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IOTC CIRCULAR 2019-45

Dear Sir/Madam,

PROPOSAL TO CHANGE DETAILS OF VESSELS LISTED ON THE IOTC IUU VESSELS LIST

In accordance with paragraph 30 of IOTC Resolution 18/03, the European Union has submitted new information pertaining to two vessels listed in the IOTC List of Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) vessels.

I invite CPCs to consider the letter (Attachment 1), the information document (Attachment 2), and additional evidence which may be downloaded from the IOTC website [[click here](#)]

I would also like to take this opportunity to inform CPCs that, in accordance with paragraph 30(b) of IOTC Resolution 18/03, the Secretariat has launched a process to verify the details of the provided information. As part of this process, I would also like to appeal to CPCs who may also have information pertaining to this matter to contact the IOTC Secretariat, as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely



Christopher O'Brien
Executive Secretary

Attachments:

- Attachment 1 – Letter from the European Union
- Attachment 2 – Information document

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Subject: Transmission of information under paragraph 30 of Resolution 18/03

Dear Dr. O'Brien,

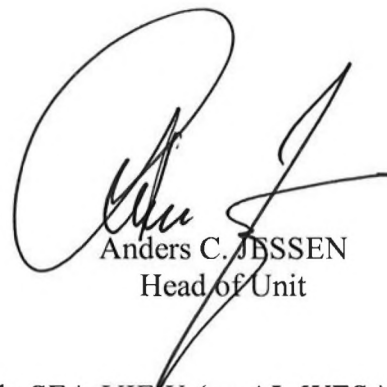
As you are aware, the European Union considers the fight against illegal fishing as a priority. To this end, the Council of the European Union adopted in 2008 Council Regulation (EC) No. 1005/2008 establishing a system to prevent, deter and eliminate illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing.

In the context of the implementation of this Regulation, the European Commission has collected suitably documented information on two vessels listed on the IOTC IUU Vessel List indicating that they have changed vessels' details.

Consequently, and in line with paragraph 30 of Resolution 18/03 on establishing a list of vessels presumed to have carried out IUU fishing in the IOTC area of competence, I have the honour to submit a report containing this information. As per the legal instrument mentioned above, I would be grateful if you could communicate this information to all CPCs and seek to verify the information provided I order to update the relevant details in the IOTC IUU Vessel List and re-publicise it.

Rest assured that our services remain at your disposal should you have any questions concerning this matter.

Yours sincerely,



Anders C. JESSEN
Head of Unit

Enclosure: Information on the fishing vessels SEA VIEW (ex-AL WESAM 2)
and SEA WIND (ex-AL WESAM 1)

Information on the vessels SEA VIEW (ex-AL WESAM 2) and SEA WIND (ex-AL WESAM 1)

In the context of the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No. 1005/2008 establishing a system to prevent, deter and eliminate illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing, the services of the European Commission collected suitably documented information on two vessels listed on the IOTC IUU Vessel List.

Paragraph 30 of Resolution 18/03 provides that ‘a CPC with new or changed information for vessels on the IUU Vessel List in relation to the details in paragraphs 1 to 8 of Annex II shall [...] transmit such information to the IOTC Executive Secretary’.

This paper contains the suitably documented information collected to be transmitted to the Executive Secretary.

Update of the IOTC IUU Vessel List

| IOTC IUU Vessel List identifier | Information <i>New information is in red</i> | |
|--|---|-------------------------------|
| 63 | Alleged current name of the vessel | SEA VIEW |
| | Previous names of the vessel* | AL WESAM 2 (CHAINAVEE 55) |
| | Alleged current flag of the vessel | Cameroon |
| | Previous flags of the vessel* | Unknown (Djibouti/Thailand) |
| | Alleged current name and address of the owner and operator of the vessel* | Unknown |
| | Previous owners and operators* | Unknown (MARINE RENOWN SARL) |
| | Alleged current callsign of the vessel* | Unknown |
| | Previous callsign* | Unknown (HSB3852) |
| | IMO number or UVI | 8692342 |
| | Vessel length overall | 45 meters |
| | Date the vessel was first included on the IOTC IUU Vessel List* | May 2018 |
| 64 | Alleged current name of the vessel | SEA WIND |
| | Previous names of the vessel* | AL WESAM 1 (SUPPHERMNAVEE 21) |
| | Alleged current flag of the vessel | Cameroon |
| | Previous flags of the vessel* | Unknown (Djibouti/Thailand) |
| | Alleged current name and address of the owner and operator of the vessel* | Unknown |
| | Previous owners and operators* | Unknown (MARINE RENOWN SARL) |
| | Alleged current callsign of the vessel* | Unknown |
| | Previous callsign* | Unknown (HSN5282) |
| | IMO number or UVI | 8692354 |
| | Vessel length overall | 46 meters |
| | Date the vessel was first included on the IOTC IUU Vessel List* | May 2018 |

* According to the information in the current IOTC IUU Vessel List.

Sources:

- <https://www.iotc.org/vessels> (accessed on 23 October 2019)
- *Suitably documented information collected (cf. below and enclosures)*

Suitably documented information collected

Over the few past weeks, the services of the European Commission collected suitably documented information indicating that the vessels listed on the IOTC IUU Vessel List under the names AL WESAM 2 and AL WESAM 1 have seen their vessels' details changed as described above.

The services of the European Commission drew this conclusion by confronting information published by a port authority of a Contracting Party to the IOTC, information contained in an IOTC Circular and open source intelligence.

Berthing schedules published by the Chittagong Port Authority ([CPA](#)) indicate that two vessels named SEA VIEW and SEA WIND arrived within the port area of Chittagong, Bangladesh, on 20th August 2019 (cf. evidence A).

These vessels were reported under the flag of Cameroon, to have, seemingly, sailed from Mombasa, Kenya, and to have been assigned, respectively, the following IMO numbers: 8692342 and 8692354.

The services of the European Commission noted, thanks to the IOTC Circular 2018-36 (cf. evidence B), that the IMO number 8692342 belongs to the IOTC IUU-listed vessel AL WESAM 2.

The services of the European Commission also noted, thanks to the IOTC Circular 2018-36, that the IMO number 8692354 belongs to the IOTC IUU-listed vessel AL WESAM 1.

Open source intelligence, in the form of photographs, corroborates these findings (cf. evidence C).

According to the berthing schedules published by the CPA on 22nd October 2019, these two vessels are presumed to still be within the port area of Chittagong (cf. evidence D). It is noted that the IMO number of the SEA WIND is now mistakenly reported as 9692354 instead of 8692354.

Enclosures:

- *Evidence A: vessels due at outer anchorage, 20/08/2019, CPA*
- *Evidence B: IOTC Circular 2018-36 (p. 8 and 9)*
- *Evidence C: imagery analysis*
- *Evidence D: berthing position and performance of vessels, 22/10/2019, CPA*