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**IOTC CIRCULAR**  
**2019-03**

Dear Sir/Madam

**COMMUNICATION CONCERNING THE INDIAN VESSEL, VACHANAM, ON THE IOTC IUU VESSELS LIST**

I wish to inform you that following the transmission of IOTC Circular 2018-49, which initiated the regular inter-session Vessel Delisting Procedure for the Indian registered fishing vessel, VACHANAM, which appears in the IOTC list of vessels that have carried out illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing activities in the IOTC Area, only one CPC (United Kingdom – OT) provided a response.

In view of the above, and in accordance with paragraph 27(a) of IOTC Resolution 18/03 *On establishing a list of vessels presumed to have carried out illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing in the IOTC area of competence*, I have concluded that the Vessel Delisting Procedure is invalid. Therefore, the Indian registered fishing vessel, VACHANAM, shall remain on the IOTC IUU Vessels List.

Yours sincerely



Christopher O'Brien  
Executive Secretary

**Attachments:**

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