

11 November 2025

IOTC CIRCULAR 2025-35

Dear Sir/Madam

A COMMUNICATION FROM VANUATU.

Please find attached a communication from Vanuatu regarding the status of some twenty Vanuatu flagged vessels. It is noted that position reports, as of 7 November 2025, indicate that eight of the twenty vessels were sailing through the IOTC Area, possibly on route to the Atlantic Ocean. Taking into account that these vessels have not been issued, with an International Authorisation to Fish Certificate by the Competent Authority of the Republic of Vanuatu, we are bringing this information to the attention of Members and Cooperating Non-Contracting Parties.

Yours sincerely

Paul de Bruyn



Executive Secretary

Attachments:

- Annex1: NOTE No. 021/MOFAICET/2025 from Vanuatu
- Annex2: 1_07_Nov_2025-20 Trawlers without IATF

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**GOVERNMENT OF THE
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Note No. 021/ MOFAICET/2025

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Cooperation and External Trade of the Republic of Vanuatu presents its compliments to the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission in Seychelles, and has the honour to convey information regarding a matter of urgent importance relating to Vanuatu-flagged vessels currently under compliance investigation for suspected Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) fishing activities.

The Ministry would like to further inform the Commission that these 20 Vanuatu flagged vessels/trawlers have not acquired the International Authorization to Fish Certificate (IATF), and are being investigated for possible breaches below. An attachment is provided to display the current position of these trawlers.

- Vanuatu's Fisheries Act No. 10 of 2014;
- International and regional obligations under Regional Fisheries Management Organization (RFMO) frameworks; and
- FAO compliance protocols.

This notification is issued as part of Vanuatu's continuing commitment to its flag State responsibilities and to the international effort to prevent, deter, and eliminate IUU fishing. The Government of Vanuatu wishes to inform the commission that this action demonstrates its determination to uphold transparency, cooperation, and accountability in fisheries governance.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Cooperation and External Trade of the Republic of Vanuatu avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission in Seychelles, the assurances of its highest consideration.



Port Vila, 07 November 2025

**Indian Ocean Tuna Commission
Victoria, Seychelles**

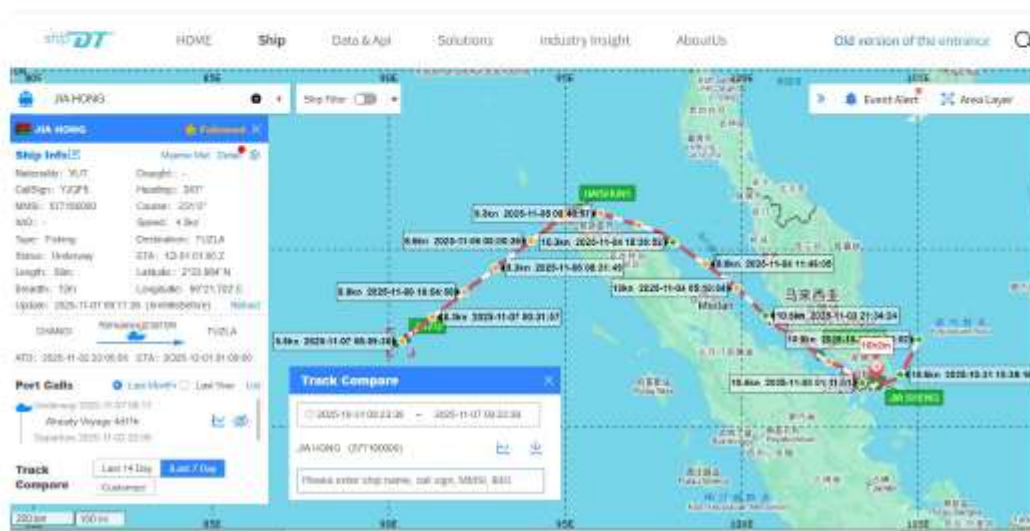
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20 trawlers without IATF

07-Nov-2025

1. JIA HONG (IMO: 1118220, registered shipowner: JIA XIN FISHERY VANUATU LIMITED)

Current position: Vessel is currently sailing in the Indian Ocean, underway to Atlantic FAO41.

