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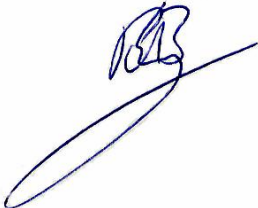
**A COMMUNICATION FROM SRI LANKA**

Please find attached a communication from Sri Lanka, regarding a request to remove a vessel from the IOTC IUU Vessels List.

As you may recall, via [IOTC Circular 2024-30](#), Sri Lanka provided evidence of both administrative and judicial proceeding against the crew and master of the vessel, plus payment of the fine imposed by the Court.

Pursuant to the intersessional procedure, Contracting Parties shall examine the request to remove the vessel and shall notify the IOTC Secretariat, within 30 days of this notification, i.e. **by 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2024**, of their conclusion to either remove the vessel from, or keep the vessel on, the IUU Vessels List. The IOTC Executive Secretary shall, thereafter, ascertain the outcome of the CPCs' decision on the proposal, and proceed to update the IOTC IUU Vessels List, if considered appropriate.

Yours sincerely



Paul de Bruyn  
Executive Secretary

**Attachment:**

- Communication from Sri Lanka.

Distribution

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Dear Dr. Paul

**Request for the delisting of Sri Lanka fishing vessel IMULA 0730 KLT from the IOTC IUU vessels list 2023.**

This is reference to the IOTC circular 2024/30 circulated by the Secretariat on the request made by Sri Lanka to delist the two Sri Lanka fishing vessels IMULA 0846 KLT and IMULA 0730 KLT.

As per the resolution 2024/24, Sri Lanka found that only UKOT (the reporting CPC ) and the EU has responded to the above circular. The both CPCs has expressed their position to delist the vessel IMULA 0730 KLT which the court proceedings are completed.

The two CPCs have further mentioned that delisting of IMULA 0846 KLT cannot be permitted, because the court case has not been concluded due to an appeal forwarded by the vessel owner. Sri Lanka respect to the decisions of the said two CPCs on their position on the vessel IMULA 0846 KLT.

Therefore please be kind enough to issue a new circular on our request on delisting of fishing vessel IMULA 0730 KLT to receive responses up to the responses threshold established by paragraph 27 (a) of IOTC Resolution 18/03.

Your corporation in this regard is highly appreciated.

Yours Sincerely,

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