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**Mission:** To promote and facilitate cooperation and coordination of the members of the Network through information exchange, capacity development and joint work in order to achieve the improved effectiveness of monitoring, control and surveillance (MCS) activities.

- An informal and voluntary organization.
- 21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of the Network. Formed in 2001 by five founding members (Australia, Canada, Chile, Peru, and the U.S.) supported by FAO and the European Commission
- Membership: Nearly 80 member States, RFMOs, RFBs. Eight organizations with Observer status.





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- Facilitate Cooperation and Raise Awareness - updated website at: [www.imcsnet.org](http://www.imcsnet.org)
  - Current review of our communications approaches.
- Support and Strengthen MCS Capacity building
  - Contribute to or facilitate MCS trainings
  - Exchange of MCS Equipment
  - Register of Vetted MCS Experts
- Coordinate the Tuna Compliance Network (TCN) and the Pan-Pacific Fisheries Compliance Network (PPFCN).

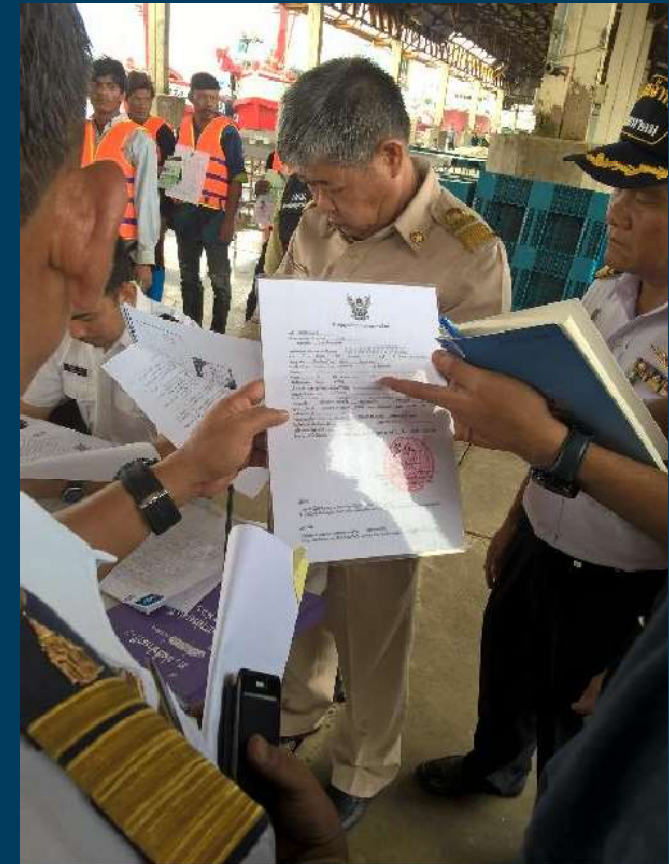






# Current MCS Challenges

- IUU constantly changing and getting more complex.
  - Identifying IUU is getting harder.
- Fisheries administrations generally remain information rich, but often intelligence poor.
- Fisheries continue to become more of a global activity:
  - Vessels operating further from home ports;
  - Continued transshipment and bunkering activities keeping fishing vessels at sea longer.
- More complex beneficial ownership structures for vessels.
- Resource depletion leading to spatial challenges including tensions between coastal and offshore fishing and strains on MCS capacity.





# Emerging MCS Opportunities

- Rapid technological development and application to fisheries MCS.
  - Remote sensing.
  - Data analytics and machine learning.
  - Growth in the development and availability of open-source tools.
- Greater awareness of the different tools that can support improved levels of fisheries compliance.
  - Including voluntary compliance.
- Increasing collaboration and cooperation at the national, regional and international levels.
  - Greater information sharing and availability.



# The Joint Analytical Cell (JAC)

- A collaborative initiative with shared goals of:
  - (a) detecting, deterring, and eliminating Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated (IUU) fishing activities,
  - (b) increasing overall transparency of fishing activities at sea,
  - (c) building the capacity of developing countries to more effectively and efficiently implement and maintain their own MCS regimes.
- Five initial focus Areas:
  - Port Controls & Vessel Risk Assessment, Fisheries patrol planning and support, Transshipment Monitoring, MCS Capacity Building and Global Issues of Interest.
- Seeks to develop into a larger coalition of like-minded organizations and 'home' for technology, data and operational support.





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

- 7th GFETW 30 July – 04 August 2023 in Halifax Nova Scotia.
  - Workshop theme: MOVING FROM WORDS TO ACTION  
*Innovative Collaborative Partnerships to Combat Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing.*
- A forum for MCS practitioners to share information about MCS challenges and successes and discuss new and emerging fisheries compliance strategies and tools.
- Presentation of the 4th Stop IUU Fishing Award.
- Travel assistance and sponsorship is available to support attendance by representatives of developing IMCS Network Members.



[www.gfetw.org/](http://www.gfetw.org/)



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