex 2**.
10. On 6 February 2024, the Secretariat wrote to relevant RFMOs to request information about the vessels on the current WCPFC IUU Vessel List. No new information was received in response to these letters. Several RFMOs who have adopted cross-listing procedures have included the additional vessel on the WCPFC IUU Vessel List.

#### Recommendations

11. TCC20 is invited to:
  - a. adopt a Provisional IUU Vessel List for submission to the Commission for their consideration of possible inclusion in a WCPFC IUU Vessel List for 2025; and
  - b. recommend, as appropriate, any proposed changes to the current WCPFC IUU Vessel List for 2024.



## DRAFT WCPFC IUU VESSEL LIST FOR 2025

**Note:** Information provided in this list is in accordance with CMM 2019-07 19 and WCPFC13 decisions. Vessel information from RFV as of 20 July 2024.

Current name of vessel (previous names)	Current flag (previous flags)	Date first included on WCPFC IUU Vessel List	Flag State Registration Number/ IMO Number	Call Sign (previous call signs)	Vessel Master (nationality)	Owner/beneficial owners (previous owners)	Notifying CCM	IUU activities
Lu Rong Yuan Yu 139	China		No.GH-0530(2020) Guoyu(gong)  IMO No 9730488	BCFA4	Du Lianjun (China)	Shan Dong Lidao Oceanic Technology Company Limited	Australia	Longliner – Alleged IUU fishing in accordance with CMM 2019-07 3 (b)

WCPFC IUU VESSEL LIST FOR 2024

*(Effective from 6 February 2024: WCPFC20 agreed to maintain the WCPFC IUU list for 2023 and added one new vessel)*

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 <sup>2</sup>	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 WCPF 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 WCPF 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' laws and regulations. (CMM 2007-03, para 3b)
Kuda Laut 03	Philippines	08 Dec 2023	Registry No. 12-0001812	DUM-4015	Alex L Cerina, Filipino	Tuna Explorers Incorporated	New Zealand	Fishing on the high seas of the WCPF Convention Area (High Seas Pocket One) without being on the WCPFC Record of Fishing Vessels (CMM 2019-07-para 3a)

<sup>2</sup> **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. Accordingly, the 2024 list above has been updated.