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Purpose

1. This paper presents the WCPFC IUU Vessel List for 2024 as the basis for the Commission's decision on the WCPFC IUU Vessel List for 2025.

Consideration of the draft IUU Vessel List and current IUU Vessel List for 2024

- 2. In accordance with <u>CMM 2019-07</u>, <u>TCC20</u> reviewed:
 - a. a draft IUU Vessel List and supporting documentation; and
 - b. the current WCPFC IUU Vessel List for 2024.
- 3. The record of the deliberations during TCC20 related to the draft IUU Vessel List can be found in the TCC20 Summary Report.
- 4. There are four vessels on the WCPFC IUU Vessel List for 2024 which is shown in **Annex 1**.
- 5. On 6 February 2024, the Secretariat wrote to relevant RFMOs to request information about the vessels on the current WCPFC IUU Vessel List. On 25 September 2025, the Philippines, as the flag CCM for the Kuda Kaut 03, provided an update on the status of their enforcement action against this vessel. This update is available to CCMs through the secure WCPFC IUU Vessels List webpage. No other new information was received in response to these letters.

6. TCC20 made the following recommendations to WCPFC21 as reflected in the TCC20 2024 Outcomes:

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- 6. TCC20 referred to the nomination by Australia for the LU RONG YUAN YU 139 to be placed on the draft IUU vessel list and agreed not to place the LU RONG YUAN YU 139 on the provisional IUU vessel list following the imposition of penalties by the flag CCM, China, and the settlement of the case to the satisfaction of Australia.
- TCC20 recommended to WCPFC20 that the four fishing vessels NEPTUNE, FU LIEN No.1, YU FONG 168 and KUDA LAUT 03 on the WCPFC IUU Vessel List in 2024 remain on that list for 2025.

Recommendation

7. The Commission is invited to recommend any appropriate changes to the WCPFC IUU Vessel List for 2024, and to confirm the WCPFC IUU Vessel List for 2025



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 ¹	Flag State Registration Number/ IMO Number	Call Sign (previous call signs)	Vessel Master (nationality)	Owner/beneficial owners (previous owners)	Notifying CCM	IUU activities
Neptune	unknown (Georgia)	10 Dec. 2010	M-00545	unknown (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	unknown (Georgia)	10 Dec. 2010	M-01432 IMO No 7355662	unknown (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	unknown (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)

¹ 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.