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**IOTC CIRCULAR  
2021-33**

Dear Madam / Sir

**A COMMUNICATION FROM THE EUROPEAN UNION REGARDING THE IUU LISTED VESSEL,  
MARWAN 1**

Please find attached a communication from the European Union regarding the vessel, MARWAN 1, which is currently listed in the 2021 IOTC IUU Vessels List.

Yours sincerely



Christopher O'Brien  
Executive Secretary

**Attachments:**

- Communication from the European Union

Distribution

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**Subject: Information update on recent activities of IUU Vessel – MARWAN 1**

Dear Mr. O'Brien,

In the IOTC Circular 2020-47 from 30 October 2020, the IOTC Secretariat was informing the CPCs that the IOTC IUU listed vessel MARWAN 1, had left the port of Al Mukalla (Yemen) without flag holding and was found via tracking in the Somalia waters.

I would like to inform you that the Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries (DG MARE) of the European Commission became aware of publicly available information accessible on the Port of Mukalla website, that the IOTC IUU listed vessel MARWAN 1 is currently anchored at this port (see Annex 1).

I therefore would like to kindly request the IOTC Secretariat to circulate this information update on the recent activities of this vessel to the CPCs at its earliest convenience, notably in view of any possible follow-up actions from the concerned CPCs in line with IOTC Resolution 18/03 (in particular paragraph 21 on action against IUU vessels) and Resolution 16/11 on port state measures to prevent, deter and eliminate IUU fishing.

In addition, since the MARWAN 1 currently appears on the IOTC list of IUU vessels as registered in one of the IOTC Members (Somalia), it would be appreciated if Somalia could provide clarification about this registration.

Thank you for your kind assistance and cooperation on this matter.

Yours faithfully,

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Enclosure:            Annex 1: Screenshot of the port of Mukalla (Yemen) website  
                             Annex 2: Current IOTC list of IUU vessels

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