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WCPFC IUU Vessel List for 2026

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Purpose

1. This paper presents the Provisional Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated (IUU) Vessel List and the [WCPFC IUU Vessel List for 2025](#), which together form the basis for the Commission's decision on the adoption of the WCPFC IUU Vessel List for 2026.
2. In accordance with the provisions of [CMM 2019-07](#), [TCC21](#) reviewed the following:
 - a. the draft IUU Vessel List and supporting documentation; and
 - b. the current WCPFC IUU Vessel List for 2025.
3. Following its review, TCC21 agreed to recommend a Provisional IUU Vessel List and the current WCPFC IUU vessel list to the Commission, along with supporting information. The Commission's consideration of these two lists at WCPFC22, together with any additional information, will form the basis for a decision on the WCPFC IUU Vessel List for 2026.

Provisional IUU Vessel List

4. 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 CCM of the presumed IUU vessels, and Indonesia confirmed receipt of the notification from New Zealand. The Secretariat circulated the notification and supporting documentation to CCMs on 30 July 2025.
5. On 9 September 2025, an update on the current and draft IUU Vessel Lists was circulated to all CCMs, noting that the Secretariat had not received any additional suitably documented information regarding vessels on the draft IUU Vessel List for 2026.

6. TCC21 reviewed the draft IUU Vessel List for 2026 in accordance with [CMM 2019-07](#) and considered updates provided by relevant CCMs. As a result, three vessels were included by TCC21 on the Provisional IUU Vessel List: the BINTANG BAHAGIA 81, BINTANG BAHAGIA 79 and MARCELJAYA-26 (**Annex 1**).
7. Supporting information considered by TCC21, together with any new information submitted, is available to CCMs through the secure WCPFC [IUU Vessels webpage](#). The record of deliberations relating to the development of the Provisional IUU Vessel List can be found in the draft TCC21 Summary Report.
8. The TCC21 recommendation to the Commission is provided below:

TCC21 recommended that CCMs with vessels on the draft IUU vessel list provide a written update on progress with investigations and sanctions, including information allowing for an appreciation of deterrence prior to TCC.

TCC21 referred to the nomination by New Zealand for the **BINTANG BAHAGIA 81**, **BINTANG BAHAGIA 79** and **MARCELJAYA-26** to be included on the draft IUU vessel list and agreed to place the **BINTANG BAHAGIA 81**, **BINTANG BAHAGIA 79** and **MARCELJAYA-26** on the provisional IUU vessel list for further discussion at WCPFC22.

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9. There are four vessels on the WCPFC IUU Vessel List for 2025: NEPTUNE, FU LIEN No.1, YU FONG 168 and KUDA LAUT 03 (**Annex 2**). 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.
10. On 9 September 2025, an update on the current and draft IUU Vessel List was circulated to all CCMs. This noted that there was no new information to circulate at that time on the current WCPFC IUU list for 2025 and further noted that the Secretariat was reviewing additional information it had received in relation to vessels on the current IUU Vessel List.
11. On 10 September 2025, with the support of the relevant CCM, the Executive Director circulated information to CCMs provided by the International Monitoring, Control and Surveillance Network (IMCS Network). The information included details relating to certain vessels on the current IUU Vessel List for 2025.
12. On 24 September 2024, during TCC21, the Philippines provided an update on FB KUDA LAUT-03.
13. Supporting information considered by TCC21, together with any new information submitted, is available to CCMs through the secure WCPFC [IUU Vessels webpage](#). The record of deliberations during TCC21 related to the review of the WCPFC IUU Vessel List for 2025 can be found in the TCC21 draft summary report.

14. The TCC21 recommendation to the Commission is provided below:

TCC21 recommended to WCPFC22 that the four fishing vessels **NEPTUNE, FU LIEN No.1, YU FONG 168** and **KUDA LAUT 03** on the WCPFC IUU Vessel List in 2025 remain on that list for 2026.

TCC21 requested the IMCS Network to work with the relevant CCM to make available to TCC and WCPFC22 relevant information from the report that does not include confidential personal data and can be made publicly available preferably by the deadline for submission of information papers, after circulating to CCMs for comment. TCC21 requested that the relevant CCM provide an update on its investigation on this matter to WCPFC22.

Recommendation

15. The Commission is invited to recommend any appropriate changes to the WCPFC IUU Vessel List for 2025, and to adopt the WCPFC IUU Vessel List for 2026.



PROVISIONAL 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 vessel (previous names)	Current flag (previous flags)	Date first included on WCPFC IUU Vessel List	Flag CCM Registration Number/ IMO Number	Call Sign (previous call signs)	Vessel Master (nationality)*	Owner/beneficial owners (previous owners)*	Notifying CCM	IUU activity
Bintang Bahagia 81	Indonesia		198 NO.2223/PPA IMO No:8456451	YE2844	Sunarta Indonesia	Bintang Bahagia Bersinar, PT	New Zealand	Alleged fishing without authorisation on the high seas of the WCPFC Convention Area.
Bintang Bahagia 79	Indonesia		173 NO.8071/BC IMO No: 8456449	YE2752	Johan Indonesia	Bintang Samudra Bersinar, PT	New Zealand	Alleged fishing without authorisation on the high seas of the WCPFC Convention Area.
Marcel Jaya 26	Indonesia		173 NO.8071/BC IMO No: 8569337	YEC5338	Suratman Indonesia	Marcelindo Citra Lestari, PT	New Zealand	Alleged fishing without authorisation on the high seas of the WCPFC Convention Area

**This information is from the WCPFC RFV as of 15 October 2025*



WCPFC IUU VESSEL LIST FOR 2025

(Effective from 1 February 2025)

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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., Liuciuo Township,	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)

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.

						Pingtung County 929, Chinese Taipei		
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)