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Tuvalu recommendation for Consideration by TCC on IUU vessels

WCPFC-TCC11-2015-DP11 28 Sept 2015 1400 Tuvalu recommendations for consideration by TCC

- 1. TCC11 encourages strengthening of cooperation among all CCMs to actively work together to locate the vessels that are on the WCPFC IUU vessel list, so as to stop their illegal activities.
- 2. TCC11 recommends that such cooperation should include, as appropriate and as applicable to each CCM:
 - i. prompt advice to the Commission Secretariat from any Flag State or other CCM who has information on any vessel on the WCPFC IUU list, including its whereabouts and any known change in name or other circumstance. In addition, Port States are requested to take any appropriate action, including denial of port entry and services to those vessels.
 - ii. greater scrutiny [and publicising of activities] of the individuals and companies that have been involved in IUU fishing, and the sharing of this information between CCMs and RFMOs.
- 3. TCC11 recommends that the Commission Secretariat write to the Flag States of the IUU vessels on the WCPFC IUU list, following WCPFC11 and annually in advance of TCC, to identify their last known operations and track their whereabouts and to advise the Commission of any findings;
- 4. TCC11 recommends that the Secretariat write a letter to other RFMOs following TCC11 for cooperation to locate those vessels listed on the WCPFC IUU list as at the date of TCC11 underlining that they are now listed on a number of IUU lists, and for the Secretariat to provide an update to WCPFC12 on any responses from RFMOs.
- 5. TCC recommends that the Commission clarify that English is to be used in all communications between relevant CCMs regarding alleged IUU activities.