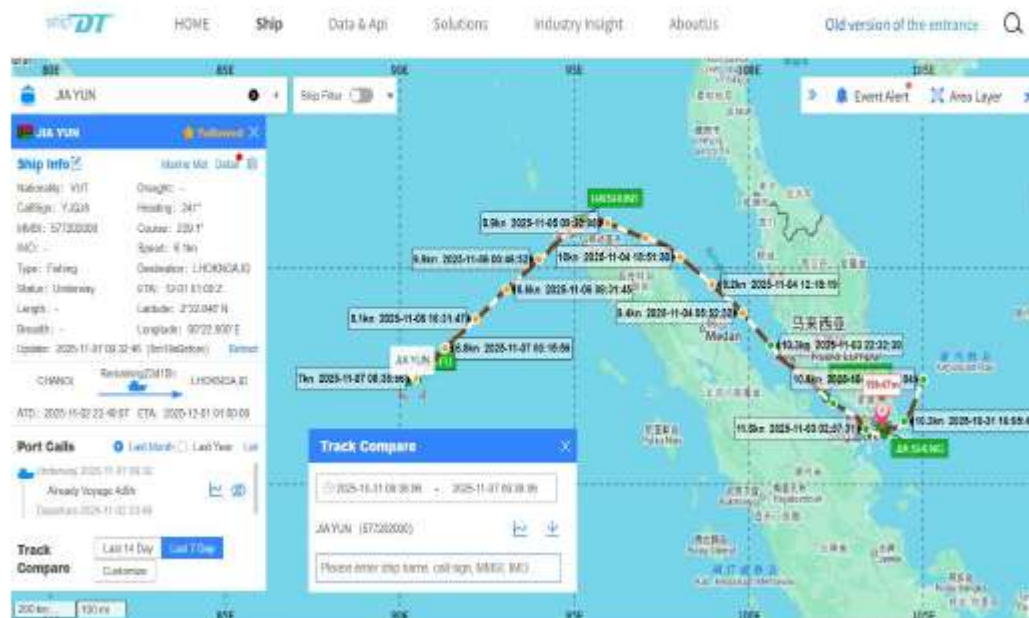


2. JIA YANG (IMO: 1118244, registered shipowner: JIA XIN FISHERY VANUATU LIMITED)

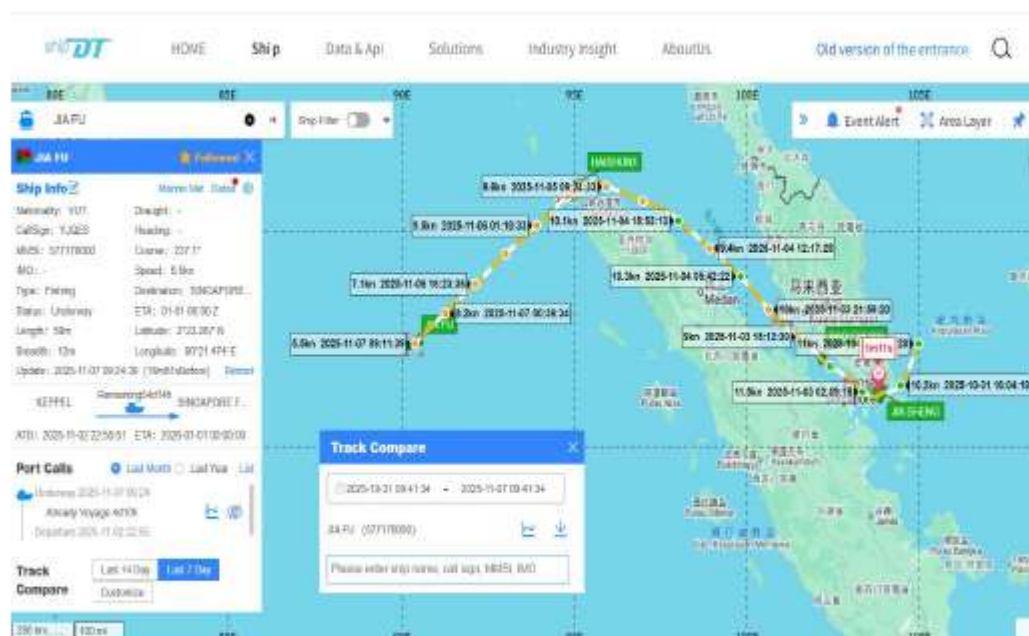
Current position: Vessel keeps staying in Singapore now.



3. JIA YUN (IMO: 1118268, registered shipowner: JIA XIN FISHERY VANUATU LIMITED)
Current position: Vessel is currently sailing in the Indian Ocean, underway to Atlantic FAO41.

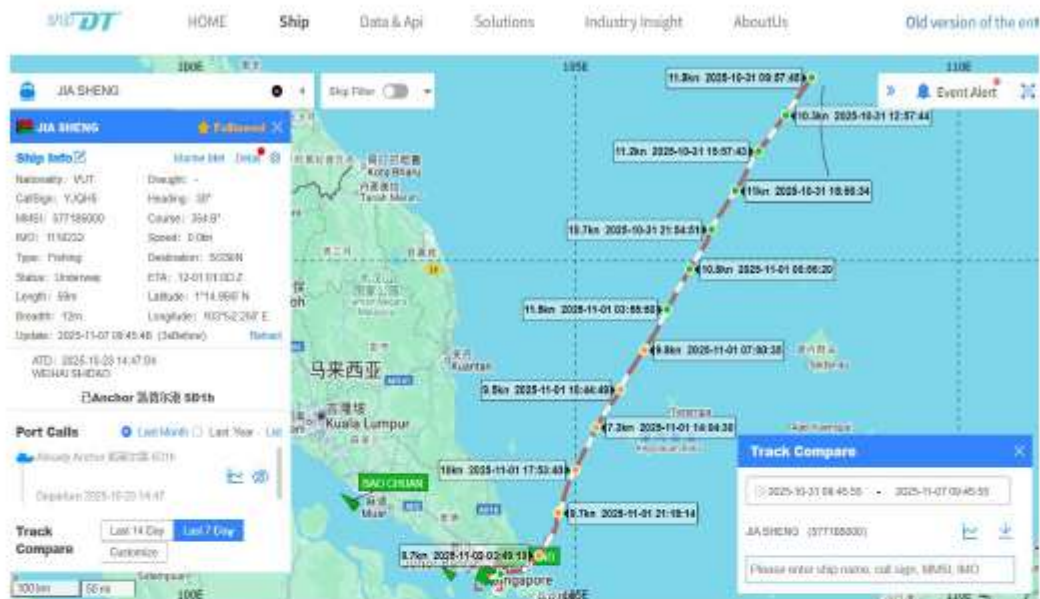


4. JIA FU (IMO: 1118218, registered shipowner: JIA XIN FISHERY VANUATU LIMITED)
Current position: Vessel is currently sailing in the Indian Ocean, underway to Atlantic FAO41.



