



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM INDONESIA CONCERNING ONE VESSEL IN THE 2024 IOTC DRAFT IUU VESSELS LIST

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PURPOSE

To provide additional information, which has been received from Indonesia by the IOTC Secretariat, to the Compliance Committee to assist it in taking decisions on:

- one vessel included in the 2024 IOTC Draft IUU Vessel List: Attachment 2 of document IOTC-2024-CoC21-07.

INFORMATION REPORTED TO THE IOTC SECRETARIAT

Indonesia has provided the additional information reproduced in Appendix 1.

RECOMMENDATION

That the CoC21:

- **NOTE** the information provided in document IOTC-2024-CoC21-07_Add2, which will assist it in its deliberations on the fishing vessel, BELMETI, which is listed on the 2024 Draft IOTC IUU Vessels List.

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IN THE 2024 IOTC DRAFT IUU VESSEL LIST**

Regarding the report and additional information from Australia concerning the fishing vessel KM BELMETI, which is listed on the 2024 IOTC Draft IUU Vessel List, Indonesia would like to provide additional information as follows:

1. Regarding Australia's additional information that they advised Indonesia of the IUU activity on 4 October 2022 (74 days after the illegal fishing activity) and 439 days prior to Australia notifying Indonesia of its intent to submit the information to IOTC, Indonesia received information from the Secretariat of RPOA IUU Fishing that they received the report from Australia on Indonesian fishing vessel entering Australia's EEZ. However, Australia's intention to submit the information to IOTC was not mentioned in the report provided to the Secretariat of RPOA IUU Fishing. Therefore, Indonesia's focal point for RPOA IUU fishing and Indonesia's Commissioner for IOTC were not previously informed that Australia intended to submit the information of KM BELMETI to IOTC.
2. Indonesia has already taken further action for other cases reported by the Australian Government to the RPOA IUU fishing after an investigation was carried out and proven guilty by imposing multiple administrative sanctions in accordance with the case level. However, Indonesia needs detailed data and information to investigate further and coordinate with various related institutions. The Indonesian government will take legal action against Indonesian fishing vessels if they are proven guilty of carrying out IUU fishing.
3. Based on the initial information provided by Australia on 16 February 2024, Indonesia requested detailed information on the case and vessel information. Australia has given additional information on the vessel and crew information on 19 and 21 February 2024. However, the information provided by Australia was still insufficient for Indonesia to conduct further investigation and trace the vessel and crew domicile. Indonesia further communicated with Australia to request additional information on 4 April 2024 and 19 April 2024 to request detailed information regarding the identity of the vessel and crews. Australia provided Indonesia with photos of the entire crew of the boat on 22 April 2024, which clearly showed their faces, along with the names and dates of birth of the captain and crew members. Based on this information, Indonesia has taken the following steps:
 - a. Indonesia has traced the crews based on their identity, which was provided by Australia, and discovered that one of the crews had a characteristic family name for people domiciled in the Rote area. Furthermore, coordination was carried out with several officials in the area, and it was stated that the crew lives in Papela Village - Rote.
 - b. The officer of the surveillance station unit in Kupang, located 12 hours from Papela Village-Rote, is currently seeking the crew to the Papela Village - Rote.

4. When the crew mentioned above have been found, Indonesia will take further measures by collecting a statement investigation report (BAP) related to KM BELMETI to trace the whereabouts of the vessel, owner, and other crew members involved, including the involvement of other parties (financiers) and the implementation of sanctions (criminal and/or administrative sanctions) based on national regulation when it has been proved guilty as reported.
5. The Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries is also collaborating with the Ministry of Home Affairs, NTT Provincial Government, and Rote District Government to collect citizen/identity information of the owner and other crews to trace their domicile for further investigation and action.
6. Indonesia will frequently provide further information to the Australian Government and the Secretariat IOTC on the progress of the investigation of KM BELMETI.