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Laws and Regulations

National Plan of Action – Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing (NPOA-IUUF)

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 154, entitled: Adopting a National Plan of Action to Prevent, Deter, and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing, and for Other Purposes.

Aligning national efforts with the FAO International Plan of Action against IUU fishing



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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 154

ADOPTING A NATIONAL PLAN OF ACTION TO PREVENT, DETER, AND ELIMINATE ILLEGAL, UNREPORTED, AND UNREGULATED FISHING, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, Section 2 (c) of Republic Act (RA) No. 8550, or the "Philippine Fisheries Code of 1998," provides that it is the policy of the State to ensure the rational and sustainable development, management, and conservation of the fishery and aquatic resources in Philippine waters, including the exclusive economic zone, and in the adjacent high seas, consistent with the primordial objective of maintaining a sound ecological balance, and protecting and enhancing the quality of the environment;

WHEREAS, illegal, unreported, and unregulated (IUU) fishing undermines national and regional efforts to manage fisheries in a sustainable manner, destroys marine habitats, jeopardizes the viability of resources, depletes fish stocks worldwide, and threatens the food and livelihood security of coastal communities;

WHEREAS, there is a need to address the ecological, biological, and socio-economic challenges posed by IUU fishing in a coordinated and integrated manner through a collaborative institutional mechanism involving the concerned departments and agencies of the government;

WHEREAS, the International Plan of Action to Prevent, Deter, and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing (IPOA-IUU) was endorsed by the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (UN-FAO) Council on 23 June 2001; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for the Philippines, as a member of UN-FAO, to develop and implement a national plan of action to achieve the objectives of the IPOA-IUU.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BENIGNO S. AQUINO III, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Adoption of the National Plan of Action to Prevent, Deter and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing (NPOA-IUU). The NPOA-IUU for the Philippines, attached hereto as Annex A, is hereby adopted.

SECTION 2. Establishment of the Philippine Committee Against IUU Fishing. Pursuant to the NPOA-IUU, a Philippine Committee Against IUU Fishing (hereinafter referred to as the "Committee") is hereby created, which shall be composed of, but not limited to, duly authorized representatives from the Office of the President, Department of Agriculture, Department of Transportation and Communications, Department of the Interior and Local Government, Department of Finance, Department of Justice, Department of National Defense, and Department of Foreign Affairs and their respective offices and attached agencies, including concerned economic zone authorities, as well as



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Transshipment

Republic Act No. 8550, as amended by RA 10654, series of 2015 “An Act to Prevent, Deter, and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing”

Section 42. Port State Measures

Fisheries Administrative Order No. 267-1, series of 2023, entitled: Amending FAO 267, series of 2021, entitled: “Rules and Regulations Governing the Landing and Transshipment of Fish and Fishery Products that have not been Previously Landed, and other Port Services in the Philippines by Foreign-Flagged Fishing Vessels”



FISHERIES ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 267-1 Series of 2023

SUBJECT: AMENDING FAO 267, SERIES OF 2021, ENTITLED: “RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE LANDING AND TRANSSHIPPING OF FISH AND FISHERY PRODUCTS THAT HAVE NOT BEEN PREVIOUSLY LANDED, AND OTHER PORT SERVICES IN THE PHILIPPINES BY FOREIGN-FLAGGED FISHING VESSELS”.

Whereas, the Philippines ratified and adopted the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea;

Whereas, the Philippines is committed to implement the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries and the International Plan of Action to Prevent, Deter and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing;

Whereas, the Philippines acceded to the 2009 FAO Agreement on Port State Measures to Prevent, Deter and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing on 26 April 2018 to which the Senate gave its concurrence on 05 March 2018;

Whereas, as a participating member in good standing of the Regional Fisheries Management Organizations (RFMOs), the Philippines is committed to adopt and implement “Port State Measures to Prevent, Deter and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing”;

Whereas, Section 42 of Republic Act 8550, as amended by Republic Act 10654, provides that “the Department is authorized to adopt port state measures that must be complied with by foreign fishing vessels. These measures shall include: prior notification of port entry, use of designated ports; restrictions on port entry and landing or transshipment of fish; restrictions on supplies and services; catch and other documentation requirements; port inspections; and other related measures”;

Whereas, to further implement port state measures under the PSMA and to prevent, deter, and eliminate illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing, the Department issued Fisheries Administrative Order No. 267, series of 2021, entitled: “Rules and regulations governing the landing and transshipping of fish and fishery products that have not been previously landed, and other port services in the Philippine by foreign-flagged fishing vessels” on December 05, 2021;