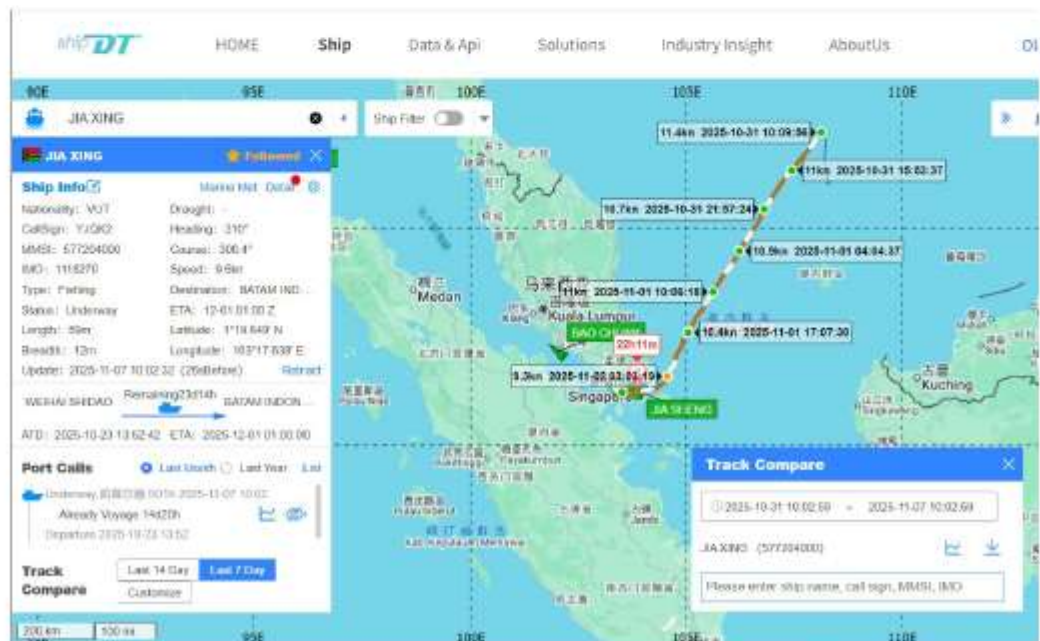
5. JIA SHENG (IMO: 1118232, registered shipowner: JIA XIN FISHERY VANUATU LIMITED)

Current position: Vessel has arrived in Singapore on 02 Nov. Now vessel keeps staying in Singapore.



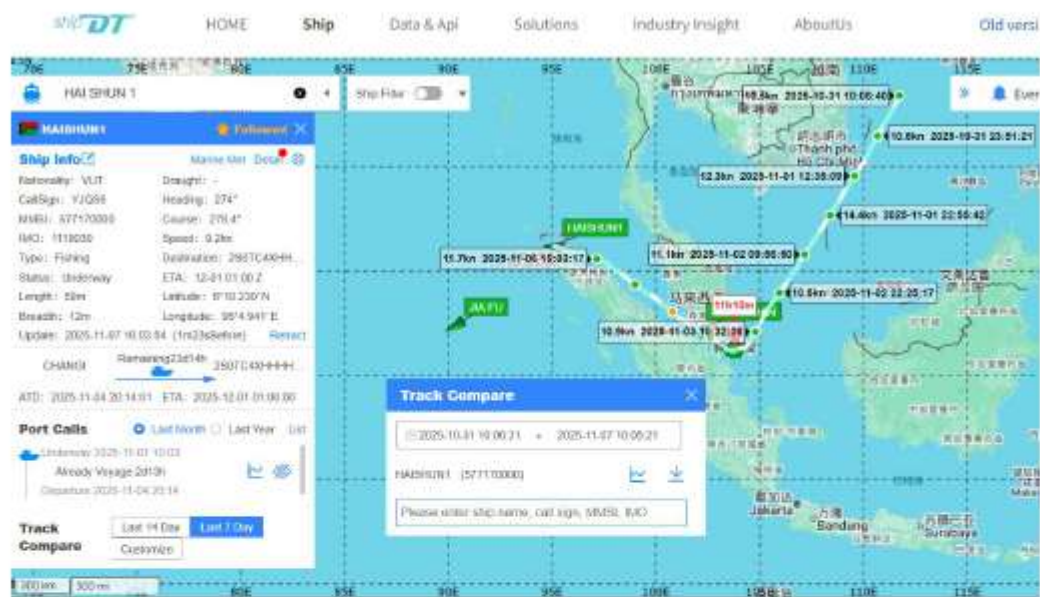
6. JIA XING (IMO: 1118270, registered shipowner: JIA XIN FISHERY VANUATU LIMITED)

Current position: Vessel has left Singapore on 06 Nov, now is crossing Malacca strait and come into the Indian Ocean.



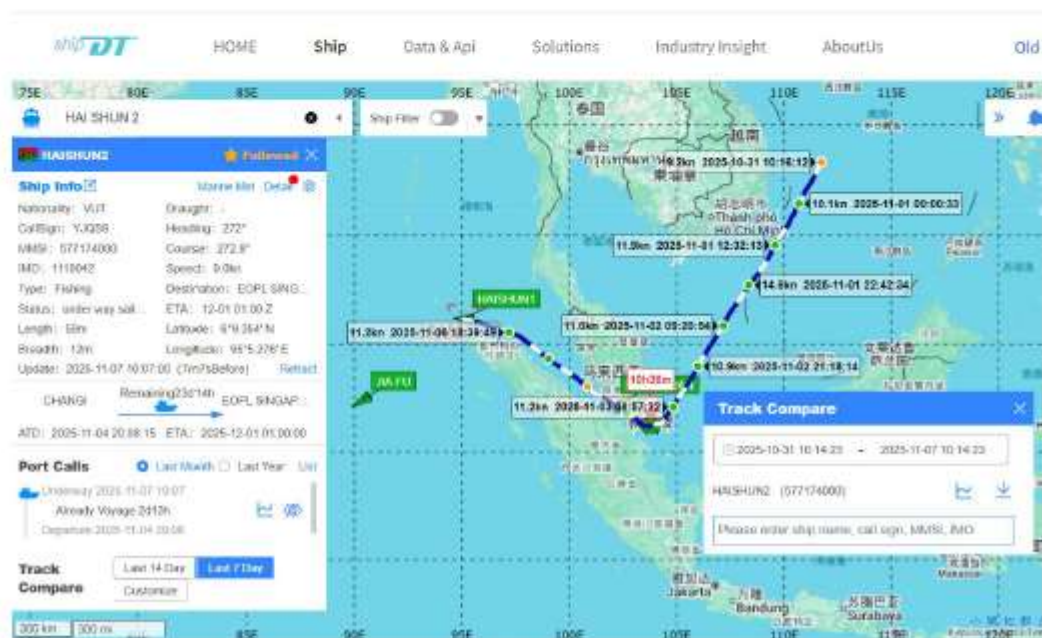
7. HAI SHUN 1 (IMO: 1119030, registered shipowner: HAI SHUN SHIPPING CO.,LIMITED)

