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# Global Initiatives to Combat IUU Fishing

SEAFDEC Regional Training on Port State  
Measures Implementation for Inspectors  
Bangkok, Thailand

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# Leveling the Playing Field



**Illegal  
Unreported  
Unregulated  
Harvest**



**Legal  
Reported  
Regulated  
Harvest**



*Detecting and deterring IUU fishing presents many challenges*

# Challenges and Discussion Topics

- Increasing globalization of fish markets (international cooperation/partnering)
- Linkages to other crimes including organized crime (UN Report)
- Complexity of business structure (shell companies, hidden beneficial ownership)
- Need for innovative legal approaches and collaboration (U.S. Lacey Act example)
- Enforcement Resource Limitations – need for prioritization



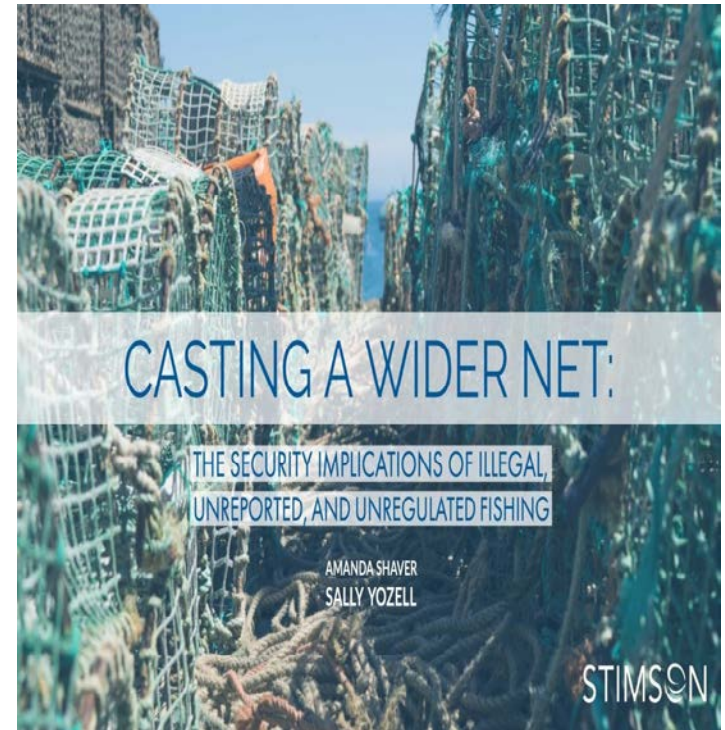
# Security Threats of IUU Fishing

Threat to:

- Ecological Security
- Economic Security
- Food Security
- Geopolitical Stability

Threat of:

- Maritime Piracy
- Transnational Organized Crime



<https://www.stimson.org/content/interactive-report-casting-wider-net>

# FFA Estimates Pacific IUU Fishing (15 March 2016)

An independent report released by the Forum Fisheries Agency has put a value on the amount of IUU tuna fishing in the Pacific at around \$616 million USD or over 306 million tonnes.



# Combat IUU Fishing at all Stages



# Port State Measures Agreement

- Entered into Force globally in June 2016.
- Currently, there are 61 Parties covering 86 Countries.
- Cost effective way to combat IUU Fishing



***All IUU fishery products eventually enters the supply chain via a port***

# Collaborative Counter-IUU Fishing Initiatives

- [International Monitoring, Control and Surveillance \(IMCS\) Network](#)
- [INTERPOL Fisheries Crime Working Group](#)
- [SE Asia RPOA-IUU](#) and proposed Caribbean RPOA-IUU
- [SEAFDEC](#) – Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center
- [West Africa Task Force](#) (Stop Illegal Fishing)
- [Network of Exchange](#) of information and experiences among countries of Latin America and the Caribbean to Prevent, Discourage and Eliminate IUU Fishing
- [Global Record](#) of Fishing Vessels, Refrigerated Transport Vessels and Supply Vessels
- [Global Study on Transshipment](#)
- Human Trafficking and Forced Labor Initiatives







## ***International MCS Network***

- ***Global Network between Fisheries Enforcement authorities established in 2001***

## ***INTERPOL's Fisheries Crime Working Group***

- ***Dedicated Working Group dealing with transnational fisheries crime***

# Global Combating IUU Fishing Initiatives

International Monitoring, Control and Surveillance (MCS) Network:

