



Regional Workshop on Information Exchange on Monitoring, Control and Surveillance (MCS) for Combating IUU Fishing
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THE ROLES OF RPOA-IUU IN PROMOTING COLLABORATIVE MCS MEASURES IN THE REGION

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1. The RPOA-IUU is a **voluntary instrument** and takes its core principles from international agreements and instruments for promoting responsible fishing practices
2. Agreed on 4 May 2007, Bali-Indonesia, by 11 Ministers related to fisheries (**Australia, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, The Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Timor-Leste, and Vietnam**)
3. The objective of the RPOA-IUU is to enhance and strengthen the overall level of fisheries management in the region and to optimize the benefit of adopting responsible fishing practices. The actions cover: conservation of fisheries and their environment; managing fishing capacity; and combating illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing.

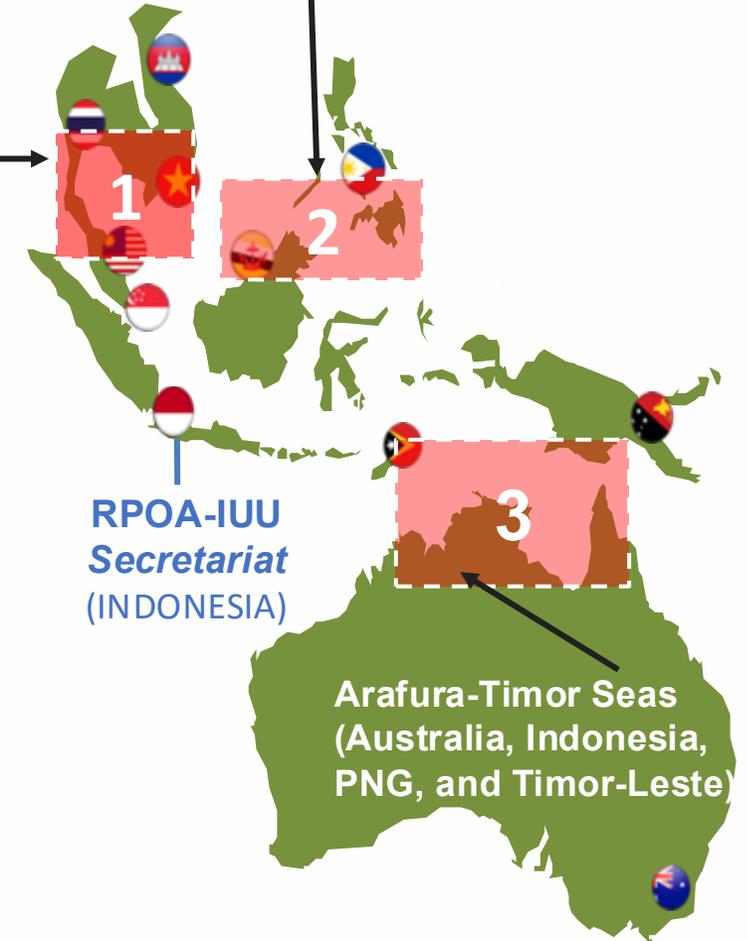
History:

During the MCS Workshop on **March 2008**, the Coordination Committee agreed to establish a regional and sub-regional MCS Networks which

- **Malaysia** is the chair of sub-regional for the Southern and Eastern of SCS and SSS
- **Thailand** is the chair of sub-regional for the Gulf of Thailand Sub Regional Group
- **Australia** is the chair of sub-regional for the Arafura and Timor-Seas

Gulf of Thailand
(Thailand, Cambodia, Malaysia, Viet Nam)

Southern and Eastern of South China Seas and Sulu-Sulawesi Seas
(Malaysia, Indonesia, Brunei Darussalam, Philippines)



Core Elements	Update Status
<p>Current resource and management Situation in the region</p>	<p>RPOA-IUU participating countries continue to conduct assessment and review of national fisheries legislation. Each member countries has developed their NPOA-IUU (9 out of 11 RPOA-IUU participating countries)</p>
<p>Implementation of international and regional instruments</p>	<p>RPOA-IUU participating countries continue to work toward ratification and implementation regional and international instruments</p>
<p>Role of regional and multilateral organisations</p>	<p>RPOA-IUU participating countries are parties/non contracting parties of regional and multilateral organizations, including RFMOs</p>
<p>Coastal State responsibilities</p>	<p>RPOA-IUU participating countries multilaterally and bilaterally collaborate in data sharing and monitoring of fishing vessel movement and activities</p>
<p>Flag State responsibilities</p>	<p>All RPOA-IUU participating countries have reviewed their vessel registration and RFMO IUU Vessel list. The progress is differed from country to country.</p>

