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WCPFC IUU VESSEL LIST FOR 2020

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Purpose

1. The paper presents for the consideration of WCPFC16 the relevant information for a decision on the 2020 WCPFC IUU Vessel List.

Introduction

2. The Seventh Regular Session of the Commission (WCPFC7) adopted Conservation and Management Measure 2010-06 (CMM 2010-06) ‘Conservation and Management Measure to Establish a List of Vessels Presumed to Have Carried Out Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing Activities in the WCPO’ (which replaced CMM 2007-03). CMM 2010-06 requires the Executive Director to 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). CMM 2010-06 further 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.

Recommendations on current WCPFC IUU Vessel List

3. The record of the deliberations during TCC15 related to the review of the WCPFC IUU Vessel List can be found in the TCC15 draft Summary Report, paragraphs 39 - 53. The TCC15 recommendations are provided in the box below:

TCC15 recommended to WCPFC16 that the three fishing vessels NEPTUNE, FU LIEN No.1 and YU FONG 168 currently on the WCPFC IUU Vessel List in 2019 remain on that list for 2020. (*TCC15 draft summary report, para 50*)

TCC15 recommended that WCPFC16 task the Executive Director to:

- seek the former flag States' cooperation to provide any information on these vessels, including their respective masters' names and nationalities;
- write to all CCMs to provide information to the Commission if they are located, or if there are any known changes to name, flag or registered owner, including any action that port States have taken such as denial of port entry and services to those vessels or any information from cannery States of any landings made by these vessels;
- write a letter to other RFMOs conveying this same message for cooperation to locate these vessels;
- ensure that any information received from the ED is promptly reported to all CCMs; and
- Inform all CCMs of the outcomes of the above prior to TCC16. *(TCC15 draft summary report, para 51)*

TCC15 tasked that the Executive Director ensure that details on name and nationality of master and beneficial owners are captured for any future listings on the WCPFC IUU Vessel List. *(TCC15 draft summary report, para 52)*

TCC15 recommended that WCPFC16 considers amending the current CMM (CMM 2010-06) in order to adopt a measure that would allow for cross listing vessels on the IUU Vessel Lists of other RFMOs into the WCPFC IUU Vessels List in order to strengthen the fight against IUU fishing. *(TCC15 draft summary report, para 53)*

4. A copy of the current WCPFC IUU List is posted on the WCPFC website at <https://www.wcpfc.int/wcpfc-iuu-vessel-list> and a copy is provided as **Annex 1** to this paper. Copies of suitably documented information pertaining to the WCPFC IUU list, can be accessed by CCMs on the WCPFC secure CCM side of the website.

Recommendations

5. WCPFC16 is invited, pursuant to CMM 2010-06, to adopt a new WCPFC IUU Vessel List for 2020, considering the TCC15 recommendation to maintain the three vessels that are currently on the WCPFC IUU vessel list and any other relevant information.
6. WCPFC16 is also invited to consider approving the TCC15 recommendations that the Executive Director request information about the vessels on the WCPFC IUU Vessel List and to promptly advise CCMs (TCC15 draft summary report para 51).
7. WCPFC16 is further invited to consider approving the TCC15 recommendations that the Executive Director ensure that details on name and nationality of master and beneficial owners are captured for any future listings on the WCPFC IUU Vessel List (TCC15 draft summary report para 52).

8. WCPFC16 is invited to consider amending the current CMM (CMM 2010-06) in order to adopt a measure that would allow for cross listing vessels on the IUU Vessel Lists of other RFMOs into the WCPFC IUU Vessels List in order to strengthen the fight against IUU fishing (TCC15 draft summary report, para 53).



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(Effective from 12 February 2019: WCPFC15 agreed to maintain the WCPFC IUU list for 2018 as the WCPFC IUU list for 2019)

Note: Information provided in this list is in accordance with CMM 2010-06 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	<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		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's laws and regulations. (CMM 2007-03, para 3b)

¹ **Supplementary note as at 7 Dec 2017:** In October 2015, at the request of TCC11 the Executive Director sent letters to: Chinese Taipei and Georgia to request information of their vessel/s on the WCPFC IUU list, specifically their last known operations and whereabouts; and to other RFMOs (CCAMLR, CCSBT, IATTC, ICCAT, IOTC, NPAFC & SPRFMO) to seek their cooperation with locating the vessels on the WCPFC IUU list underlining that they are now listed on a number of IUU lists. Georgia replied to confirm that the vessels **Neptune** and **Fu Lien No 1** are no longer flying Georgia flag. Chinese Taipei confirmed that with respect to **Yu Fong 168**, the license was revoked in 2009 the owner of the vessel has been penalized through repeated monetary punishment for violating the rules of not returning to port. Chinese Taipei further advised that the most recent 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, WCPFC received a communication from Chinese Taipei informing WCPFC that **Yu Fong 168** has been deregistered by Chinese Taipei.