Current position: Vessel has left Singapore on 04 Nov, now is crossing Malacca strait and come into the Indian Ocean.



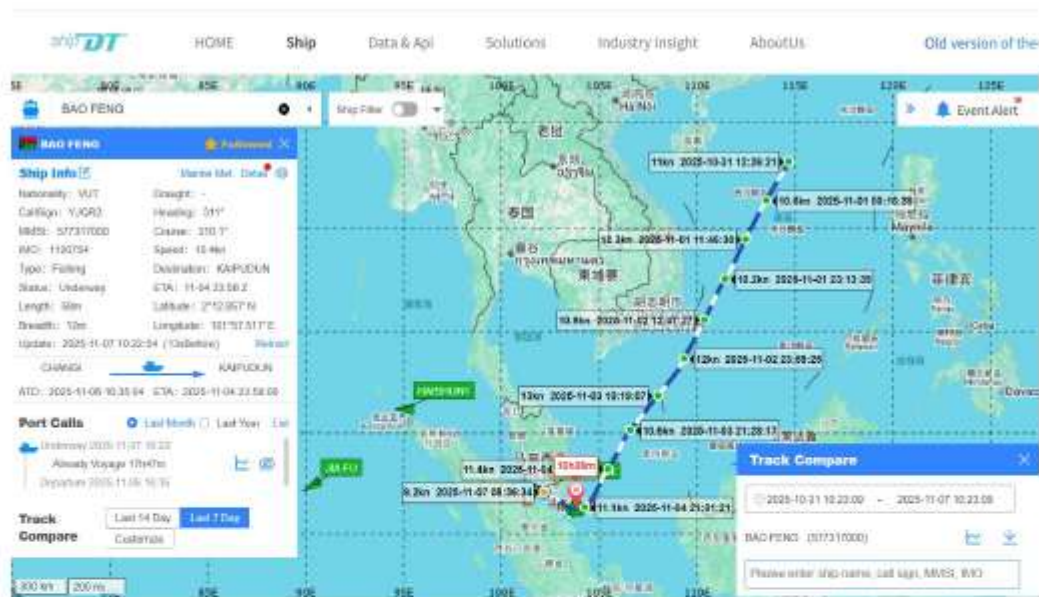
8. HAI SHUN 2 (IMO: 1119042, registered shipowner: HAI SHUN SHIPPING CO.,LIMITED)

Current position: Vessel has left Singapore on 04 Nov, now is crossing Malacca strait and come into the Indian Ocean.



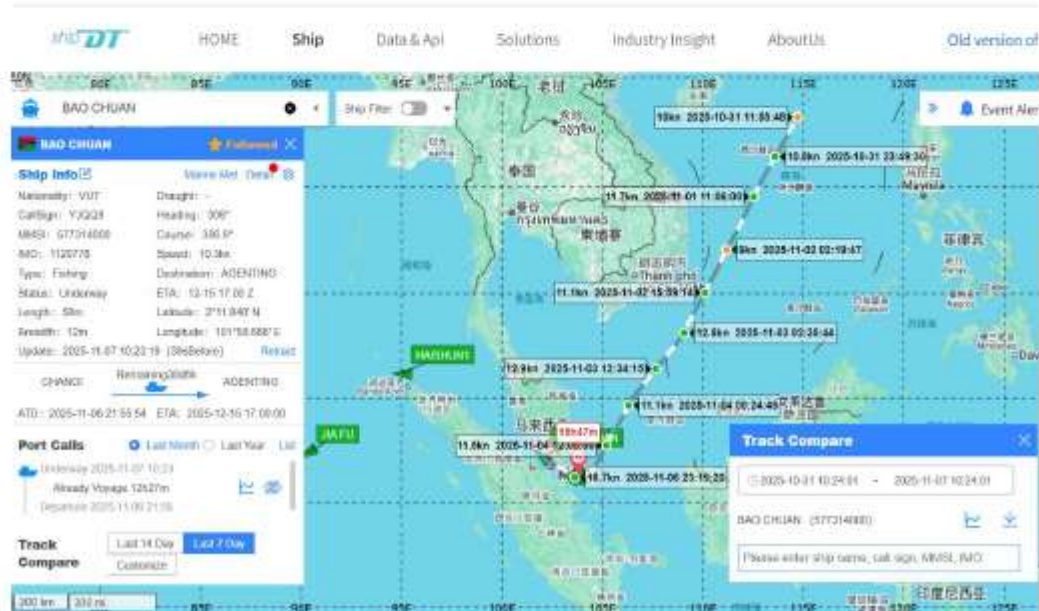
9. BAO FENG (IMO: 1120754, registered shipowner: EVER FAST PTE.LIMITED)

Current position: Vessel has left Singapore on 06 Nov, now is crossing Malacca strait and come into the Indian Ocean.

