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**Recommendation 23-16: Draft 2024 List of vessels
presumed to have carried out IUU fishing activities****Introduction**

For this year, the List of vessels presumed to have carried out IUU fishing activities is included in the Excel attached as **Appendix 1 (PWG_405_APP_1/2024)**, as extracted from the ICCAT IUU databases. It contains two complementary structures: 1) the current database and 2) the historical database, as also shown on the [ICCAT webpage](#).

Explanatory Notes to the Draft 2024 IUU List

Within the framework of implementation of paragraph 11 of Rec. 23-16
Intersessional incorporation of IUU vessel lists of other RFMOs

As provided for in the *Recommendation by ICCAT amending Recommendation 21-13 on establishing a List of vessels presumed to have carried out illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing activities (Rec. 23-16)*, the nine RFMOs and their IUU vessel lists are as follows:

- [Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission \(WCPFC\)](#)
- [Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission \(IATTC\)](#)
- [Indian Ocean Tuna Commission \(IOTC\)](#)
- Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR):
<https://www.ccamlr.org/en/compliance/contracting-party-iuu-vessel-list>
<https://www.ccamlr.org/en/compliance/iuu-vessel-lists>
- [Commission for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna \(CCSBT\)](#)
- [General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean \(GFCM\)](#)
- [Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organisation \(NAFO\)](#)
- North East Atlantic Fisheries Commission (NEAFC):
<https://www.neafc.org/mcs/iuu/alist>
<https://www.neafc.org/mcs/iuu/blist>
- [South East Atlantic Fisheries Organisation \(SEAFO\)](#)

NB: Photographs of some of the IUU vessels listed can be found on the websites of these nine RFMOs.

**Summary of cross-referenced 2024 IUU vessel lists
and updates/modifications made**

<i>Nine RFMOs</i>	<i>Incorporation in the ICCAT IUU List</i>	<i>Removal from the IUU List</i>	<i>Changes made to the ICCAT IUU List from other lists or following new information communicated by CPCs (in databases)</i>	<i>No change or minor modifications</i>	<i>Total actions</i>
Total	14	0	0	150	164

The Draft 2024 ICCAT IUU List of vessels contains **164** active vessels.

Information on the 2024 ICCAT IUU List of vessels

A. Regarding IUU vessels incorporated by ICCAT through cross-referencing with the IUU lists of other RFMOs (paragraph 11 of Rec. 23-16):

1. The WCPFC communicated on 6 February 2024 (ICCAT Entrada # E24-01213) the inclusion in its IUU List of the vessel *Kuda Laut 03* / IRCS DUM4015, currently flagged to the Philippines, bringing to 4 the total number of vessels included in the list of this RFMO. Since no objection was received from ICCAT CPCs, following the Circular of 9 February 2024 (ICCAT No. S24-01252) containing this information, this IUU vessel was included by cross-listing in the ICCAT IUU List of vessels. The ICCAT IUU serial number assigned to it is 20240001, as shown on the [ICCAT webpage](#).
2. Thirteen IUU vessels have been included by cross-listing in the ICCAT IUU List of vessels based on the IOTC communication received by the Secretariat on 23 May 2024 (E24-05837). Since no objection was received from ICCAT CPCs, following the Circular of 24 June 2024 (ICCAT No. S24-06385) containing this information, these 13 IUU vessels were included by cross-listing in the ICCAT IUU List of vessels. The ICCAT IUU serial numbers assigned to them are from 20240002 to 20240014, as shown on the [ICCAT webpage](#).

B. Issues related to the final ICCAT IUU list that were raised during 2024

According to the provisions of paragraph 2 of [Rec. 23-16](#), CPCs shall transmit every year to the Secretariat, at least 70 days before the annual meeting, information on any vessels presumed to be carrying out IUU fishing activities within the last three years, accompanied by all available supporting evidence concerning the presumption of IUU fishing activity and vessel identification information, and at 2 September 2024, the Secretariat had not received any communication.

C. In addition to the above, issues related to the final ICCAT IUU list were raised during 2024, concerning vessels already on the IUU list

In accordance with paragraph 3 of [Rec. 23-16](#) and further to ICCAT Circular No. S24-09496 of 17 September 2024, Costa Rica submitted on 10 October 2024 (E24-12180) a request that its flag no longer be linked to the two IUU vessels *Dragon III* and *Tching Ye No. 6*, with ICCAT IUU Nos. 20130005 and 20130011, respectively (see **Attachments 1** and **2**). The response on this subject sent by the Secretariat to Costa Rica (S24-10701 and S24-11011 of 14 and 22 October 2024) indicated that these two IUU vessels had originally been included in 2013 in the ICCAT IUU list by cross-referencing with the IUU list of the IATTC (E13-06833 of 20 August 2013, then E19-08746 of 17 September 2019), as shown on its webpage (<https://www.iccat.int/en/IUUIlist.html> and <https://www.iattc.org/en-US/Management/Vessel-register>).

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Mr Derek Campbell
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Dear sir,

I have the honour to address you in reference to the request made through Circular No. 09496/24 regarding the Draft 2024 ICCAT List of Vessels Presumed to Have Carried Out Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) fishing activities. I hereby transmit Official Communication No. INCOPESCA-PE-DOPA-128-2024, signed by Mr Miguel Duran Delgado, Directorate of Fisheries and Aquaculture Management, in response to the request contained in the Circular referred to above.

I take this opportunity to reiterate the commitment of INCOPESCA, Costa Rica, to improve its fisheries management on a daily basis, to comply with the ICCAT Recommendations and to collaborate in any way we can. Furthermore, we are fully prepared to provide any additional clarification that may be required with respect to this submission.

Yours sincerely,

(signed and sealed)

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Mr
Eng. Nelson Pena Navarro
Executive President
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Dear sir,

In response to Circular No. 094996/24 of the ICCAT Executive Secretary, regarding the Draft 2024 ICCAT List of Vessels Presumed to Have Carried Out Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) fishing activities, after an exhaustive review of the information provided by Mr Julio Dijeres Bonilla, Head of the Department of Record, comparing the physical records kept by the Department and the national electronic records stored in SISPA, I would like to inform of the following:

– On the Historical List of IUU Vessels

The vessel named *El Diria I* appears in the list, which is apparently linked to Costa Rica in the *FlagIUU* column. However, after a detailed review, we have found no information or indications to suggest that this vessel is or was part of our fleet, or that it has any relationship with our country. Official records do not contain any evidence to confirm such a connection, and there is no record of its operation in our jurisdictional waters or under the Costa Rican flag. Unless further information or concrete evidence is provided to us to justify this association, we consider it appropriate to formally request RFMOs to decouple the information on this vessel from Costa Rica.

– On the IUU List

This list includes the vessels named *Dragon III* and *Tching Ye No. 6* which are apparently associated with Costa Rica in the *OwnerPlaceRegistration* column. However, upon review, there is no evidence in our records linking these vessels to Costa Rica. It has not been found that this vessel is or was part of our fleet, or that it has any relationship with our country. Nor have we identified any links with vessel owners or companies registered in Costa Rica that could sustain such relationship. Given that there is no documentation to support this association, we recommend that RFMOs be requested to eliminate any connection between these vessels and our country, unless new information is presented that warrants this.

I appreciate your attention,

Yours sincerely,

(signed and sealed)

Mr Miguel Durán Delgado
Directorate of Fisheries and Aquaculture Management

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