
REPORT OF VESSELS FOUND TO HAVE IRREGULARITIES WITH LOGBOOK RECORDS AND THEIR ON-BOARD VMS UNITS, AS REPORTED BY OBSERVERS UNDER THE IOTC REGIONAL OBSERVER PROGRAMME.

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Section 4.3 of IOTC-2011-S15-CoC48[E]_Add1 provides a summary of incidences where a number of fishing vessels were found to have irregularities with logbooks and/or their on-board vessel monitoring system (VMS) unit. Table 1, below, provide details for vessels with irregularities relating to logbooks and Table 2 provide details for vessels with irregularities relating to VMS.

With regards to irregularities relating to logbooks, it should be noted that there were actually 45 instances instead of 51, as in six cases the observer was not able to board the vessel and thus an on-board inspection was not performed on the LSTLV; these are not reported on in Table 1. Furthermore, there are some cases in which the observer did not provide any comment, so these are also not reported on in Table 1. Three recurring issues are noted with regards to this irregularity; the logbook is not present, the logbook is present but incorrectly completed or the logbook is present but not in the correct format.

With regards to irregularities relating to VMS, it should be noted that in the report IOTC-2011-S15-CoC48[E]_Add1, it was recorded that there were 21 instances where vessels were found with irregularities with VMS. However, in six of these cases the observer was not able to carry out an on-board inspection of the LSTLV, so he could not tell if the unit was on board or not; these are not reported on in Table 2. The observer did not provide any comment in one case, so this is also not reported on in Table 2.

Table 1. LSTLVs inspected under the IOTC regional observer programme to monitor at-sea transhipments, which were found to have irregularities with regards to fishing logbooks. All inspections were performed during 2010.

No.	Vessel Name	Fleet	Inspection Date	Inspection Comments
1.	TAIYO MARU NO.78	Japan	04-Jan-10	The master of the LSTLV was not able to produce a logbook.
2.	CHUN CHENG NO.212	Taiwan,China	06-Jan-10	The observer and radio officer from the carrier vessel spent almost an hour trying to get figures for the inspection. The fishing master did not speak English and was new to the vessel and did not seem to understand the requirements for giving figures. No logbook was produced and figures for pieces were not forthcoming, he said he didn't know how many species he had or amounts. Eventually some figures were produced and the inspection was concluded. Only odd parts of the transhipment were observed as observer in ships office.
3.	LONG TEH NO.6	Taiwan,China	24-Jan-10	Logbook not sent over and figures given by Captain for transhipment were incorrect.
4.	TAI YUAN NO.227	Taiwan,China	08-Feb-10	Due to a communication problem the master of the LSTLV was unable to produce a valid fishing license, logbook records or tally of fish still on board.
5.	CHUAN HSING FA NO.10	Taiwan,China	20-Feb-10	The Master of the LSTLV said he has given the permit and logbooks to the master of the CV. The master of the CV said he did not have the logbooks. The Master of the fishing vessel does not understand English.
6.	HUNG CHIN NO.212	Taiwan,China	25-Feb-10	The Master did not understand English. The fishing logbooks could not be produced. Language communication problems.
7.	HO FU MEI NO.6	Taiwan,China	21-Mar-10	The Logbook numbers and weights are inconsistent with the numbers and weights transhipped.
8.	HO FU MEI	Taiwan,China	23-Mar-10	Two informal logbooks in evidence although only one was offered for photographic record which contains catch data on YFT, SWO & MLS only.
9.	HUNG FU I NO.212	Taiwan,China	25-Mar-10	Logbook records indicate a period of zero fishing activity between 25th November & 23rd December. Transhipment numbers correspond with logbook entries for the above period, however, there were weight differences. Ten MLS recorded in logbook and 10 observed, however, 12 were apparently transhipped.
10.	EVERGOLD NO.1	Seychelles	01-Apr-10	Logbook was examined for the period 4th January 2010 - 31st March 2010. BET & YFT total weight as per the logbooks didn't tally with the transhipped amounts, however, the numbers did.