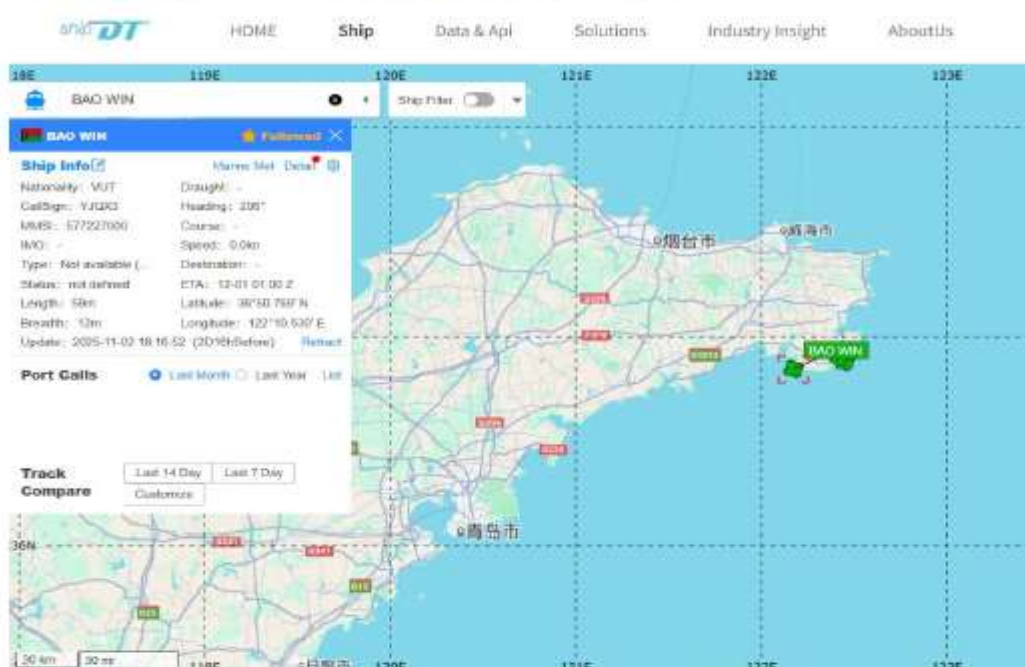


10. BAO CHUAN (IMO: 1120778, registered shipowner: EVER FAST PTE.LIMITED)

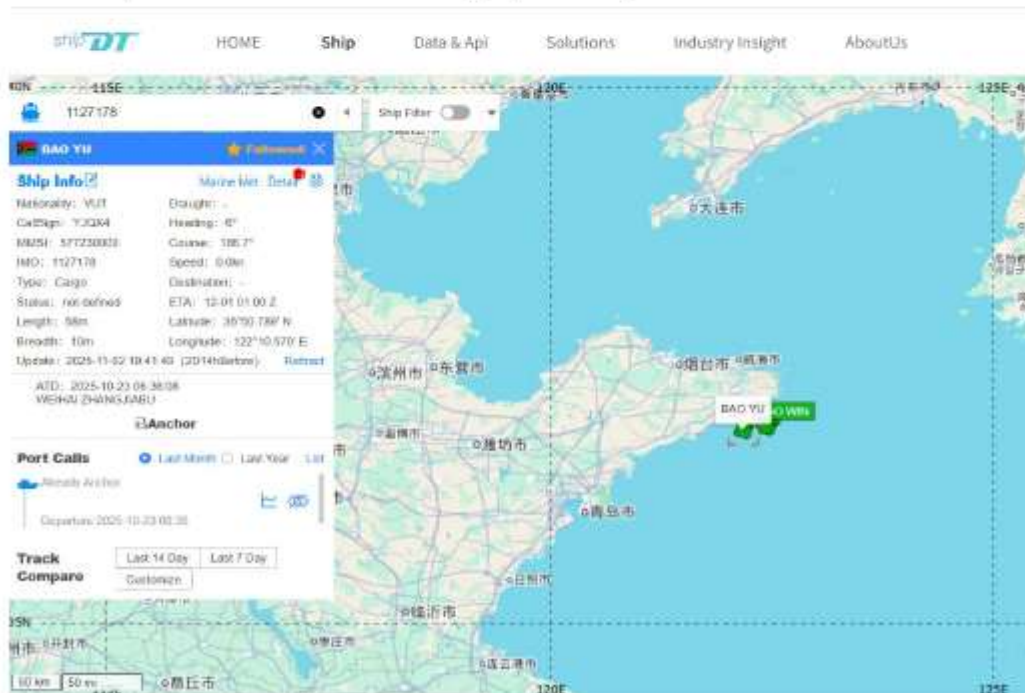
Current position: Vessel has left Singapore on 06 Nov, now is crossing Malacca strait and come into the Indian Ocean.



