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RESPONSES FROM SENEGAL TO ISSUES RAISED BY THE EU TO THE COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE (COC-322/21)

1. Differences in data on swordfish statistical documents

The differences on swordfish export data indicated in COC-322 could originate from recording errors. The verifications are being made and Senegal will officially submit this issue to the EU.

2. Port controls in Dakar

MEGA 2, RICOS 6 and RICOS 3:

Senegal provided a response to ICCAT Circular #7668/20 in a letter dated 17 November 2020 in response to the comments by EJF:

- Vessel RICOS 3 was in the port of DAKAR for refitting in 2017;
- Vessels MEGA 2, RICOS 3 and RICOS 6 arrived at the port of Dakar for repairs in 2018.

Since then, these vessels did not return to the port of Dakar and Senegal had to exchange information on these vessels with the authorities of the Republic of Maricius.

Vessel SAGE:

Senegal provided a clear response to the concerns of the United States and the European Union concerning this vessel (see Senegal's statement to PWG, dated 2 November 2020).

Senegal transmitted the following reponse to the ICCAT Secretariat:

- The vessel SAGE was authorised to use the port of Dakar following the presentation of all the relevant documentation (fishing licence of The Gambia, certificate of country of nationility of the The Gambia, crew list, etc...).
- Due to the cooperation between Senegal and The Gambia, the Senegalese Authorities, having seen the official documentation issued by The Gambia, had authorised the entries of the vessel SAGE into the Port of Dakar and had conducted a routine inspection where no infraction were observed.
- The vessel SAGE did not return to the Port of Dakar after the Senegalese Authorities had been warned of this issue.
- Senegal supported the inclusion of the vessel SAGE on the ICCAT List of IUU vessels, like EU and the United States.

3. Responsabilities as Flag State

It was suspected that Mario 11 had conducted IUU activities and was included in the provisional IUU list despite the fact that Senegal had provided information responding to the Secretariat throughout the 2020 ICCAT corespondence period and bilitarially with the United States.

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The measures that have been taken against the vessel owner HSEINFEI following the inclusion of vessel Mario 11 in the provisional ICCAT IUU list in 2020 are as follows:

- Removal of the vessel Mario 11 and the vessels Mario 7, Maximus and Lisboa from the list of ICCAT vessels pertaining to this armament, as an interim measure;
- The non-attribution of an act of final country of nationality to these three vessels;
- The non renewal of their licenses.