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IOTC CIRCULAR

2017–090

Dear Sir/Madam

COMMUNICATION FROM TANZANIA ON A VESSEL WITHOUT NATIONALITY OPERATING IN THE IOTC AREA

Please find attached a communication from the Zanzibar Maritime Authority, United Republic of Tanzania, regarding a fishing vessel which was deregistered from the Register of Ships, Zanzibar.

Additional information obtained by the IOTC Secretariat from the automatic identification system (AIS) unit associated with the vessel when it was flagged to Tanzania, suggests that the vessel has continued to operate in the IOTC area after its deregistration i.e. without nationality and not listed in the IOTC Record of Authorised Vessels.

Yours sincerely

Christopher O'Brien
Executive Secretary

Attachments:

- Letter from the Zanzibar Maritime Authority
- Certificate of deletion of the IKAR
- AIS track record from July to November 2017

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERNS

REF: CONFIRMATION OF DELETION OF MFV IKAR IMO NO.8696130

Please kindly be concerned to the above subject.

Known to all people by this letter that MFV IKAR IMO NO. **8696130** has been struck off from our Registry effective from 23RD JANUARY, 2017. From that date, we Tanzania flag is, by whatever means, **NOT** responsible for any action done or taken by the ship or its operating company in relation to that ship.

In case, unlawfully, the vessel pretends to be flagged by Tanzania, we urge the International community to treat it as a stateless ship which not deserve protection of the law.

We remain at your disposal for any further inquiry on the matter.

Yours faithfully

REGISTRAR OF SHIPS ZANZIBAR MARITIME AUTHORITY ZMA ZANZIBAR

SHEIKHA A. MOHAMED
FOR: REGISTRAR OF SHIPS
ZANZIBAR MARITIME AUTHORITY

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THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA

THE REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT OF ZANZIBAR
TANZANIA ZANZIBAR REGISTER OF SHIPPING

The Maritime Transport Act, 2006
Maritime Transport (Registration and Licensing of Vessels) Regulations, 2007
Made under Regulation 44(2)(a)

DELETION CERTIFICATE

NAME OF VESSEL	OFFICIAL NUMBER	IMO NO.	GROSS TONNAGE	NET TONNAGE
IKAR	100072	8696130	497	155
NAME OF REGISTERED OWNERS		**ADDRESS OF REGISTERED OWNERS**		
COASTAL MARITIME AGENCIES LTD.		P.O. BOX 105, ZANZIBAR - TANZANIA		
TIME OF DELETION		23RD JANUARY, 2017 – 13:17 PM		

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that-

1. the vessel described above has been deleted from the register; and
2. at the time of deletion the following encumbrances were registered on the vessel

- NONE -

ZANZIBAR, Tanzania ***Date:*** 23RD JANUARY, 2017.

SHEIKHA A. MOHAMED
FOR. REGISTRAR OF SHIPS

REGISTRAR OF SHIPS * ZANZIBAR *

The vessel left Cape Town, South Africa on 26 June 2017, sailing south-east, exiting the South African EEZ approximately 250 nautical miles south-east of East London on the 29 June 2017. Shortly after, the vessel engaged in activity that is indicative of longline fishing operations.

Before leaving Cape Town, and up until the 12 July 2017, the vessel was consistently picked up on AIS.

After this date, there have been significant gaps in the vessels AIS signal where positions have only been picked up sporadically, limited to 1-3 days at the time.

The third row in the timeline represents the dates when the vessel's AIS has been picked up, with lines pointing to the relevant position points.

