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IOTC CIRCULAR 2023-57

Dear Madam / Sir,

A COMMUNICATION FROM THE EUROPEAN UNION TO UPDATE INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THE IUU LISTED VESSEL, "COBIJA"

In accordance with paragraph 30 of IOTC Resolution 18/03, the European Union has provided the information in the attached document, for the purpose of updating some information fields in the IOTC IUU Vessels List for the vessel, COBIJA.

As required by paragraph 30 (b) of the above-mentioned Resolution, the IOTC Secretariat has successfully verified the information provided by the EU, by reference to other information, except for the name of the owner of the two companies. Therefore, this information field for "beneficial owner" will not be updated with the name of the individual found in the information provided by the EU.

Yours sincerely

Paul de Bruyn
Executive Secretary

Attachment:

- Communication from the EU

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From:

Sent: Thursday, October 19, 2023 10:43 AM

To: IOTC-Compliance <IOTC-Compliance@fao.org>

Subject: Update information on a IUU vessel

Dear colleagues,

We received some updated information regarding the COBIJA, a vessel included on the IOTC IUU vessel list. Below a summary of the update information with the attached the circular from CCAMLR of June 2023, that we transmit for the purpose of article 30 of resolution 18/03.

- Name and address of the fishing vessel owner and of the previous owners: the companies that owned the fishing vessel were, initially, **EXPRESS FINANCIAL VENTURES INC**, and subsequently, **NICAMAR INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENTS INC**. In addition, the investigation carried out with Panamá confirmed that the owner of the companies **EXPRESS FINANCIAL VENTURES, INC** and **NICAMAR INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENTS, INC** is **PABLO COSTAS VILLAR**.

- Owner's place of registration: the companies are addressed in Panamá.

- MMSI (Maritime Mobile Service Identity) number: **720 877 000** (document n.º 3 about COMUNICACIONES CON BOLIVIA).

- Photos of the Fishing Vessel: attached, you will find what appears in the complementary inspection report in the sanctioning procedure.

- Date of the alleged IUU fishing activity: the date of the sighting by the Australian authorities was June 18th, 2020, although the vessel has been included in SEAFO's list of vessels involved in IUU fishing activities since November 2017.

Best regards,



European Commission

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