- Global Fisheries Enforcement Training Workshop
- enhanced cooperation
- coordination
- information collection/  
exchange



# 6<sup>th</sup> Global Fisheries Enforcement Training Workshop (GFETW)

<https://gfetw.org>/<https://gfetw.org>/



# Global Combating IUU Fishing Initiatives

## INTERPOL Fisheries

### Crime Working Group

- Initiated an ad hoc working group on IUU Fishing (Bangkok – March 2012)
- Seeking international collaboration on criminal IUU fishing/related activities



# INTERPOL Purple Notice Outcomes

- Military and police have boarded two toothfish poaching vessels, *FV Songhua* and *FV Yongding*, in Cabo Verde, an archipelago state off the northwestern coast of Africa.
- Malaysian authorities detained another two vessels, the *FV Viking* in April (later blown-up) and the *FV Perlon* in May. Both vessels had toothfish aboard.
- Another vessel *FV Kunlun* was detained by authorities in Thailand in March which also had toothfish onboard.
- The U.S. is one of the main markets for this toothfish product. These operations help level the playing field for our U.S. fishermen and benefit the sustainability of global fisheries.

**WANTED**  
**ROGUE TOOTHFISH POACHING VESSELS**  
**THE "BANDIT 6"**

**THUNDER**  
This vessel has an INTERPOL PURPLE NOTICE  
On the CCAMLR Non-Contracting Party IUU  
List. Uses Gillnets, which are prohibited in  
the CCAMLR region. Targeting Toothfish.  
BUSTED BY SEA SHEPHERD 17/12/2014

**VIKING**  
This vessel has an INTERPOL PURPLE NOTICE  
On the CCAMLR Non-Contracting Party IUU  
List. Uses Gillnets, which are prohibited in  
the CCAMLR region. Targeting Toothfish.

**CHANG BAI**  
On the CCAMLR Non-Contracting Party IUU  
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the CCAMLR region. Targeting Toothfish.

**CHENGDU**  
On the CCAMLR Non-Contracting Party IUU  
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the CCAMLR region. Targeting Toothfish.

**NIHEWAN**  
On the CCAMLR Non-Contracting Party IUU  
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the CCAMLR region. Targeting Toothfish.

**PERLON**  
Longliner on the CCAMLR Non-Contracting  
Party IUU Vessel List.



# Global Record

## Global Record

of Fishing Vessels, Refrigerated Transport Vessels and Supply Vessels



- Disclaimer
- IUU Lists

**THE Global Record**  
of Fishing Vessels, Refrigerated Transport Vessels and Supply Vessels

Launch application Data upload

The Information System of the Global Record of Fishing Vessels, Refrigerated Transport Vessels and Supply Vessels is a single access point for information on vessels used for fishing and fishing-related activities to combat illegal,

### Related Links

- FAO Fisheries and Aquaculture Department
- COFI 32
- Agreement on Port State Measures (PSMA)

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# International Cooperation: Regional Fishery Management Organizations (RFMOs)

- Conservation Measures, Compliance Monitoring, etc.
- Establishment of IUU vessel lists
- Restriction on port entry, use of port and/or access to port services to listed vessels
- Cross Listing of IUU Vessels



