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Dear Sir/Madam

A COMMUNICATION FROM THAILAND REGARDING A VESSEL ON THE IOTC IUU VESSELS LIST

Please find attached a communication from Thailand regarding the vessel, MARWAN 1, which is currently listed in the IOTC IUU Vessels List. The communication provides an update on the recent activities of this IUU vessel.

In accordance with IOTC Resolution 18/03, the Commission calls on all CPCs, especially Somalia and Yemen who are closest to the area where the vessel appears to be operating from, to take all necessary measures, in accordance with their, respective, legislations. Actions should include the following:

- to refuse entry into its ports by this vessel, except in case of force majeure or where the vessel, or any person on that vessel, is in danger or distress, unless it is allowed port entry for the exclusive purpose of inspection and effective enforcement action;
- to consider giving priority to the inspection of this vessel, if it is otherwise found in your ports, and
- to prohibit the import, landing or transshipment, of tuna and tuna-like species from this vessel.

I would also like to call on all CPCs to collect and exchange with other CPCs any appropriate information with the aim of detecting, controlling and preventing false import/export certificates for tunas and tuna-like species from this vessel.

Yours sincerely



Christopher O'Brien
Executive Secretary

Attachment:

- Communication from Thailand

Distribution

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Intergovernmental Organisations, Non-Governmental Organisations. Chairperson IOTC. Copy to: FAO Headquarters, FAO Representatives to CPCs.

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Dear Mr. Christopher O'Brien,

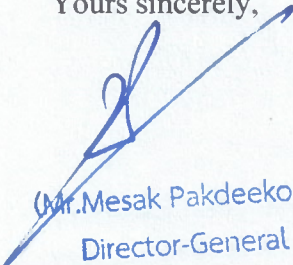
Subject: Updating Information of IUU Vessel - MARWAN 1

The Department of Fisheries, Thailand (DoF) presents its compliments to the Executive Secretary of Indian Ocean Tuna Commission.

The DoF would like to update the status of the IUU fishing vessel - MARWAN 1 which provided by the OceanMind and International Justice Mission (IJM) that the fishing vessel MARWAN 1 has left the Al Mukulla, Yemen without flag holding and is found via tracking in the Somalia waters. In this connection, Thailand would like to urge the IOTC Secretariat to circulate this information of the MARWAN 1 - IUU fishing vessel to its CPs and CNCP for their information and monitoring as appropriate. However, the secretariat may be coordinate with Yemen and Somalia as the member of IOTC for inspection and sharing any available information to be useful for further monitoring and control to the parties. The Yemen and Somalia should take the proper action to the vessel and use the power of under international law on port state authority, state sovereignty and duty to cooperate with other States to combat IUU fishing if the vessel may probably change the name, flag and/or owner of this vessel.

Your kindly consideration on this matter is highly appreciated and Thank you for your cooperation, as always.

Yours sincerely,


(Mr. Mesak Pakdeekong)
Director-General

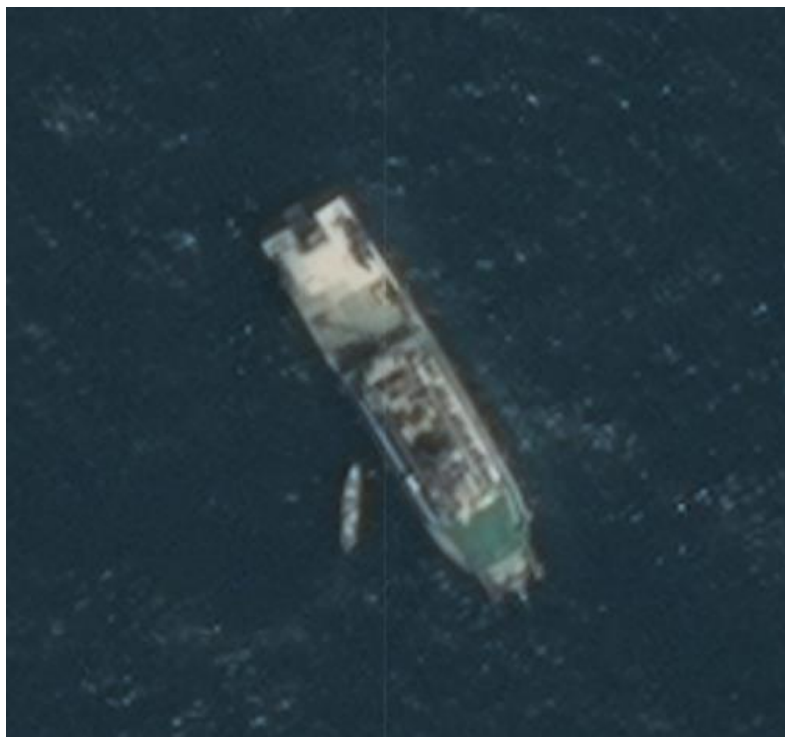
Enclosure: As stated

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MARWAN 1

Current Locations

Historical imagery: MARWAN 1 was observed in Al Mukalla on 10 June 2020:



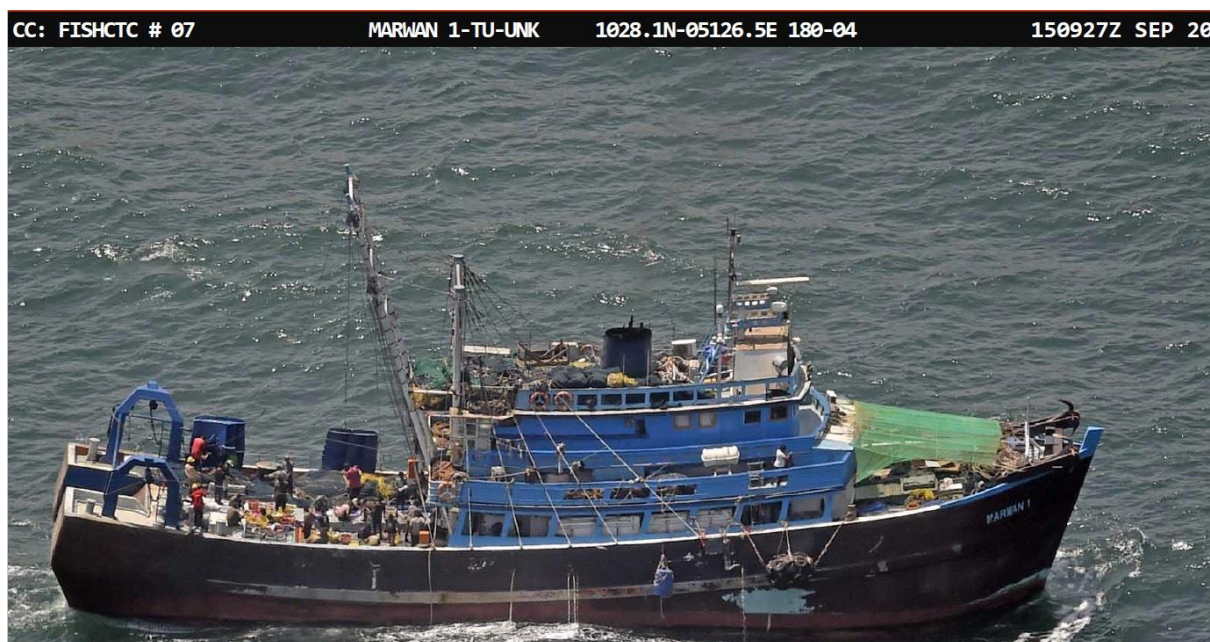
Source: DigitalGlobe

Historical imagery: MARWAN 1 was observed on 03 August 2020 in Al Mukalla, Yemen (Longitude: 049.148; Latitude: 14.521):

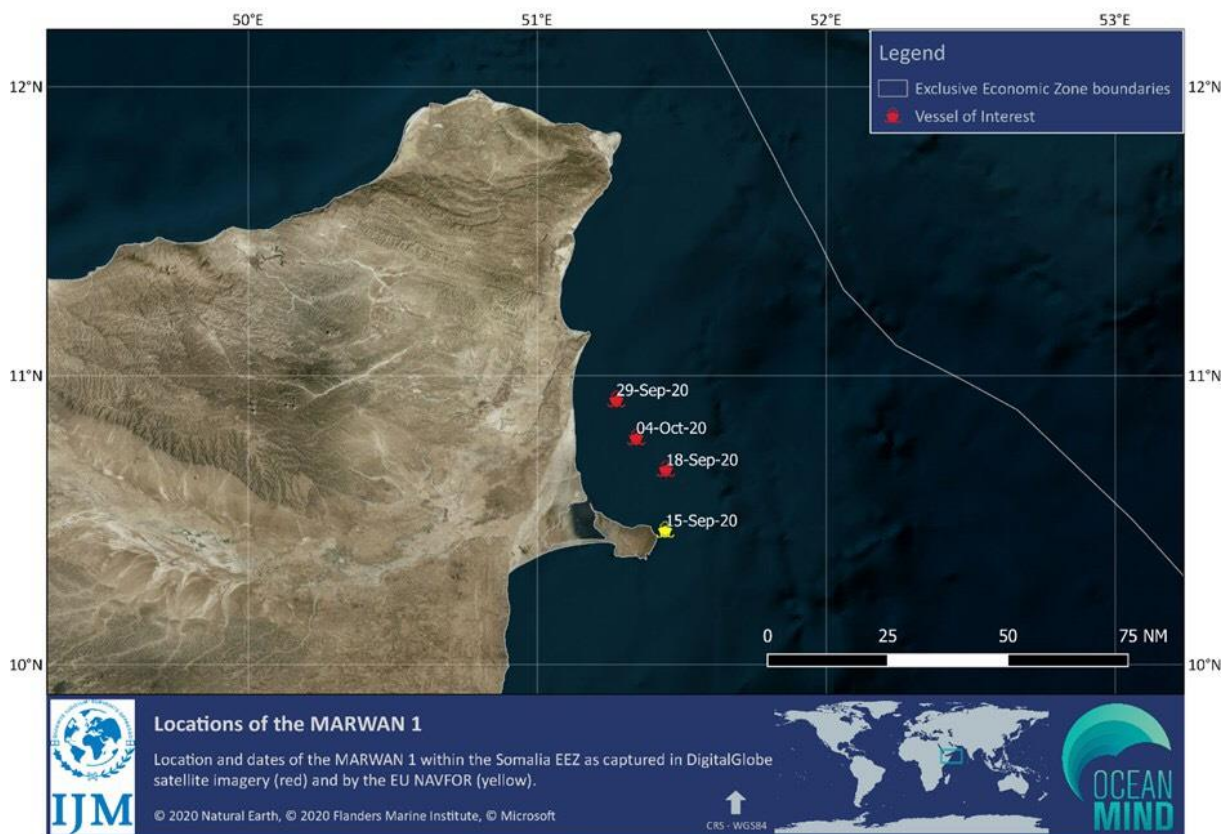


MARWAN 1 has **since left this location**, and its destination is unknown.

Most recent imagery: MARWAN 1 was last observed in available imagery on 15 September 2020 in Somalia (Longitude: 10 28.1N; Latitude: 051 26.5E):



Source: EUNAVFOR



Source: DigitalGlobe (red vessels) and EU NAVFOR (yellow vessels)