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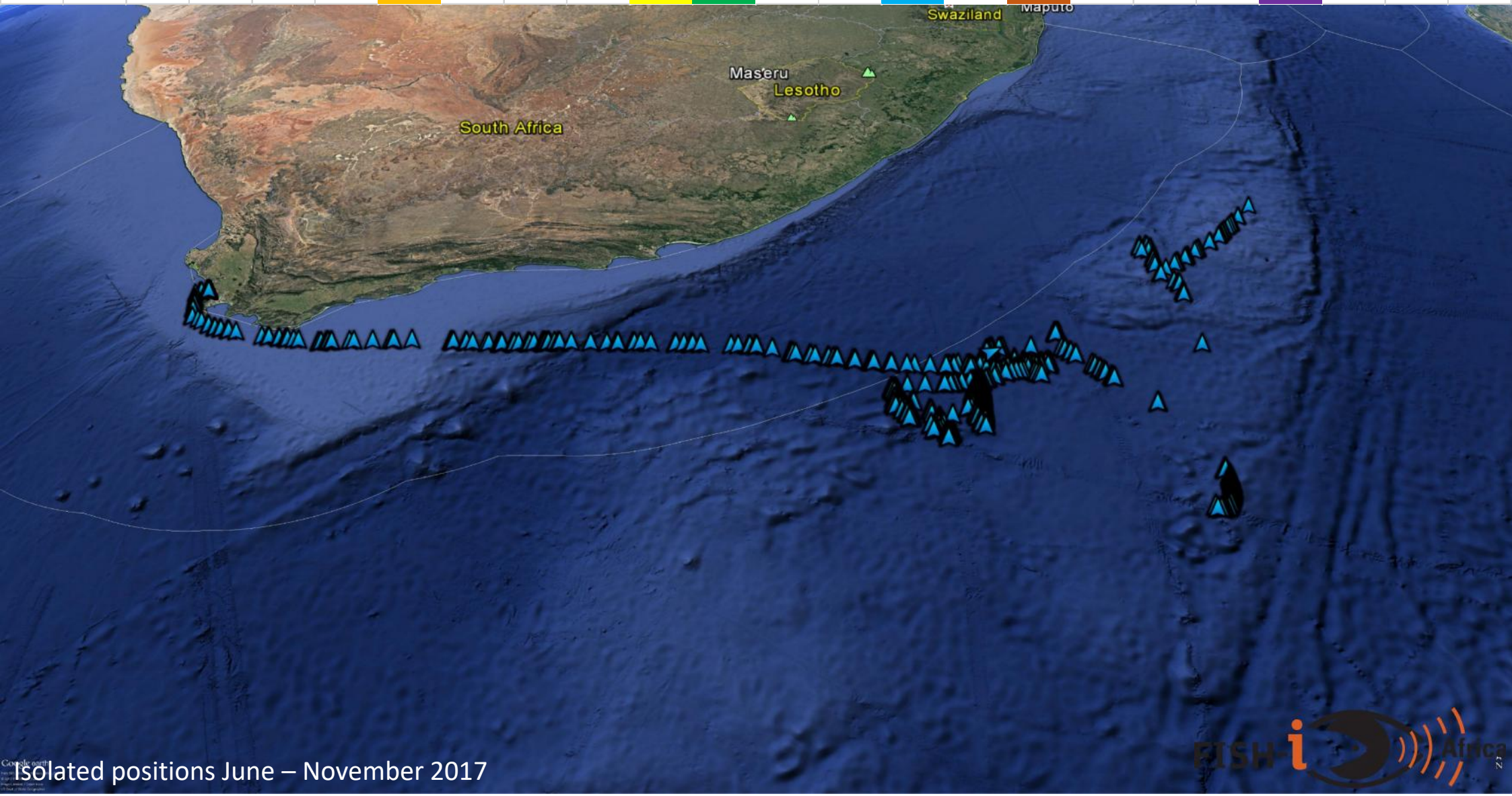
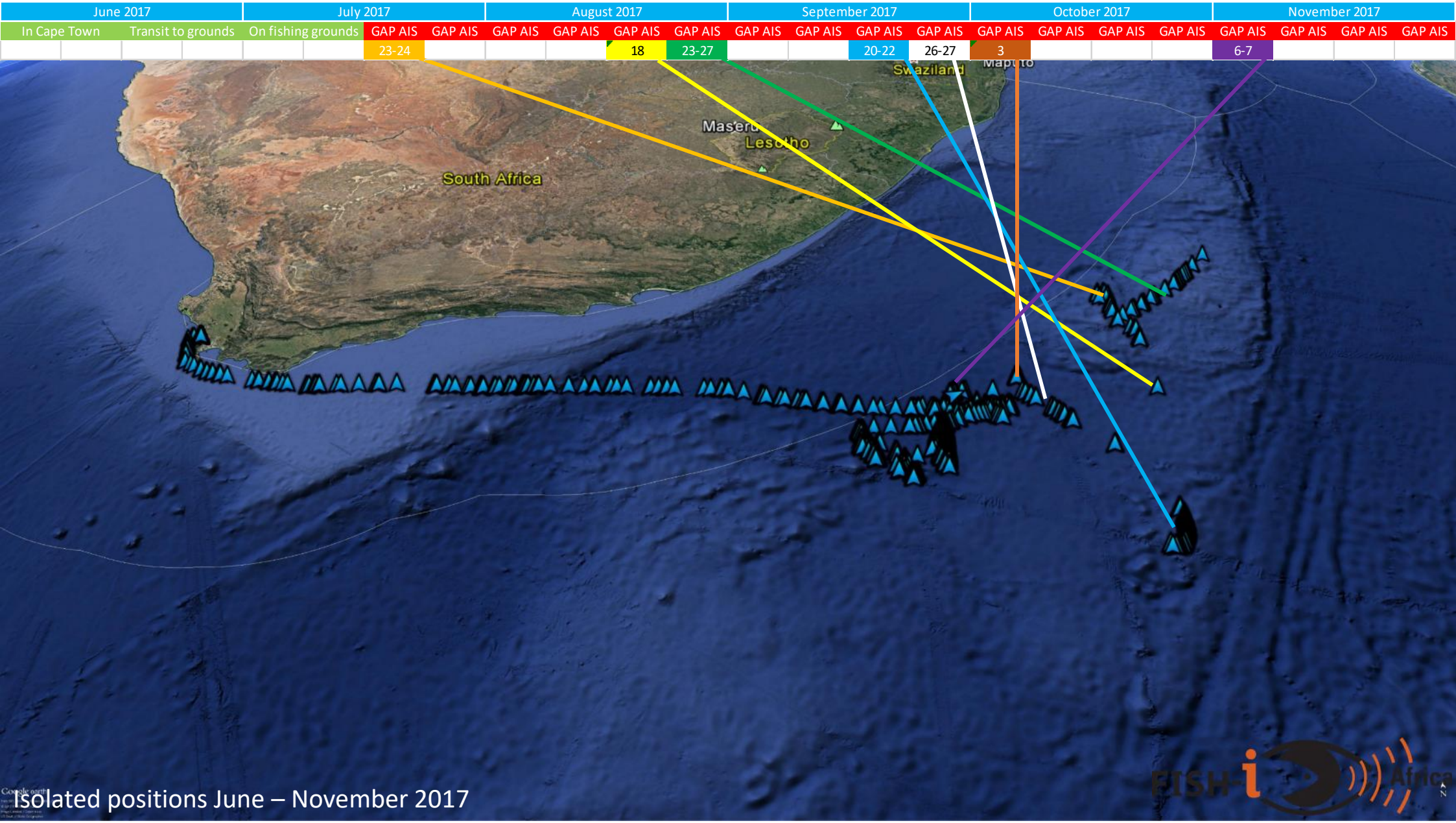