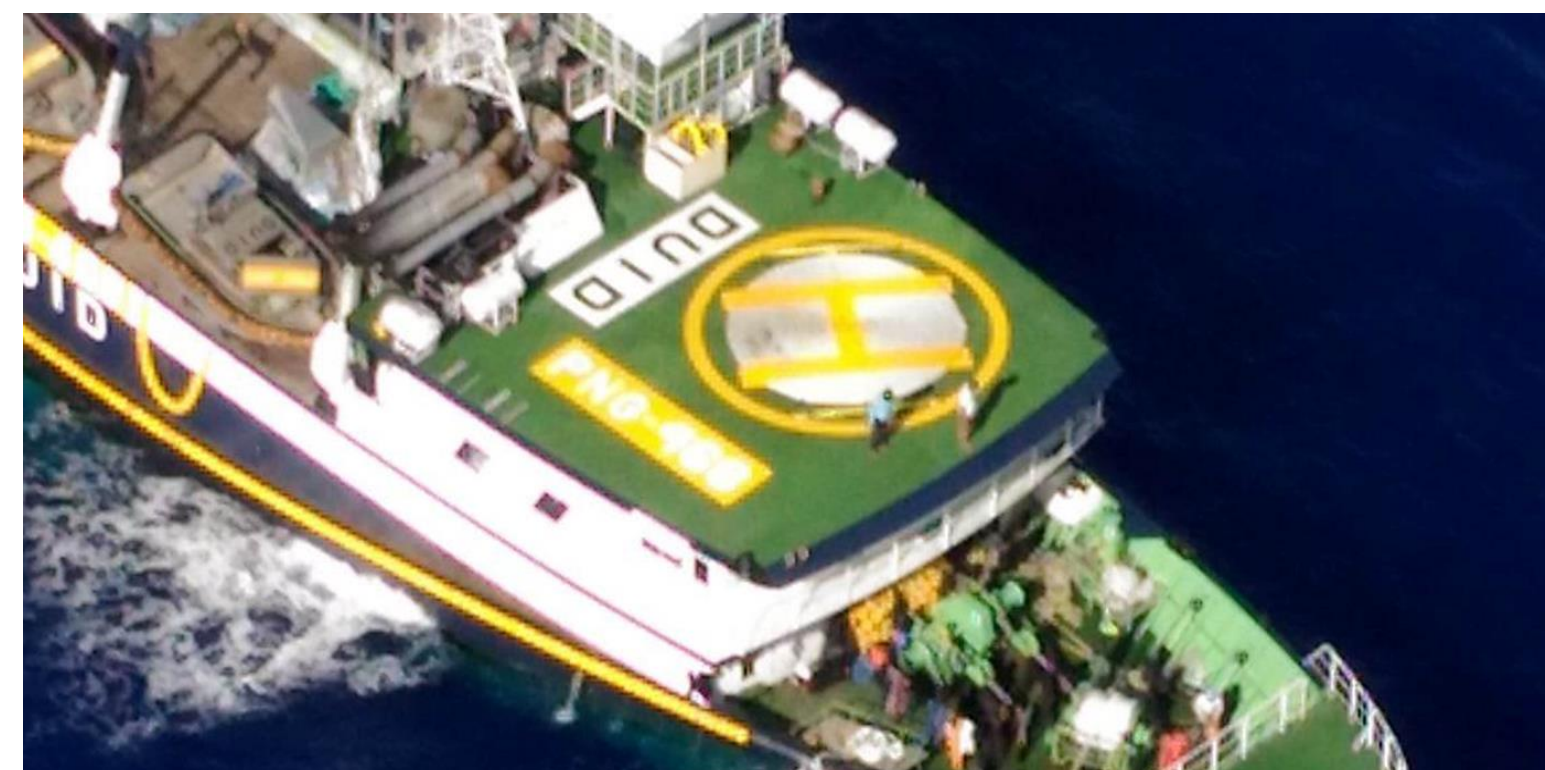
Whereas, there is a need to designate additional ports that may be used by foreign-flagged fishing vessels for purposes of crewing, dry-docking, repair, re-supplying, and loading and unloading of fishing-related equipment only;

In view of the foregoing, FAO 267 is hereby amended, for information and compliance by all concerned, to read as follows:



- Legal Institution and Policy Framework
- Monitoring, Control, and Surveillance
- Registration, Licensing, and Permitting
- Regional and International Cooperation
- Port State Measures
- Market related Measures
- Awareness, Education, and Capacity Building
- Implementation, Coordination, and Monitoring

SUMMARY OF CURRENT NPOA- IUUF





Policy Action to implement combating IUU activities

- Strengthen Monitoring, Control, and Surveillance (MCS)
- Interagency coordination
- Fleet Management



Policy Action to implement combating IUU activities

- Port State Measures Agreement (PSMA) and international cooperation
- Vessel Monitoring Measures
- Catch Documentation and Traceability (CDT) and market-related measures



Challenges and Obstacles of NPOA-IUUF Implementation

VMS and ERS Implementation

Transnational / Foreign Fishing

International Cooperation (PSMA)

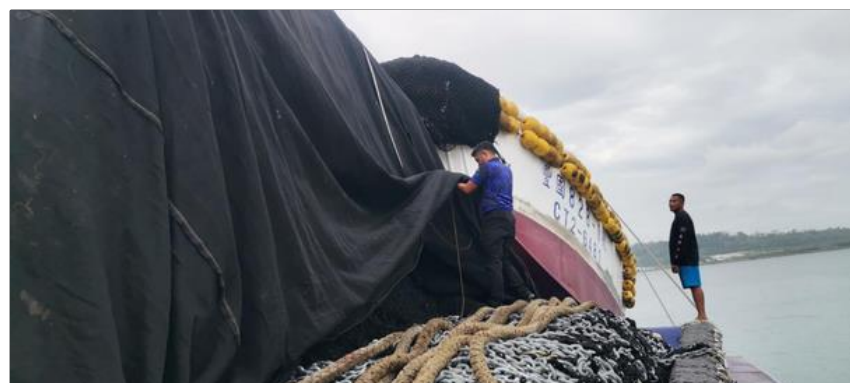




Finalizing the Manual of Operations for the Implementation of the Port State Measures Agreement



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Roll out of the BFAR-developed e-AREP system



Inter-agency Collaboration

Philippine IUU Fishing Assessment Report 2023

PROGRESS OF IMPLEMENTATION

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