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## COMMUNICATION FROM SRI LANKA CONCERNING EIGHT VESSELS ON THE IOTC DRAFT IUU VESSELS LIST

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### PURPOSE

To provide additional information, which has been received from Sri Lanka by the IOTC Secretariat, to the Compliance Committee to assist it in taking decisions on:

- eight vessels that are on the 2021 Draft IOTC IUU Vessels List. The eight vessels are listed in Annex 2 of document IOTC-2021-CoC18-08.

### INFORMATION REPORTED TO THE IOTC SECRETARIAT

In response to letters dated 24<sup>th</sup> May 2021, which were addressed to the Executive Secretary and copied to Sri Lanka (IOTC-2021-CoC18-08\_Add2), Sri Lanka provided the responses which are reproduced in Appendix 1.

### RECOMMENDATION/S

That the CoC18:

- 1) **NOTE** the information provided in document IOTC-2021-CoC18-08\_Add3, which will assist it in its deliberations on the eight vessels that are on the 2021 Draft IOTC IUU Vessels List.



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Dr. C.C. Mees , Head of Delegate UK Delegation to IOTC

### Sri Lankan Flagged Vessels on the draft IUU vessels List

This is in reference to the letters dated 24<sup>th</sup> May 2021 send Dr C.C. Mees UK Delegation to IOTC with a copy to me , on the above. The two letters addressed separately on the actions taken by Sri Lanka on the fishing vessels engaged in illegal fishing entered into the BIOT waters.

The response from Sri Lanka addresses the two letters, under section (A) and (B) as follows.

**(A) IMULA 0564 NBO; IMULA 0684 CHW; IMULA 0790 KLT; IMULA 0814 CHW; IMULA 1552 MTR – Request for further information**

When the repeated offences conducted by the previously prosecuted vessels taken into consideration, it is realized that monitoring of vessels through radio communication is not effective.

Therefore Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources decided not to grant fishing licenses for the above five vessels until those vessels been installed with a vessel monitoring transponders. As such the above five vessels will detained under the supervision of Coast Guard Department until those vessels installed a VMS.

The project on installation of VMS transponders to all multiday boats of Sri Lanka, is delayed due to the current pandemic situation. However the project is in process and the first batch of transponders to be received in due course. Installation of VMS is prioritized for the vessels in the Risk vessels list. The above five vessels are already been included to the risk vessels list.

Sri Lanka would like to request from the reporting CPC (UKOT) and the compliance committee to take the above information provided by Sri Lanka not to recommend to list above five vessels in the IOTC Provisional IUU vessels list.

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**(B) IMULA 0730 KLT; IMULA 0846 KLT; IMULA 1028 TLE (TLF corrected as TLE)**

The court cases of the above three vessels are not concluded yet and therefore, Sri Lanka is not in a position to report the complete actions taken against the offenders. Sri Lanka will intersessionally communicate and report the sanctions imposed on these vessels.

I would like to mention that these vessels also will not grant depart for fishing until installation of VMS and until such period the vessels will be detained under the Coast Guard Department.

I would be grateful if you could circulate this letter for the information and consideration of the Compliance Committee.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely



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