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11.	Tawariq 4	Oman	04-Apr-10	The weights transhipped (CV TAISEI MARU No.15 & CV WIN DAR) exceed the logbook entries in the period 4th December - 31st March. BET numbers for February & March 167no. as per logbook entries do not tally with CV WIN DAR Transhipment numbers 207no.
12.	KUANG LI	Taiwan,China	05-Apr-10	NOTE that BET & YFT catch in the period 3rd January - 4th April as per logbook is less than transhipment amounts to CV WIN DAR by 2.689t & 0.361t respectively. Catch Summary document as per Photo Log appears to be a working document detailing OTF, Fish eggs/guts, various spp. of sharks and BLZ and BLM that differ from logbook entries.
13.	CHEN MING NO.1	Belize	09-Apr-10	Master uses own format for logbook records - not all detail provided, e.g. How many hooks deployed, etc.
14.	TUNG I NO.801	Taiwan,China	17-Apr-10	A company produced 'Catch Summary' for the period 22nd January 2010 - 15th April 2010 was Photographed - Photo Log No.431. Far R/H notes outside table indicates the amounts that the LSTLV was being instructed to provide as Transhipment quantities'. These do not tally with the figures within the table. Actual Transhipment quantities for BET indicate that 67.963t was due to be transhipped, this, however, was revised down to 64.963t on the declaration although numbers were unchanged.
15.	YUNG HSU NO.101	Taiwan,China	18-Apr-10	Last Transhipment verbally advised as being 18th December 2009. LSTLV entered Port In Sri Lanka first week of February 2010. Captain was replaced at this point and LSTLV departed Sri Lanka 8th-10th February. First Logbook entry is 12th February as per Photo log. Previous Captain took Logbook details back to Taiwan, however, LSTLV departed Sri Lanka. New Captain logbook entries indicate discrepancy exists.
16.	PING SHIN NO.101	Taiwan,China	20-Apr-10	Logbook in notebook form and all over the place.
17.	CHUN I NO.236	Taiwan,China	24-Apr-10	Logbook data was offered for the period 12th January 2010 - 6th February 2010. Presumed last BET, YFT etc. transhipment on or around the 9/10/11 January? Logbook ran to 6th February 2010 when LSTLV arrived in Mauritius. Logbook entries begin again on the 1st March 2010 and run in a legible fashion until the 18th April 2010 from which point another separate logbook was offered showing data for the 19th -24th April.
18.	CHUN I 326	Seychelles	25-Apr-10	Logbook data offered from 11th January 2010 to 18th April 2010 and was therefore missing the last 7 days.
19.	LONG YIELD NO. 1	Seychelles	26-Apr-10	Difference between logbook data and transhipment amounts to CV WIN DAR.

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20.	TAI YUAN NO.111	Taiwan,China	27-Apr-10	Logbook data was offered for period 23rd March 2010 - 11th April 2010 in which an amount of BET & YFT is recorded as being caught. In an attempt to verify the remainder of the Transshipment amount, data for the period 12th April to-date was requested. This was identified as being within the Captains logbook - A request to photograph these pages was denied whereupon the comment was made to the LSTLV Captain that the same information was contained within both logbooks - No - The official reporting documentation photographed does not reflect what is actually being caught by the LSTLV. No information provided on numbers being transhipped - only total weights.
21.	TAI YUAN NO.227	Taiwan,China	29-Apr-10	Access to LSTLV Logbook was denied as the data contained within it for the period 21st March 2010 - 29th April 2010 was acknowledged by the Captain of the LSTLV to not be the same as the transhipped quantities of BET, YFT & MLS. Total catch of BET & YFT since the last transshipment obviously could not be established nor could the total catch on-board LSTLV of SWO, BLZ, SKH, OTF etc.
22.	HUNG YU NO.6	Taiwan,China	02-May-10	Logbook was in evidence - notebook format.
23.	KUANG LI	Taiwan,China	03-May-10	Logbook entries do not tally with Transshipment amounts of today's date to CV WIN DAR - More BET, YFT & MLS Transhipped than logbook indicates as being caught.
24.	HSIEH MING NO.1	Taiwan,China	04-May-10	Logbook records from the 15th March 2010 examined. There is a discrepancy in numbers of BET for the period 15th March - 3rd May 2010 between Logbook entries (511no.) and Transhipped to CV WIN DAR (584no).
25.	YING WEN HSIANG	Taiwan,China	05-May-10	No logbook present on board.
26.	Qixiang 2	Malaysia	09-May-10	Master uses own format for logbook records - no catch records provided. Observer suspects that there are still fish on board although master indicates otherwise.
27.	Home Sheen	Taiwan,China	09-May-10	Logbook records not in standard format - details missing.
28.	HUA WEI	Taiwan,China	12-Jun-10	There was no fishing logbook
29.	CHING CHUN FA NO.168	Taiwan,China	13-Jun-10	No logbook
30.	FENG YU QUN	Taiwan,China	14-Jun-10	This Vessel was smaller and there was no logbook on board.
31.	LIAN CHI SHENG NO.62	Taiwan,China	26-Jun-10	LSTLV inspected but no logbook produced. Captain was more welcoming but, he did not speak any English.

