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Dear Madam / Sir,

A COMMUNICATION FROM SRI LANKA REGARDING THREE VESSELS INCLUDED IN THE IOTC IUU VESSELS LIST

Pursuant to paragraph 83 of the Report of the 18th Session of the Compliance Committee (<u>IOTC-2021-CoC18-R</u>), please find attached a communication from Sri Lanka.

Yours sincerely

Christopher O'Brien Executive Secretary

Attachments:

• Documents from Sri Lanka.

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It is beyond DFAR control, under the current pandemic situation the Courts were closed for some periods and number of trials taken is restricted. However DFAR take much effort to complete the legal proceedings at earliest and report the out comes to the UK authorities and the IOTC. I appreciate your understanding of our current situation on this regard.

I would like to bring to your kind notice that the Covid -19 pandemic is rapidly spreading in Sri Lanka and the DFAR officials' work, with many difficulties, due to the travel restrictions and the prevailing quarantine curfew in the country.

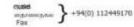
Despite the hardships, I reaffirm our commitment to combat the IUU fishing conduct by Sri Lanka fishing vessels in the region.

Thank you, Your Sincerely,

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Update the status of legal actions against the Sri Lanka Vessels reported in BIOT waters in the intersession of 2021-2022 Last update 3rd of September 2021

	Reg. Number / Vessel Name	Date of arrested /inspected	Date of arrival to SL	Initial Actions taken by DFAR	Legal Actions taken	Status as at 15 days before CM
01.	IMUL A 0195 TCO Mangala	15.05.2021	23.07.2021	 (i) Detained the vessel after arrival to the port of SL and keep under the supervision of Department of Coast Guard (DCG). (ii) Summon the skipper and crew to the head office, DFAR and conduct and inquiry in the presence of the vessel owner. (iii)Suspend the fishing operation license, skipper license and seize the registration book and the log book issued to the vessel. (iv) The owner informed the repercussions of being listed IUU vessels list as per the IOTC Resolution 18/03. 	 (i)Initiate court case in MC Colombo under 14 F and 14 A sentences of FARA No. 2 of 1996 amended by FARA No.35 of 2013. Case No: 53030. (ii)Magistrate summoned to detain the vessel under the Department of Coast Guard. (iii)Skipper license has suspended for 1 year 	Next trial date 16.09.2021
02.	IMUL A 0740 08.06.2021 30.06.2021 Dulaj Putha 08.06.2021 0.06.2021		30.06.2021	 (i) Detained the vessel after arrival to the port of SL and keep under the supervision of Department of Coast Guard (DCG). (ii) Summon the skipper and crew to the head office, DFAR and conduct and inquiry in the presence of the vessel owner. (iii) Suspend the fishing operation license, skipper license and seize the registration book and the log book issued to the vessel. (iv) The owner informed the repercussions of being listed IUU vessels list as per the IOTC Resolution 18/03. 	 (i)Detained the vessel after arrival to the port of SL and keep under the supervision of Department of SLCG (ii).Summon the skipper and crew to the head office, DFAR and conduct and inquiry in the presence of the vessel owner (iii)Suspended the fishing operation license and skipper license for 3 months period 	DFAR has conduct further investigations.

Table 01: Requested information on three vessels flagged in Sri Lanka (reference to your email dated on 27th August 2021)

03.	IMUL A 0778 KLT Dulaj Putha 03	08.06.2021	30.06.2021	(i)Detained the vessel after arrival to the port of SL and keep under the supervision of Department of Coast Guard (DCG).	(i)Detained the vessel after arrival to the port of SL and keep under the supervision of Department of SLCG.	DFAR has conduct further investigations.
				 (ii)Summon the skipper and crew to the head office, DFAR and conduct and inquiry in the presence of the vessel owner. (iii)Suspend the fishing operation license, skipper license and seize the registration book and the log book issued to the vessel. (iv)The owner informed the repercussions of being listed IUU vessels list as per the IOTC Resolution 18/03. 	 (ii).Summon the skipper and crew to the head office, DFAR and conduct and inquiry in the presence of the vessel owner. (iii)Suspended the fishing operation license and skipper license for 3 months period. 	

Table 02: Vessels reported to IOTC in 2021 for information only (reference to your email dated on 31st of August 2021)