Core Elements	Update Status
Port State Measures	8 countries have ratified PSMA, 1 country is In the planning process to become a party to the PSMA, 1 country is Established the SOP on PSM- to govern the entry of foreign fishing vessel, and 1 country is Reviewing the policies and legislative amendments needed for the implementation of PSMA
Regional Market Measures	Several RPOA-IUU participating countries has implemented catch documentation scheme such as E-ACDS, Catch Certificate, e-logbook and e-monitoring. Different level of implementation in each country
Regional capacity building	Have a partnership with several Government Agencies and international organizations, such as the Australian Government, Canada Government, and International MCS Network
Strengthening MCS	As part of strengthening MCS, almost all participating countries have developed and implemented catch reporting system.
Transshipment at sea	RPOA-IUU participating countries implement strong measures of transshipment at sea. In some participating countries, transshipment is banned.
Implementation	Developing publicity material to increase public awareness on RPOA-IUU, including its progressive efforts in combating IUU fishing

2026 MCS KEY INSTRUMENT LIST



COUNTRY	UNCLOS	UNFSA	PSMA	NPOA-IUU	GRFV/RFVR	CATCH DOCUMENTATION SCHEME
Australia	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Developed	Participate	In accordance with CDS measures for each RFMO where Australia is member of ASEAN Catch Documentation Scheme
Brunei Darussalam	Ratified	on progress	In the planning process to become a party to the PSMA	Developed	Participate	
Cambodia	signed	Ratified	Ratified	Developed	Participate	Pilot activity on Electronic ASEAN Catch documentation scheme (eACDS)
Indonesia	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	being revised into the 2 nd version	Participate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has established a National Traceability System (STELINA) • Catch Certification Scheme • Has been implementing CDS of CCSBT
Malaysia	Ratified	Possible accession	Established the SOP on PSM- to govern the entry of foreign fishing vessel to Malaysian port	Developed and in revision for the 2 nd version	Participate	e-ASEAN Catch Documentation Scheme
Papua New Guinea	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Under review	Participate	Catch Documentation Scheme
Philippines	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Developed	Participate	The Catch Documentation and Traceability System (CDTS) of the country is being developed, along with its corresponding systems, the Electronic-CDTS
Singapore	Ratified	Not ratified	Reviewing the policies and legislative amendments needed for the implementation of Port State Measures Agreement	In progress	Participate	Led the development of the ASEAN Catch Documentation Scheme

STRENGTHENING MCS

- Facilitating bilateral communication to address alleged illegal fishing activities within RPOA-IUU jurisdictional waters. The requests includes the proposal for the out-court-settlement and the negotiation for administrative sanctions.
- Updating the RPOA-IUU MCS Key Instruments Lists
- Our enhanced **the RPOA-IUU Vessel Watch Lists**, incorporated with information from RFMOs serves a valuable reference and tool for monitoring and enforcement.



2025 Monitoring, Control, and Surveillance (MCS) Key Instruments

To foster information-sharing cooperation in promoting responsible fisheries practices, RPOA-IUU participating countries are encouraged to provide a summary of the ratification process of international instruments and the implementation process of regional instruments. The RPOA-IUU Secretariat is responsible to ensure and maintain the Monitoring, Control, and Surveillance (MCS) List are relevant to current situation. For more information on our efforts, please refer to the document.