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32.	MOOK ANDAMAN 018	Thailand	13-Jul-10	Incomplete logbook records, with the logbooks only complete up until the 3rd May 2010.
33.	JIH CHUN TSAI NO.666	Taiwan,China	28-Aug-10	Logsheets not complete and catches are pencilled in.
34.	HO FU MEI NO.6	Taiwan,China	14-Sep-10	Logbook was present. Incorrect information recorded.
35.	SHUN FENG	Taiwan,China	23-Sep-10	Catch records mostly do not reflect numbers of sharks and mixed fish species caught; there are also no logbook records available for the period of 03 September onwards.
36.	LIAN CHI SHENG NO.62	Taiwan,China	24-Sep-10	Logbook details are not complete.
37.	FARN SHUEN NO.1	Taiwan,China	27-Oct-10	Fishing log book did not look accurate. SBF tag numbers did not match with the number of fish declared.
38.	HUNG HUI NO.112	Taiwan,China	29-Oct-10	Captain said he gave logbook record to first officer Yukihiro. I was not able to locate them subsequently, possibly because of language difficulties. First officer Yukihiro did not receive them
39.	PING SHIN 201	Seychelles	03-Nov-10	Fishing logbook was not formal or complete and accurate There were no position of setting and hauling.
40.	YU CHAN HSIANG	Taiwan,China	07-Nov-10	Logbook was present but layout was not in the appropriate formal format.
41.	MOOK ANDAMAN 028	Thailand	28-Dec-10	Vessel's master could not provide

Table 2. LSTLVs inspected under the IOTC regional observer programme to monitor at-sea transshipments, which were found to have irregularities with regards to their vessel monitoring system (VMS) on-board unit. All inspections were performed during 2010.

No.	Vessel Name	Fleet	Inspection Date	Inspection Comment
1.	YU CHEN HSIANG NO.7	Taiwan,China	15-Jan-10	VMS was present but off when observer boarded. Was turned on subsequently.
2.	YNG SHING NO.11	Taiwan,China	29-Jan-10	VMS present but not switched on.
3.	HUNG FU I NO.212	Taiwan,China	18-Feb-10	This was another night operation. The vessel has a VMS but the skipper could not produce it. He said it was destroyed by a electrical power surge fire.
4.	MATSUFUKU MARU NO.58	Japan	26-Jun-10	VMS present but not switched on
5.	TAIYO MARU NO.8	Japan	26-Jun-10	VMS not switched on
6.	TAIYO MARU NO.28	Japan	30-Jun-10	VMS not switched on. Good cooperation from the LSTLV crew.
7.	MATSUFUKU MARU NO.58	Japan	17-Feb-10	VMS present but power light off
8.	FENG YU QUN	Taiwan, China	14-Jun-10	The observer was shown a box with electrical connections as the VMS. This box did not resemble any standard VMS system.
9.	RUEY CHIEN TSAI NO.112	Taiwan, China	27-Jul-10	VMS was not present. The observer was shown a plotting system as the VMS.
10.	FENG KUO NO.868	Taiwan,China	16-Nov-10	Couldn't find the VMS-Unit.
11.	CHU HUAI NO.868	Taiwan, China	26-Aug-10	Unable to locate the VMS unit - communication very difficult with master of LSTLV.
12.	WIN FAR NO.828	Taiwan,China	30-Oct-10	There The VMS was present but no green light on it; i.e. it was not turned on.
13.	EVERGOLD NO.1	Seychelles	07-Nov-10	VMS not operating and LSTLV master said it was broken
14.	MOOK ANDAMAN 028	Thailand	28-Dec-10	No VMS unit present. Vessel's master could not indicate VMS unit, despite being shown photographs of VMS unit examples.