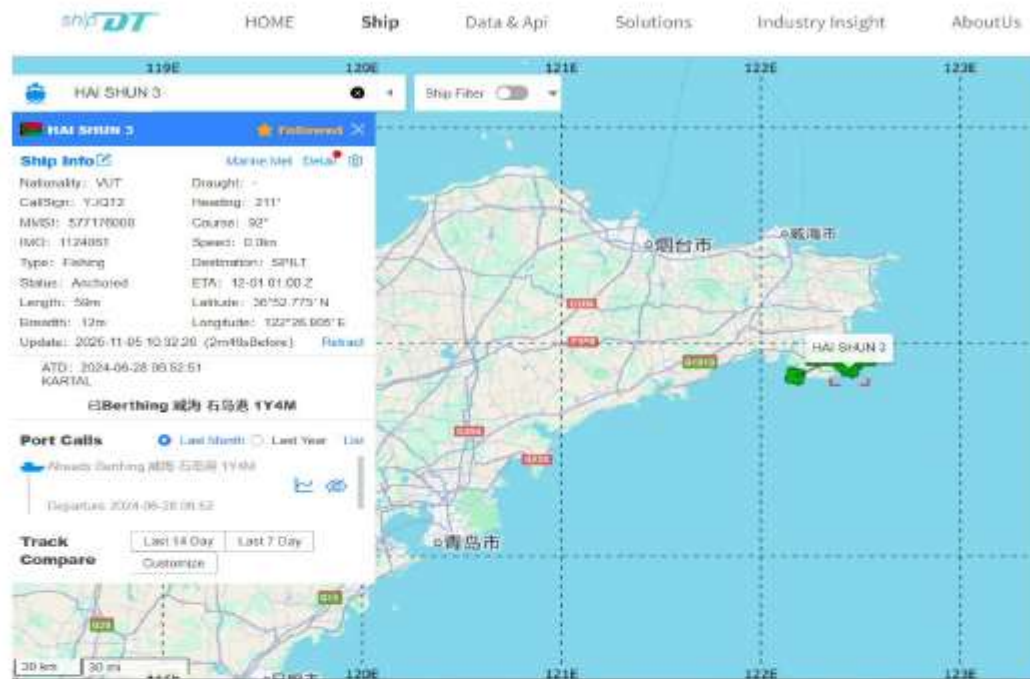
11. BAO WIN (IMO: 1127166, registered shipowner: EVER FAST PTE.LIMITED)
Current position: Vessel now is in Shidao, prepare to depart.



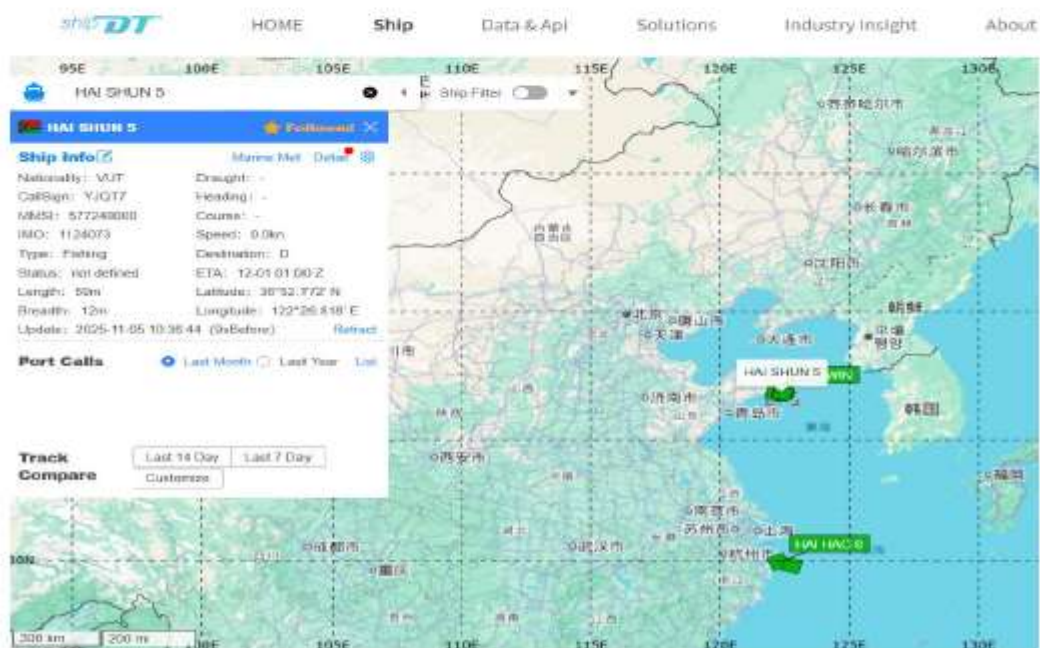
12. BAO YU (IMO: 1127178, registered shipowner: EVER FAST PTE.LIMITED)
Current position: Vessel now is in Shidao, prepare to depart.



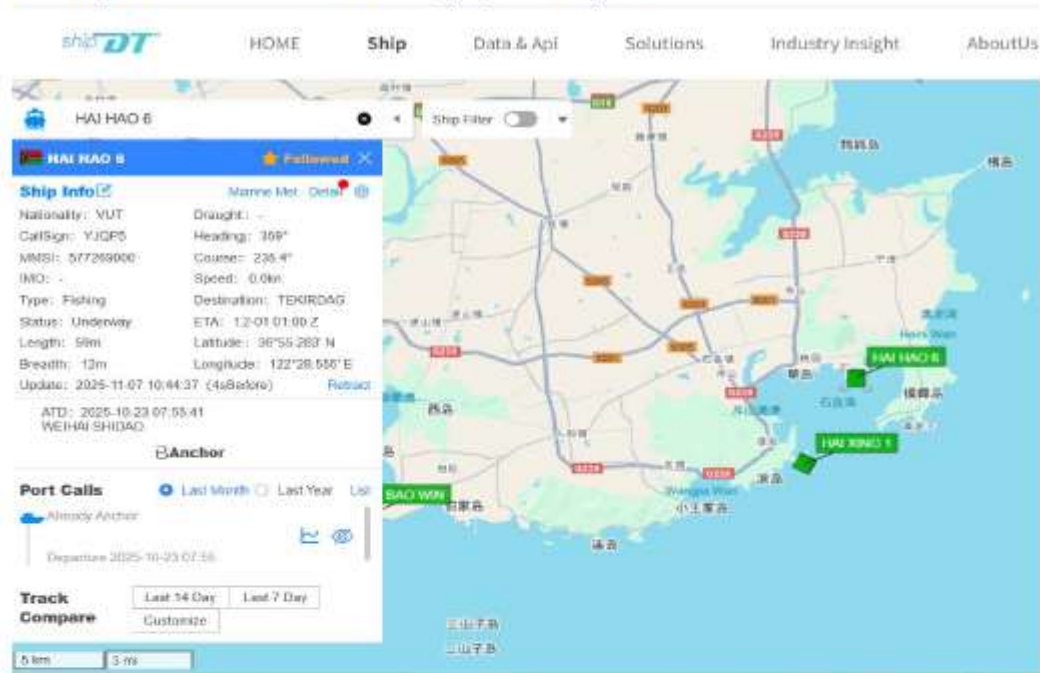
13. HAI SHUN 3 (IMO: 1124061, registered shipowner: HAI SHUN SHIPPING CO.,LIMITED)
Current position: Vessel departed from Shidao, China on 06 Nov.



