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IOTC CIRCULAR
2022–21

Dear Sir/Madam

A COMMUNICATION FROM OMAN REGARDING OBJECTIONS TO CROSS-LIST THREE OMANI FLAGGED VESSELS TO THE IOTC IUU VESSELS LIST

Pursuant to paragraph 35 of IOTC Resolution 18/03, please find attached a communication from Oman which states their objections to cross-list three Omani flagged vessels to the IOTC IUU Vessels List. The communication from Oman also sets out the reasons for the objections.

Yours sincerely



Christopher O'Brien
Executive Secretary

Attachments:

- Communication from Oman.

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Sultanate of Oman

Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries Wealth & Water Resources



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Muscat, 21 March 2022.

SUBJECT. Objection to cross listing of vessels included on the IUU vessels lists

Dear Mr. O'Brien,

In the IOTC circular 2022-14 of February the 25th, the IOTC Secretariat informed the CPCs about a list of four vessels to be included in the IOTC IUU Vessels List. In the same communication, it was stated that any CPC who objects to the inclusion of any of these vessels in the IOTC IUU Vessels List shall do so, in writing, within 30 days of the date of this circular.

Pursuant to paragraph 35 of Resolution 18/03, on behalf of the Sultanate of Oman I would like to officially state my **objection** to the inclusion of the vessels ISRAR 1, ISRAR 2 and ISRAR 3 in the IUU vessel list, due to the following reasons:

1. Oman has initiated an investigation into the conduct of the above-mentioned vessels and their current owners.

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2. The current owners state that they have no legal or commercial link to the previous owners of the vessels when the events, which led to the ICCAT IUU listing, took place.
3. The current owners have produced a file with documentation on the subject, which is currently being analyzed by the corresponding administrative body.
4. Within a time barred legal process of 30 days, the Sultanate of Oman shall be able to determine whether the current owners maintain any link with their predecessors. If that were the case, the vessels would be accordingly fined and expelled from the Omani register.
5. The government of Oman, pursuant to paragraph 36 of IOTC Res 18/03, would be able to provide all this information to the following session of the Compliance Committee, for a final decision to be taken about the possible listing of these three vessels.

Kindly circulate our memo to all IOTC members.

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

Yours faithfully,

Dr. Abdulaziz Al-Marzouqi
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