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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 2025 WCPFC IUU Vessel List for the consideration and decision of TCC21.

Background

- 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. The <u>current IUU Vessel List</u> for 2025 is available on the WCPFC website.

Vessels presumed to have undertaken IUU activity: Draft IUU Vessel List for 2026

5. The Secretariat received a submission from New Zealand on 15 July 2025 regarding presumed IUU vessels for inclusion on the draft IUU Vessel List for 2026. New Zealand confirmed that in accordance with the requirements of CMM 2019-07, it had notified Indonesia as the responsible Flag State of the presumed IUU vessels, and Indonesia confirmed receipt of the notification from New Zealand. The Secretariat circulated the notification and supporting documentation from New Zealand on 1 August in Circular 2024/49. The documentation submitted by New Zealand alleges that three fishing vessels flagged to Indonesia are presumed to have carried out IUU activities in the Convention Area during 2023 and 2024.

6. Accordingly, a copy of the draft IUU Vessel List for 2026 is provided in **Annex 1**. Documented information relating to the vessels on the draft IUU Vessel List and the current WCPFC IUU Vessel List is available for authorized CCM users on the WCPFC secure CCM IUU webpage.

Current WCPFC IUU Vessel List (2025)

- 7. The WCPFC IUU Vessel List for 2025 maintained the previous year's list and is provided in **Annex 2**. (Attachment 7 WCPFC21 Summary Report, page 211).
- 8. On 15 January 2025, the Executive Director 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 with cross-listing procedures have included vessels from the WCPFC IUU Vessel List on their IUU lists.

Recommendations

9. TCC21 is invited to:

- a. recommend a Provisional 2026 IUU Vessel List to the Commission for their consideration at WCPFC22.
- b. recommend, as appropriate, any proposed changes to the current WCPFC IUU Vessel List for 2025, or make other relevant recommendations.



DRAFT WCPFC IUU VESSEL LIST FOR 2026

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

Current name of	Current flag	Date first	Flag CCM	Call Sign	Vessel	Owner/beneficial	Notifying	IUU activity
vessel	(previous	included on	Registration	(previous	Master	owners (previous	CCM	
(previous	flags)	WCPFC IUU	Number/	call signs)	(nationality)	owners)		
names)		Vessel List	IMO Number					
Bintang Bahagia	Indonesia		198	YE2844	Unknown	Bintang Bahagia	New Zealand	Alleged fishing without authorisation
81			NO.2223/PPA			Bersinar, PT		on the high seas of the WCPFC
			IMO No:8456451					Convention Area.
Bintang Bahagia	Indonesia		173	YE2752	Unknown	Bintang Samuudra	New Zealand	Alleged fishing without authorisation
79			NO.8071/BC			Bersinar, PT		on the high seas of the WCPFC
			IMO No:					Convention Area.
			8569337					
Marceljaya- 26	Indonesia		173	YEC5338	Unknown	Marcelindo Citra	New Zealand	Alleged fishing without authorisation
			NO.8071/BC			Lestari, PT		on the high seas of the WCPFC
			IMO No: 8569337					Convention Area



WCPFC IUU VESSEL LIST FOR 2025

(Effective from 1 February 2025)

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of vessel	(previous	included on	Registration	(previous	Master	owners (previous	CCM	
(previous	flags)	WCPFC IUU	Number/	call signs)	(nationality)	owners)		
names)		Vessel List ¹	IMO Number					
Neptune	unknown	10 Dec. 2010	M-00545	unknown		Space Energy	France	Fishing on the high seas of the WCPF Convention Area
	(Georgia)			(4LOG)		Enterprises Co. Ltd.		without being on the WCPFC Record of Fishing Vessels
								(CMM 2007-03-para 3a)
Fu Lien No 1	unknown	10 Dec. 2010	M-01432	unknown		Fu Lien Fishery Co.,	United	Is without nationality and harvested species covered by
	(Georgia)		IMO No	(4LIN2)		Georgia	States	the WCPF Convention in the Convention Area (CMM
			7355662					2007-03, para 3h)
Yu Fong 168	unknown	11 Dec. 2009		BJ4786	Mr Jang Faa	Chang Lin Pao-	Marshall	Fishing in the Exclusive Economic Zone of the Republic of
	(Chinese				Sheng (Chinese	Chun, 161 Sanmin	Islands	the Marshall Islands without permission and in
	Taipei)				Taipei)	Rd., Liouciuo		contravention of Republic of the Marshall Islands' laws
						Township, Pingtung		and regulations. (CMM 2007-03, para 3b)
						County 929,		
						Chinese Taipei		
Kuda Laut 03	Philippines	08 Dec 2023	Registry No.	DUM-4015	Alex L Cerina,	Tuna Explorers	New	Fishing on the high seas of the WCPF Convention Area
			12-0001812		Filipino	Incorporated	Zealand	(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.