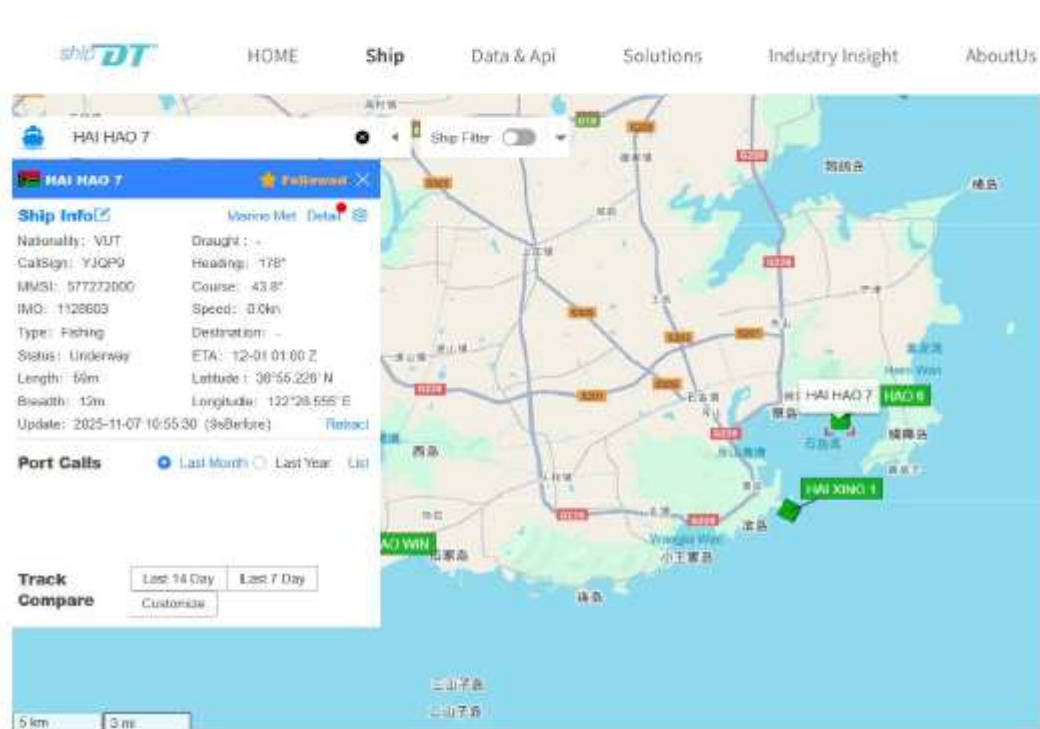
14. HAI SHUN 5 (IMO: 1124073, registered shipowner: HAI SHUN SHIPPING CO.,LIMITED)
Current position: Vessel departed from Shidao, China on 06 Nov.



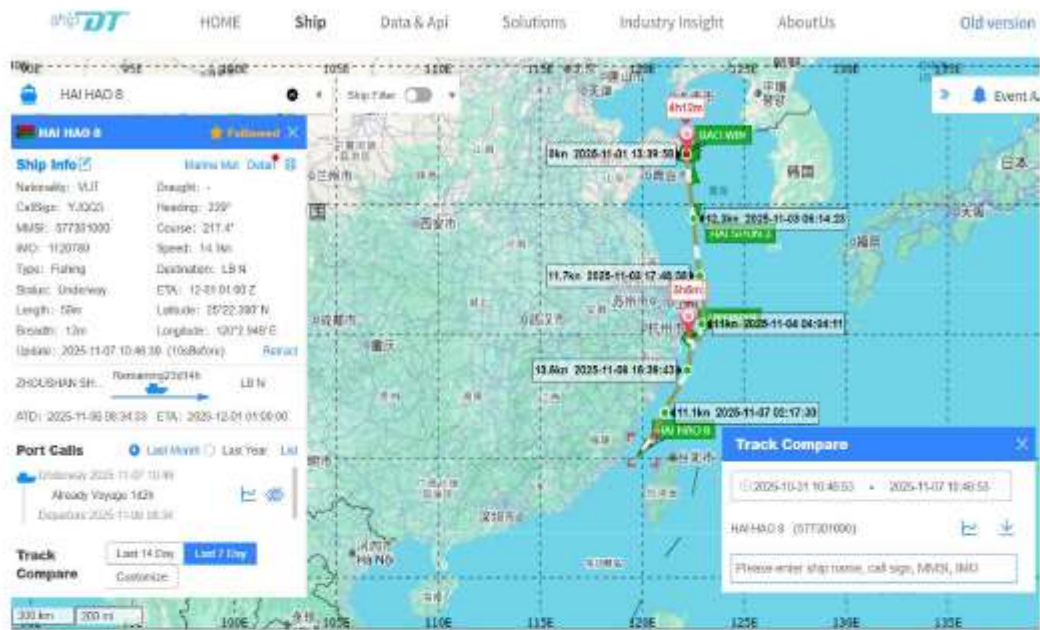
15. HAI HAO 6 (IMO: 1128598, registered shipowner: EVER FAST PTE.LIMITED)
Current position: Vessel now is in Shidao, prepare to depart.