Isolated positions June – November 2017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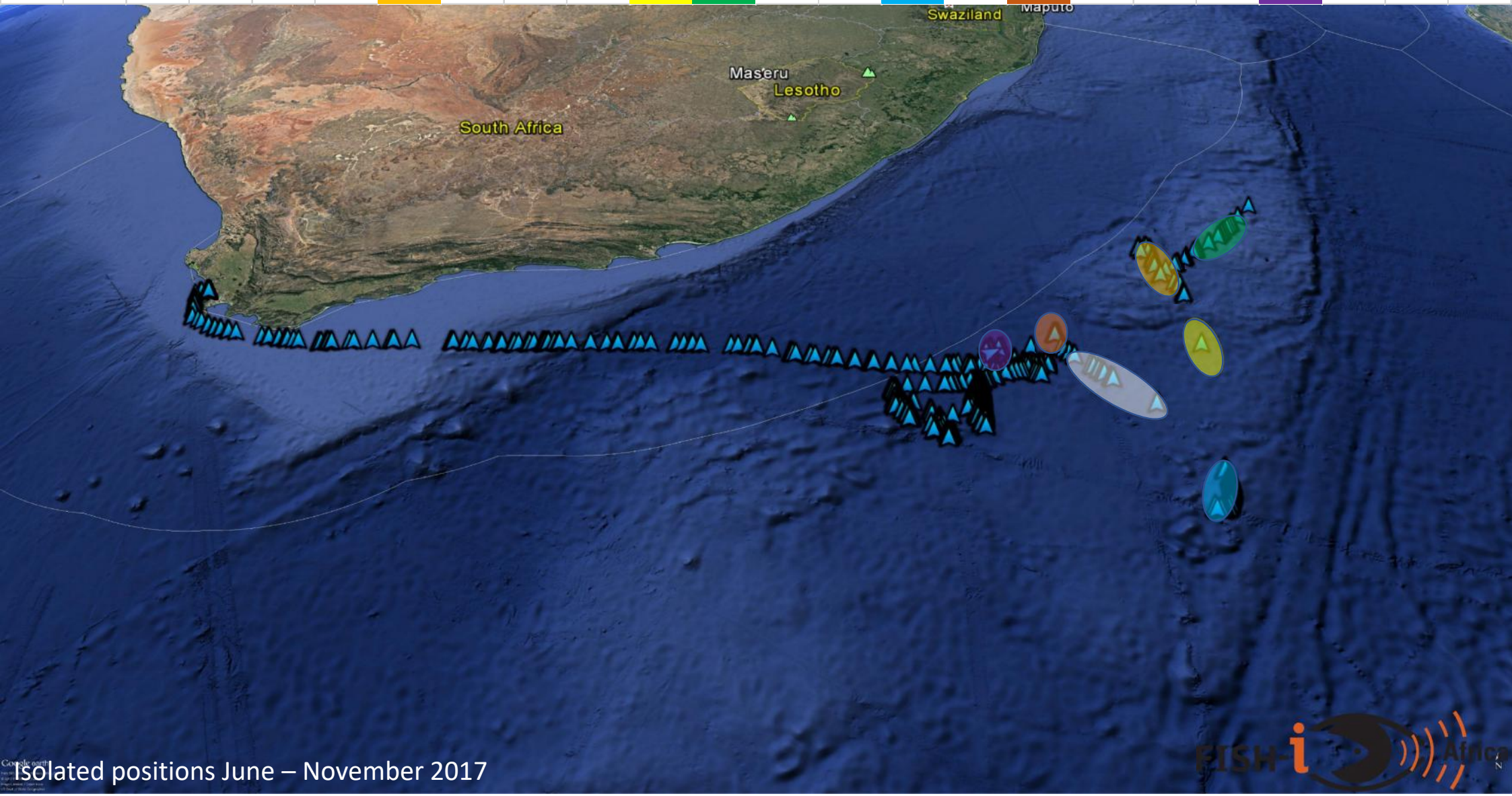

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