[click here for further information](#)



[2024/2025 CCAMLR Non-Contracting Party IUU Vessel List](#)

[WCPFC IUU Vessel List for 2025](#)

[CCSBT IUU Vessel List](#)

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Current Name	Current Flag	Date of Notification	Action Taken
STS-50	unknown	4 July 2018	Seized by Indonesia on 2 August 2018. Source: CCAMLR NCP IUU Vessel List 2016
Neptune	unknown	13 Januari 2025 (Effective from 1 February 2025: WCPFC21 agreed to maintain the WCPFC IUU list for 2024)	2025 WCPFC IUU VESSEL LIST
Fu Lien No 1	unknown	13 Januari 2025 (Effective from 1 February 2025: WCPFC21 agreed to maintain the WCPFC IUU list for 2024)	2025 WCPFC IUU VESSEL LIST
Yu Fong 168	Unknown	13 Januari 2025 (Effective from 1 February 2025: WCPFC21 agreed to maintain the WCPFC IUU list for 2024)	2025 WCPFC IUU VESSEL LIST
Kuda Laut 03	Philippines	13 Januari 2025 (Effective from 1 February 2025: WCPFC21 agreed to maintain the WCPFC IUU list	2025 WCPFC IUU VESSEL LIST



DEVELOPING DATA-SHARING MECHANISM

- ❑ The **RPOA-IUU Data Sharing Mechanism Working Group Meeting** was held in **Makati, Philippines**, on **25 November 2024**, back-to-back with the **17th RPOA-IUU Coordination Committee Meeting**. The meeting aimed to formalize the Data Sharing Mechanism Working Group and advance agreement on the implementation roadmap.
- ❑ Discussions focused on agreed data types, integration within the RPOA-IUU MCS Sub-Regional Group, development of a tailor-made protocol, and harmonization of data collection and reporting.
- ❑ As a result, the proposed roadmap outline and timeline were presented and taken by member countries for internal consultation. It was also agreed to convene a follow-up Working Group Meeting, followed by a Consultative Meeting, to further discuss and refine the documents.



CASE STUDY 1: FV RUN ZENG 03 & 05 EFFECTIVE INFORMATION EXCHANGE



[ALERT] Serious IUU Fishing Violations by two Foreign-flagged Trawlers (potential transboundary in ATS region)

Selasa, April 23, 2024 08:25 WIB

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SEMUNYIKAN

Dear RPOA-IUU MCS Subregional (Arafura and Timor Seas) Group Focal Points

I am writing this email to inform you that MMAF is investigating an IUU case allegedly conducted by an Indonesian fish carrier vessel MV MUS (initial) 289 GT. This vessel was arrested by Fisheries Patrol Vessel ORCA 06 on 14 April 2024 with a charge of unauthorized transshipment.

During the initial investigation, we found sufficient evidence that this carrier vessel received about 100 tonnes of fish from and supplied fuel for two foreign-flagged fishing vessels MV. RUN ZENG 03 and MV. RUN ZENG 05 in Arafura Sea (FMA 718) on 6 to 10 April 2024. Unfortunately, we are still searching for the two foreign-flagged fishing vessels for more than one week of operation of a patrol aircraft and four fisheries vessels have been switching off their AIS, and operating illegally in your waters.

We have charged the skipper of MV MUS with foreign trawlers that fished illegally in Indonesia transporting the illegal catches from MV. RUM found an indication of other fisheries-related (potential human trafficking) and illegal trade will be more apparent if we can arrest these information that we have so far about these

Name: MV RUN ZENG 03
Known Flag: Russia
Gross tonnage: about 800
IMO Number: 9823549



7 May 2024

Ref : 02/RPOA-IUU/EXT/11/0204
Subject : Information regarding IUU fishing incidents on Arafura Seas shared by Indonesian Focal Point

Dear RPOA-IUU Coordination Committee,

We are pleased to share with you information from the Indonesian focal point regarding the IUU fishing incident in the areas of Arafura Seas. Shared information highlighted that Indonesia is seeking RPOA-IUU participating countries' attention for the two suspected fishing vessels, namely MV. RUN ZENG 03 and MV. RUN ZENG 05. It has been indicated that these vessels are fleeing through RPOA-IUU participating countries' water.

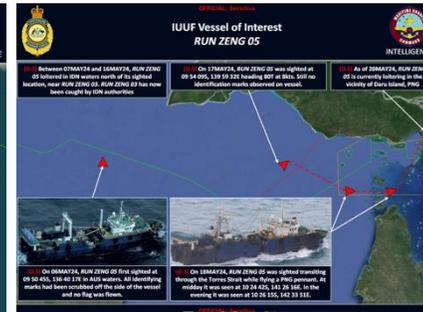
The Government of the Republic of Indonesia has conducted an investigation and provided details of the reports in the attachments and requests the attention of RPOA-IUU participating countries towards these vessels and their illegal fishing activities. The Indonesian Government also urges countries to take appropriate action against these vessels, in case, it is found operating in the RPOA-IUU participating countries' waters, with the possibility of arresting and handing over vessels to the Indonesian Government.