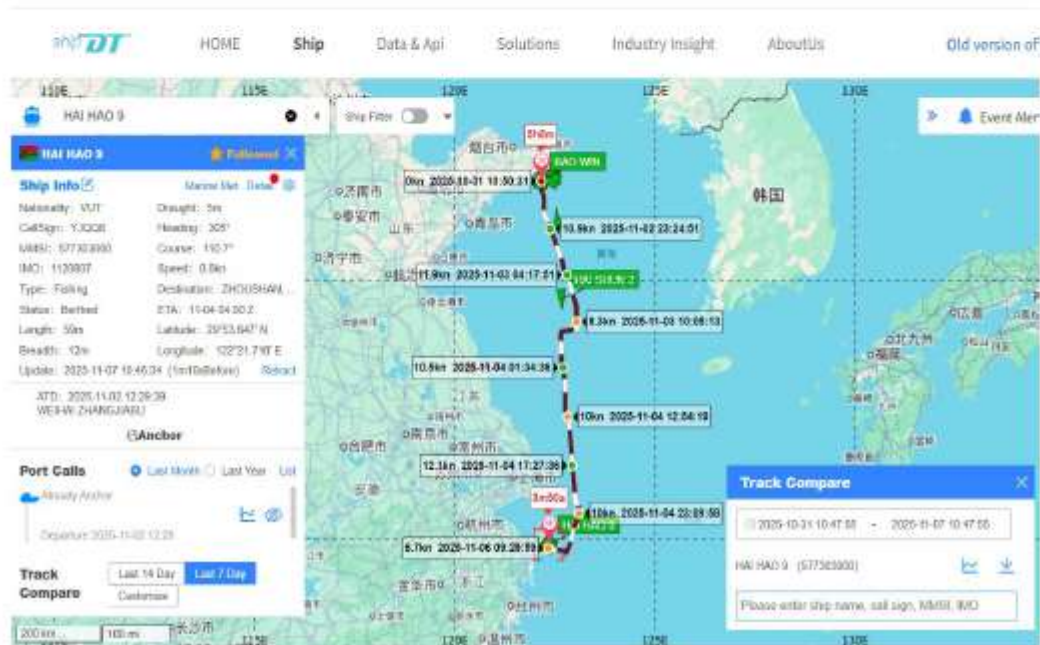
16. HAI HAO 7 (IMO: 1128603, registered shipowner: EVER FAST PTE.LIMITED)
Current position: Vessel now is in Shidao, prepare to depart.



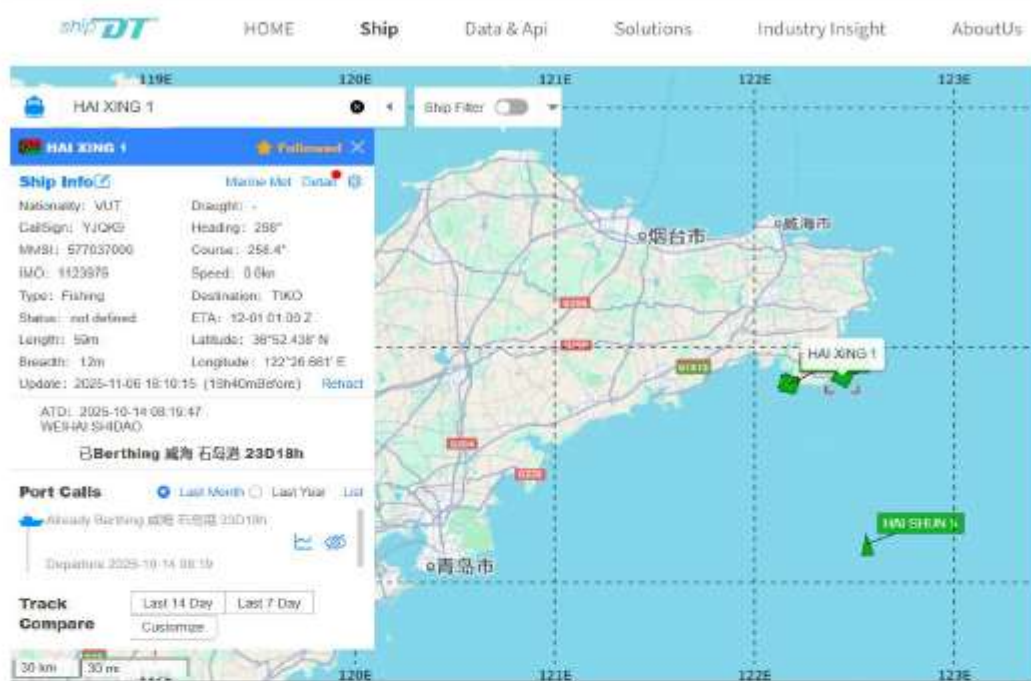
17. HAI HAO 8 (IMO: 1120780, registered shipowner: EVER FAST PTE.LIMITED)
Current position: Vessel has left Zhoushan, China on 05 Nov.



18. HAI HAO 9 (IMO: 1120807, registered shipowner: EVER FAST PTE.LIMITED)
Current position: Vessel has arrived in Zhoushan, China on 06 Nov. Now vessel keeps staying in Zhoushan, China.



19. HAI XING 1 (IMO: 1123976, registered shipowner: EVER FAST PTE.LIMITED)
Current position: Vessel now is in Shidao, prepare to depart.



20. HAI XING 2 (IMO: 1124009, registered shipowner: EVER FAST PTE.LIMITED)
Current position: Vessel now is in Shidao, prepare to depart.

