

**JAPAN'S STATEMENT ON MARIO 11  
(PWG ROUND #2)**

Regarding the removal of Mario 11 from the draft IUU list requested by Senegal, Japan would like to provide the following observations and comments:

1. Through ICCAT Circular 4085-20 dated June 16, 2020, the United States informed the Commission of the possible IUU activities by this vessel.
2. Through ICCAT Circular 4211-20 dated June 19, 2020, Japan informed the Commission that 1.7 tons of marlins harvested by Mario 11 in the Atlantic Ocean was being imported to Japan and Japan requested Senegal to confirm the legality of the product so that Japan would be able to import it.
3. Through ICCAT Circular 4826-20 dated July 13, 2020, Senegal said, "I would like to inform you that, throughout 2019, the vessels MARIO 11 and MARIO 7 were under the flag of Senegal and their activities were monitored in accordance with the applicable laws and regulations. However, on 7 January 2020, Senegal began a procedure to withdraw the Senegalese flag from these two vessels and has removed them from the ICCAT Record of Vessels."
4. Through ICCAT Circular 5127-20 dated July 22, Japan informed that Japan was not clear about whether "monitoring" means that the product was legally caught and requested Senegal to confirm that the product, 1.7 tons of marlins harvested by Mario 11 in the Atlantic during the period between 19 September and 20 December 2019, was legally caught and to provide the basis for the confirmation.
5. Since that time, Japan has not received any response from Senegal. Taking into account the exchange of the letters above and the information provided by the United States, Japan opposes removal of the vessel from the Draft IUU list unless:
  - 1) Senegal confirms the legality of 1.7 tons of marlins.
  - 2) Senegal explains the current status of the registration of the vessel, i.e., whether the vessel is still flagged to Senegal or has been deleted.
  - 3) Senegal explains whether it has investigated or plans to investigate the vessel to check its fishing activities and provides the results in case it has conducted such investigation.