We understand the importance of collaboration among RPOA-IUU participating countries in addressing illegal fishing activities, and we appreciate your efforts in raising awareness about this issue.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Suharta
RPOA-IUU Secretariat Coordinator



Intelligence Report from Australia



RZ 03 was apprehended by MMAF Indonesia

Effective Information Sharing

Re: Follow-up Email on IUU Alert

Senin, Mei 20, 2024 17:03 WIB

Glenda Barry glenda@fisheries.gov.au

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Good evening Sir,
The FV Run Zeng 05 arrived in Daru port in the morning today seeking anchorage for reprovisioning.
Report from our Daru Fishery officer is that the said vessel is not yet cleared to anchor at Daru wharf due to lack of documentation and so boarding was restricted by port Authority. The officials are awaiting arrival of the vessel agent for port call clearance formalities.
We appreciate you sharing this information and any other details that will assist us in this matter. We will disseminate this information to Daru officials and should be able to provide some feedback on vessel status tomorrow.
Thank you,
Glenda
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Subject: Follow-up Email on IUU Alert

Dear RPOA-IUU ATS Subregional Group Focal Points
I am writing to you an email regarding an alert on IUU. Unfortunately, the system send this email back to us due to exceed of size limit. Therefore, I send the PDF version of original email as attached. Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

PNG Confirmation on RZ 05

PAPUA NEW GUINEA
(IN THE DISTRICT COURT)
AT WAKABU
NFA 15-17 OF 2024

BETWEEN:
CHARLIE JOHN (PROSECUTOR),
AND:
YANGKIANG (DEFENDANT)

ORDER

The Court orders that:

- Defendant is convicted on all charges.
- Defendant is court fined K55,000 per each charge to be paid within 30 days.
- In default K2,000 per day for each charge.
- The foreign vessel RUN ZENG 05 and its gear and all its instruments as well as all fishery products on board of about 100 metric tonnes is forfeited to the State. National Fisheries Authority to take custody for and behalf of the State.
- The Owners of the vessel or the Charterer of the vessel, whichever name may be ordered to pay costs in the sum of K805,721.88 to National Fisheries Authority.
- Warrant of Remand is granted for the next 30 days.

DATE at WAKABU this 20th day of NOVEMBER 2024

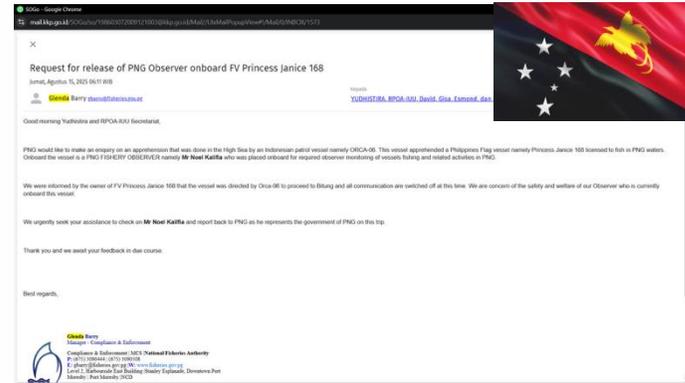
RZ 05 was seized by the NFA PNG

IUUF Alert on RZ 03 & 05 from Indonesia to RPOA-IUU Participating Countries

CASE STUDY 2: BILATERAL INFORMATION EXCHANGE



INFORMATION EXCHANGE ON RELEASE OF INDONESIAN FV EKA JAYA AND FACILITATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE SANCTION



INFORMATION EXCHANGE ON RELEASE OF PNG NFA'S OBSERVER ONBOARD FV PJ-168 ARRESTED BY MMAF INDONESIA



- Through RPOA-IUU Secretariat facilitation, Indonesia and Papua New Guinea successfully resolved the KMN Eka Jaya case via constructive dialogue, leading to a negotiated reduction of penalties and reinforcing effective regional cooperation, due process, and adherence to fisheries law.
- Through RPOA-IUU Secretariat facilitation, Indonesia and Papua New Guinea successfully resolved fasttrack release of a PNG Fisheries Observer onboard FV PJ-168 apprehended by the MMAF Indonesia