	Reg. Number / Vessel Name	Date of arrested /inspected	Date of arrival to SL	Initial Actions taken by DFAR	Legal Actions taken	Status as at 15 days before CM
01.	IMUL A 0299 NBO Samith 07	02.03.2021	18.03.2021	 (i)Detained the vessel after arrival to the port of SL and keep under the supervision of Department of Coast Guard (DCG). (ii)Summon the skipper and crew to the head office, DFAR and conduct and inquiry in the presence of the vessel owner. (iii) Suspend the fishing operation license, skipper license and seize the registration book and the log book issued to the vessel. (iv) The owner informed the repercussions of being listed IUU vessels list as per the IOTC Resolution 18/03. 	 (i)Initiate court case in MC Colombo under 14 F sentence of FARA No. 2 of 1996 amended by FARA No.35 of 2013. Case No: 48317/5/21 (ii)Magistrate summoned to detain the vessel under the Department of Coast Guard (iii) Accused accept the guilty and request for settlement under 52 (B) sentence of FARA No. 2 of 1996. 	Administrative penalty SLR 1,000,000 is paid. Receipt No: T/24 612840 (Annex i) The vessel is in the priority list of installation of VMS
02.	IMUL A 0702 NBO Jesu Jeewamanayi	15.01.2021	04.02.2021	 (i)Detained the vessel after arrival to the port of SL and keep under the supervision of Department of Coast Guard (DCG). (ii)Summon the skipper and crew to the head office, DFAR and conduct and inquiry in the presence of the vessel owner. (iii)Suspend the fishing operation license, skipper license and seize the registration book and the log book issued to the vessel. (iv)The owner informed the repercussions of being listed IUU vessels list as per the IOTC Resolution 18/03. 	 (i)Initiate court case in MC Colombo under 14 F sentence of FARA No. 2 of 1996 amended by FARA No.35 of 2013. Case No: 45869/5/21 (ii)Magistrate summoned to detain the vessel under the Department of Coast Guard. (iii)Accused accept the guilty and request for settlement under 52 (B) sentence of FARA No. 2 of 1996. 	Administrative penalty SLR 500,000 is paid. Receipt No: T/24 612676 (Annex ii) The vessel is in the priority list of installation of VMS

Table 03: Vessels on the IOTC draft IUU vessel list in in 2021 that were not in IUU list (email dated on 31st of August 2021)

	Reg. Number / Vessel Name	Date of arrested /inspected	Date of arrival to SL	Initial Actions taken by DFAR	Legal Actions taken	Status as at 15 days before CM
01.	IMUL A 0564 NBO Sanjana Putha	10.03.2021	24.03.2021	 (i) Detained the vessel after arrival to the port of SL and keep under the supervision of Department of Coast Guard (DCG). (ii)Summon the skipper and crew to the head office, DFAR and conduct and inquiry in the presence of the vessel owner. (iii)Suspend the fishing operation license, skipper license and seize the registration book and the log book issued to the vessel. (iv) The owner informed the repercussions of being listed IUU vessels list as per the IOTC Resolution 18/03. 	 (i)Initiate court case in MC Colombo under 14 F sentence of FARA No. 2 of 1996 amended by FARA No.35 of 2013. Case No: 47819/5/21 (ii)Magistrate summoned to detain the vessel under the Department of Coast Guard (iii) Accused accept the guilty and request for settlement under 52 (B) sentence of FARA No. 2 of 1996. 	Administrative penalty SLR 500,000 was imposed by the Penalty Board. But notyet paid due to Covid-19 Pandemic. Next trial date 16.09.2021 The vessel is in the priority list of installation of VMS
02.	IMUL A 0684 CHW Minsadi 03	16.02.2021	09.03.2021	 (i)Detained the vessel after arrival to the port of SL and keep under the supervision of Department of Coast Guard (DCG). (ii)Summon the skipper and crew to the head office, DFAR and conduct and inquiry in the presence of the vessel owner. (iii)Suspend the fishing operation license, skipper license and seize the registration book and the log book issued to the vessel. (iv)The owner informed the repercussions of being listed IUU vessels list as per the IOTC Resolution 18/03. 	 (i)Initiate court case in MC Colombo under 14 F sentence of FARA No. 2 of 1996 amended by FARA No.35 of 2013. Case No: 47811/5/21 (ii)Magistrate summoned to detain the vessel under the Department of Coast Guard. (iii) Accused accept the guilty and request for settlement under 52 (B) sentence of FARA No. 2 of 1996. 	Administrative penalty SLR 500,000 is paid. Receipt No: T/24 612760 (Annex iii) The vessel is in the priority list of installation of VMS