NON-CONTRACTING PARTY IUU VESSEL LIST (CM 10-07) ADOPTED 2003 – 2011

*Names and flags under which the vessels were originally listed are underlined*

Current name	Current flag	Licence/IMO no.	Current call sign	Nature of activity <sup>1</sup>	Incident of interest <sup>2</sup>	Year listed	Ownership history <sup>3</sup> (list reported in underlines)	Previous name(s) <sup>4</sup>	Previous flag(s) <sup>5</sup>
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<u>America</u>	Unknown	7014345	5VAND	Inside Division 58.4.2 Inside Division 58.5.1	23 Jan 04 13 Oct 03	2003	India (1995) Senc Business SA (Panama) <u>Sold to undisclosed interests (at 01)</u>	1. Snow 2. Lowe 3. Julevy II	1. Belize 2-3. Togo
<u>Chalony</u>	Panama	6823642	HO01H1	Inside Division 58.4.3b Inside Division 58.4.3b Inside Division 58.4.3b	14 Feb 06 22 May 06 10 Dec 06	2006	Princ Ltd Mercury Ltd Mar de Neptune SA Advanced Company SA	1. Mira 2. <u>Perseverance</u>	1. UK 2. <u>Egyptian</u> 3. <u>Cuba</u>
<u>Parion</u>	Unknown	5862479	7N2E4	Inside Division 58.5.1 Inside Division 58.5.1 Inside Division 58.4.2 Inside Division 58.4.3b Fishing inside Division 58.4.1 Inside Division 58.4.3b Inside Division 58.4.1 Inside Division 58.4.1 Fishing inside Division 58.5.1	01 Dec 02 04 Jun 03 22 Jan 04 11 Dec 05 26 Jan 06 07 Dec 06 30 Dec 06 16 Dec 08 08 Jun 10	2003	Jean Loretan SL (SO) <u>Americaplaca S.A. (Panama)</u>	1. <u>Leopoldina</u> 2. <u>Albino</u> 3. <u>Serge</u> 4. <u>Bignou</u> 5. <u>Charve</u>	1. <u>Cuba</u> 2-3. <u>Togo</u> 5. <u>Mongolia</u>
<u>Good Hope</u>	Nigeria	7020126	5NMGJ	Enguipping in Area 51	06 Feb 07	2007	<u>Shack Investments AVY (SE)</u> <u>Manacor Port Plus Limited (Spain)</u> (See 01)	1. <u>Sea Ranger F</u> 2. <u>Fate</u>	1-2. <u>Belize</u>
<u>Heavy Sea</u>	Panama	7122926	3ENP8	Inside Division 58.5.1 Inside Division 58.5.1	20 Dec 02 03 Feb 04	2004	C&S Fisheries (Sep 04) <u>Manacor SA (SE)</u> Sencore Fish SA (Panama)	1. <u>Libera One</u> 2. <u>Levi</u> 3. <u>Osuro</u>	1. <u>Cuba</u> 2. <u>Unknown</u> 3. <u>Panama</u>
<u>Am</u>	Belize	6807666	Unknown	Fishing inside Division 58.4.3b Fishing inside Division 58.4.2 Fishing inside Division 58.4.3b Fishing inside Division 58.4.3b Fishing inside Division 58.4.3b Fishing inside Division 58.4.3b	22 May 06 18 Feb 07 24 Mar 07 13 Jan 08 09 Jan 09 20 Jan 09	2006	Armasco Fish Processors (Pty) Ltd Pesca Armasco <u>Armasco S.A. (Cayman Islands)</u>	1. <u>San Graciano</u> 2. <u>Francis</u> 3. <u>Cocobell</u> 4. <u>Ely</u>	1. <u>South Africa</u> 2. <u>Egyptian</u> 3. <u>Cuba</u> 4. <u>Mongolia</u>
<u>Roche 4</u>	Iran	7901443	FRQJC	Inside Division 58.5.1 Inside Division 58.5.1	20 Jan 11 15 Feb 11	2011	Pac/Peysa Seyd Industrial Fish (Iran)	1. <u>Agosha</u>	1. <u>Spain</u>



# Case Study: *Bangun Perkasa* September 2011





# Initial Information

- Found by Japanese surveillance flight
- A Coast Guard helicopter from a cutter observed the vessel next to a driftnet, later found to be in excess of 2.5 km.
- Another HSDN vessel located nearby
- Claimed Indonesia flag
- No flag, call sign, or numbers visible.
- Claimed to be targeting squid
- 22 persons on board



# Initial Boarding

- 22 persons on board
  - Taiwanese Master
  - Chinese First Mate, Second Mate, Chief Engineer, and Cook
  - 10 Vietnamese crew
  - 7 Indonesian crew
- No WCPFC license, identification, log, or VMS
- 16 km of driftnet on board
- 20-30 shark carcasses



# Technical Assistance to Combat IUU Fishing & International Cooperation

Science, stewardship, monitoring and enforcement



*Addressing root problems provides long-term solutions*

# IUU Fishing Challenges – looking forward

- Full utilization of international tools
- FAO PSM Agreement
- Increased exchange of information
- Increased use of new technologies
- Improved traceability
- Technical Assistance and LE Partnerships/Cooperation



Thank you



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