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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 18<sup>th</sup> Session of the Compliance Committee ([IOTC-2021-CoC18-R](#)), please find attached a communication from Sri Lanka.

Yours sincerely

Christopher O'Brien  
Executive Secretary

**Attachments:**

- Documents from Sri Lanka.

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Executive Secretary,  
Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC),  
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Dear Sir,

**Status of the three Sri Lanka vessels listed in the IOTC/IUU list.(IMUL-A-1028TLE,IMUL-A-0730KLT,IMUL-A-0846KLT**

Please find herewith attached the reporting of the status of the three Sri Lanka vessels listed in the IOTC/IUU list in 2021.

The trial dates have been postponed due to the prevailed Covid-19 situation and the trials are still on going on.

Thank you

Yours Sincerely,

*HPR*

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Director (Fishing Operation)  
Sri Lanka Delegate to IOTC

01/02/2021  
18/03/2021  
21/06/2021  
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**Table 3 : Vessels on the IOTC IUU vessel list in 2021**

S/ N	Reg. Number / Vessel Name	Date of arrested /inspected	Date of arrival to SL	Initial Actions taken by DFAR	Legal Actions taken	Current Status
01	IMUL A 0730 KLT  Lakpriya	29.08.2020	17.09.2020	<p>(i) Detained the vessel after arrival to the port of SL and keep under the supervision of Department of Coast Guard (DCG).</p> <p>(ii) Summon the skipper and crew to the head office, DFAR and conduct and inquiry in the presence of the vessel owner.</p> <p>(iii) Suspend the fishing operation license, skipper license and seize the registration book and the log book issued to the vessel.</p> <p>(iv) The owner informed the repercussions of being listed IUU vessels list as per the IOTC Resolution 18/03.</p>	<p>(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.</p> <p>(ii)Magistrate summoned to detain the vessel under the Department of Coast Guard.</p>	<p>( i)Initiate court case in MC Colombo under 14 A &amp;14 F sentence of FARA No. 2 of 1996 amended by FARA No.35 of 2013.Case No: 40533/5/20</p> <p>(ii) Magistrate summoned to detain the vessel under the Department of Coast Guard.</p> <p>(iii)Next trial date 28.06.2021.</p> <p>(iv)Due to the COVID-19 pandemic situation next trial date shifted to 7<sup>th</sup> March 2022.</p> <p>v)Hon. Magistrate summoned to arrest skipper and appear to court as Skipper has not appeared in Court on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2022</p> <p>vi)DFAR file the plaint sheet on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2022</p> <p>vii) Hon Magistrate summon to issue a warrant to arrest skipper as Skipper has not appeared in court</p> <p>viii) Case is ongoing</p>
02	IMUL A 0846 KLT  Sampath 12	30.10.2020	20.11.2020	<p>(i)Detained the vessel after arrival to the port of SL and keep under the supervision of Department of Coast Guard (DCG).</p> <p>(ii)Summon the skipper and crew to the head office, DFAR and conduct and inquiry in the presence of the vessel owner.</p> <p>(iii)Suspend the fishing operation license, skipper license and</p>	<p>(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.</p> <p>(ii)Magistrate summoned to detain the vessel under the Department of Coast Guard.</p>	<p>(i)Initiate court case in MC Kalutara under 14 F sentence of FARA No. 2 of 1996 amended by FARA No.35 of 2013. Case No: 17524</p> <p>(ii)Magistrate summoned to detain the vessel under the Department of Coast Guard</p> <p>(iii) Next trial date 04.06.2021.</p> <p>(iv)Due to the COVID-19 pandemic situation next trial</p>

				<p>seize the registration book and the log book issued to the vessel.</p> <p>(iv)The owner informed the repercussions of being listed IUU vessels list as per the IOTC Resolution 18/03.</p>		<p>date shifted to 4<sup>th</sup> March 2022.</p> <p>v)Hon. Magistrate summon to appear vessel Owner and skipper at open court for trial on 04 .03.2022</p> <p>vi) DFAR file the plaint sheet on 04.03.2022</p> <p>vii) Hon Magistrate summon to issue a warrant to arrest skipper and owner as they have not appeared in court</p> <p>viii) Case is ongoing</p>
03	<p>IMUL A 1028 TLE  Dewli Fishing</p>	20.08.2020	23.10.2020	<p>(i)Detained the vessel after arrival to the port of SL and keep under the supervision of Department of Coast Guard (DCG).</p> <p>(ii)Summon the skipper and crew to the head office, DFAR and conduct and inquiry in the presence of the vessel owner.</p> <p>(iii)Suspend the fishing operation license, skipper license and seize the registration book and the log book issued to the vessel.</p> <p>(iv)The owner informed the repercussions of being listed IUU vessels list as per the IOTC Resolution 18/03.</p>	<p>(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: 40534/5/20.</p> <p>(ii)Magistrate summoned to detain the vessel under the Department of Coast Guard.</p>	<p>I)Initiate court case in MC Colombo under 14 A &amp;14 F sentence of FARA No. 2 of 1996 amended by FARA No.35 of 2013.Case No: 40534/5/20</p> <p>(ii)Magistrate summoned to detain the vessel under the Department of Coast Guard.</p> <p>(iii)Next trial date 17.06.2021</p> <p>iv) Administrative penalty SLR 3.33M has imposed for owner</p> <p>v)Owner has made an appeal to secretary for take a relive period to pay the administrative fine due to economic difficulties of owner under provision of 52B (5) sentences of FARA No. 2 of 1996 amended by FARA No.02 of 2016</p> <p>vi) Secretary has made the decision to give a 6 month relive period to pay the administrative fine by considering appeal under provision of 52B (6) (a) sentences of FARA No. 2 of 1996 amended by FARA No.02 of 2016</p> <p>vii) vessel detained at harbor until pay the administrative fine</p> <p>(viii) Next court date <b>19.04.2022</b></p>