2025 CAPACITY-BUILDING PROGRAM



MCS Training Course
NhaTrang, Vietnam

- Supported by the Australian Government, the course is designed to build capacity in utilizing the elements of the MCS toolbox to identify and respond to Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated (IUU) fishing.
- The course curriculum covers essential elements of responsible fisheries management, alongside a strong emphasis on health and safety, social and GESI (Gender Equality and Social Inclusion) in MCS operation, inspection, and investigation. Recognizing the human element within the fishing sector, the curriculum also addresses critical labour and welfare issues.
- Supported by Australia's Combating IUU Fishing Program with technical expertise from ANCORS, University of Wollongong. The Workshop is designed to strengthen understanding of flag State responsibility and the FAO Compliance Agreement 1993 in combating IUU fishing
- Key outcomes included recommendations to encourage FAO support for ratification processes, develop clear policy guidance on the benefits of the Agreement, and engage donors to sustain future activities.



Workshop on Promoting Flag State Responsibility and the FAO Compliance Agreement 1993, Malaysia

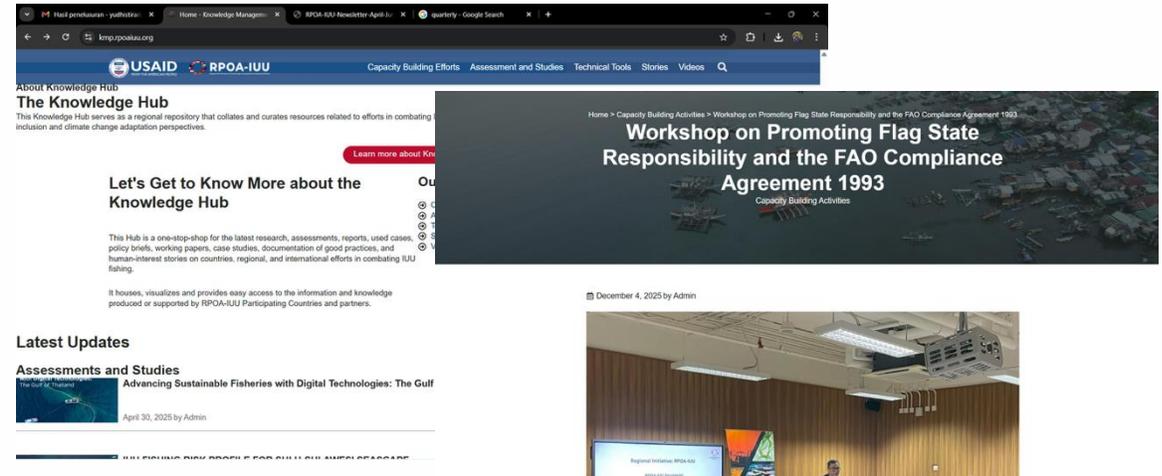
- In collaboration with the International Labour Organization (ILO), the RPOA-IUU Secretariat plans **to convene regional workshop in 2026**, with a focus on exploring the linkage between labour issue and IUU fishing.
- The expected output from this activity is to obtain broader knowledge regarding emerging issues on IUU fishing and fisheries-related activities, such as decent working conditions on fishing vessels and the fishing industry.



DEVELOPING PUBLICITY MATERIAL



Quarterly Newsletter



Knowledge Management Platform (KMP)
kmp.rpoaiuu.org

- Building regional capability by improving fisheries intelligence
- Finalizing a **clear and comprehensive data-sharing protocol** with support from the RPOA-IUU partners
- Advancing **the importance of implementing decent working conditions on fishing vessels and fishing industry** with support from the ILO
- Enhancing regional capacity by strengthening investigative and analytical skills to combat fisheries crime through the **Regional Workshop on Crimes in the Fisheries Sector**
- Continuing **the development of publicity material** and formalizing the RPOA-IUU Knowledge Management Platform



THANK YOU

“The most effective weapon
against crime [IUU Fishing]
is cooperation”

J. Edgar Hoover- First FBI
Director

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