03.	IMUL A 0790 KLT Nuwan Putha	10.03.2021	24.03.2021	 (i)Detained the vessel after arrival to the port of SL and keep under the supervision of Department of Coast Guard (DCG). (ii)Summon the skipper and crew to the head office, DFAR and conduct and inquiry in the presence of the vessel owner. (iii)Suspend the fishing operation license, skipper license and seize the registration book and the log book issued to the vessel. (iv)The owner informed the repercussions of 	 (i)Initiate court case in MC Colombo under 14 F sentence of FARA No. 2 of 1996 amended by FARA No.35 of 2013. Case No: 47818/5/21 (ii)Magistrate summoned to detain the vessel under the Department of Coast Guard. (iii)Accused accept the guilty and request for settlement under 52 (B) sentence of FARA No. 2 of 1996. 	Administrative penalty SLR 500,000 is paid. Receipt No: T/24 612901 (Annex iv) The vessel is in the priority list of installation of VMS
				being listed IUU vessels list as per the IOTC Resolution 18/03.		
04	IMUL A 0814 CHW Devindu Son	16.02.2021	09.03.2021	(i)Detained the vessel after arrival to the port of SL and keep under the supervision of Department of Coast Guard (DCG).	(i)Initiate court case in MC Colombo under 14 F sentence of FARA No. 2 of 1996 amended by FARA No.35 of 2013. Case No: 47810/5/21	Administrative penalty SLR 500,000 is paid.
				(ii)Summon the skipper and crew to the head office, DFAR and conduct and inquiry in the presence of the vessel owner.	 (ii)Magistrate summoned to detain the vessel under the Department of Coast Guard 	Receipt No: T/24 612841(Annex v)
				(iii)Suspend the fishing operation license, skipper license and seize the registration book and the log book issued to the vessel.	(iii)Accused accept the guilty and request for settlement under 52 (B) sentence of FARA No. 2 of 1996.	The vessel is in the priority list of installation of VMS
				(iv)The owner informed the repercussions of being listed IUU vessels list as per the IOTC Resolution 18/03.		

05.	IMUL A 1552 MTR Tanga 10	24.11.2020	19.12.2020	(i)Detained the vessel after arrival to the port of SL and keep under the supervision of Department of Coast Guard (DCG).	(i)Initiate court case in MC Colombo under 14 F sentence of FARA No. 2 of 1996 amended by FARA No.35 of 2013. Case No: 46040/5/21.	Administrative penalty SLR 1,000,000 is paid.
				(ii)Summon the skipper and crew to the head office, DFAR and conduct and inquiry in the presence of the vessel owner.	 (ii)Magistrate summoned to detain the vessel under the Department of Coast Guard. 	Receipt No: T/24 609763 (Annex vi)
				(iii)Suspend the fishing operation license, skipper license and seize the registration book and the log book issued to the vessel.	(iii)Accused accept the guilty and request for settlement under 52 (B) sentence of FARA No. 2 of 1996.	The vessel is in the priority list of installation of VMS
				(iv)The owner informed the repercussions of being listed IUU vessels list as per the IOTC Resolution 18/03.		

Table 04: Vessels on the IOTC IUU vessel list in 2021 (reference to your email dated on 31st of August 2021)

	Reg. Number / Vessel Name	Date of arrested /inspected	Date of arrival to SL	Initial Actions taken by DFAR	Legal Actions taken
01.	IMUL A 0730 KLT Lakpriya	29.08.2020	17.09.2020	 (i) Detained the vessel after arrival to the port of SL and keep under the supervision of Department of Coast Guard (DCG). (ii) Summon the skipper and crew to the head office, DFAR and conduct and inquiry in the presence of the vessel owner. (iii) Suspend the fishing operation license, skipper license and seize the registration book and the log book issued to the vessel. (iv) The owner informed the repercussions of being listed IUU vessels list as per the IOTC Resolution 18/03. 	 (i)Initiate court case in MC Colombo under 14 F sentence of FARA No. 2 of 1996 amended by FARA No.35 of 2013. Case No: 40533/5/20. (ii)Magistrate summoned to detain the vessel under the Department of Coast Guard. (iii) Next trial date 10.09.2021
02.	IMUL A 0846 KLT Sampath 12	30.10.2020	20.11.2020	 (i)Detained the vessel after arrival to the port of SL and keep under the supervision of Department of Coast Guard (DCG). (ii)Summon the skipper and crew to the head office, DFAR and conduct and inquiry in the presence of the vessel owner. (iii)Suspend the fishing operation license, skipper license and seize the registration book and the log book issued to the vessel. (iv)The owner informed the repercussions of being listed IUU vessels list as per the IOTC Resolution 18/03. 	 (i)Initiate court case in MC Colombo under 14 F sentence of FARA No. 2 of 1996 amended by FARA No.35 of 2013. Case No: 17524. (ii)Magistrate summoned to detain the vessel under the Department of Coast Guard. (iii) Next trial date 10.09.2021

03.	IMUL A 1028 TLE	20.08.2020	23.10.2020	(i)Detained the vessel after arrival to the port of SL and keep under the supervision of Department of $C_{1} + C_{2} = h(DCC)$	(i)Initiate court case in MC Colombo under 14 F sentence of FARA No. 2 of 1996
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				(ii)Summon the skipper and crew to the head office, DFAR and conduct and inquiry in the presence of	40534/5/20.
				the vessel owner.	(ii)Magistrate summoned to detain the vessel under the Department of Coast Guard.
				(iii)Suspend the fishing operation license, skipper license and seize the registration book and the log book issued to the vessel.	(iii) Next trial date 10.09.2021
				(iv)The owner informed the repercussions of being listed IUU vessels list as per the IOTC Resolution 18/03.	

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