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Background of Timor-Leste Fisheries

- **99.5% categorized as small-scale fisheries**
  a. **Wood/ canoe boats & outboard engines as majority**
  b. **Length of vessel less than 12 meters**
  c. **Fisher: 6,244**
  d. **Fisher groups: 1,063**
  e. **Fishing center: 160**

Cooperation

- National
- Regional
- International

National Cooperation

- National Maritime Authority
- National Directorate of Maritime Transportation
- Maritime Police Unit
- Navy
- National Directorate of Quarantine and Biosecurity
- Maritime Boundary Office
- Customs Authority
- Port Authority

Regional & Sub-Regional Cooperation

- **RPOA-IUU** Regional Plan of Action for Combating the Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing Consists of Countries
- **MCS** Sub-Regional Arafura and Timor Seas
- Member of **PSMA** ratified April 2023
- **AN-IUU** ASEAN Network for Combating IUU Fishing (July,2023)

Efforts

- Boat Marking for all fishing boats (Artisanal, semi-Industrial and Industrial)
- Inspection for fisheries products and fishing boats
- Digitalization of data through cooperation with the Technology, Information and Communication (TIC) Department- less paper commitment and to make it available online.

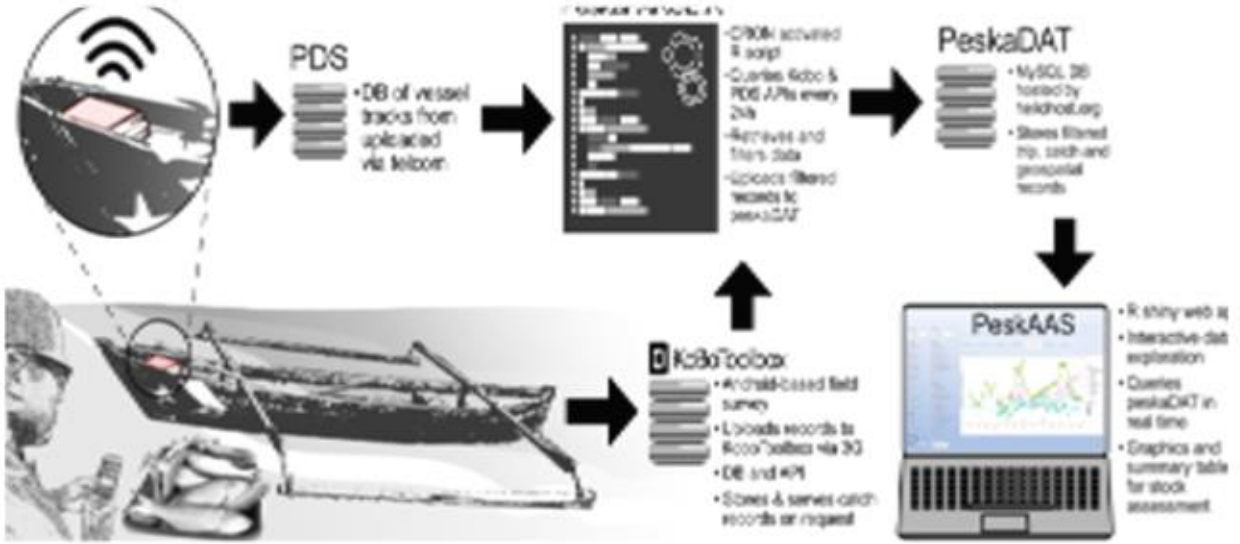
Continue

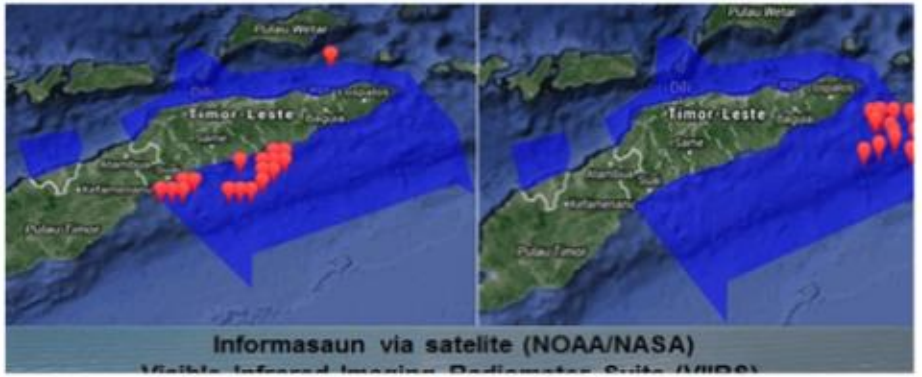
- Using open sources to identify the presence of foreign fishing vessels (Global Fishing Watch, Skylight, etc)
- Send officials to work in the National Maritime Authority
- Continue the capacity building for the officials

Utilization of MCS Technology

SPOT provides four functions:

1. Alert 9-1-1,
2. Call for HELP,
3. Location check in and
4. Progress tracking.





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