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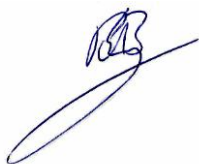
Dear Madam / Sir

REPORT ON THE INVESTIGATION INTO THE VESSEL ACTIVITY NOTIFICATION CONCERNING THE *BANDAR NELAYAN 16*

Please find attached the results of the investigation that the Indonesian authority has conducted into the activities of the Indonesian fishing vessel, *BANDAR NELAYAN 16*, that has been received by my office on 19th August 2026. The investigation was conducted by Indonesia as a result of a request made by a CPC, following the publication of [IOTC CIRCULAR 2026-24](#).

Please note that the Secretariat has redacted the figures in the table in the Annex of the report, in respect of IOTC Resolution 12/02 pertaining to *Data Confidentiality Policy and Procedures*.

Yours sincerely,



Paul De Bruyn
Executive Secretary

Attachment:

- Correspondence from Indonesia

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August 18th, 2026

Subject: Report on the Investigation into the Vessel Activity Notification concerning the
BANDAR NELAYAN 16 — IOTC Circular 2026-24

To: Mr. Paul de Bruyn
Executive Secretary
Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC)

Dear Mr. Paul,

Indonesia refers to IOTC Circular 2026-24 dated 28 May 2026, transmitting the Vessel Activity Notification (VAN) of the Environmental Justice Foundation (EJF) concerning the BANDAR NELAYAN 16, and to its obligation as flag state under paragraph 7 of Resolution 24/03. Having completed its investigation, Indonesia reports as follows:

1. BANDAR NELAYAN 16 (IMO 8787911; GT 124; owner/operator PT BANDAR NELAYAN holds a valid fishing license (SIPI No. 35.25.0001.137.84603, valid to 31 December 2026), is recorded on the IOTC Record of Authorised Vessels, and is authorized to operate tuna longline gear in the high seas of the Indian Ocean. It does not fall within the IUU categories in Resolution 24/03 paragraph 4(a), (h), (i) or (j).
2. Indonesia examined the vessel's official port landing records for 2023-2025 together with the mandatory arrival inspections conducted by the Benoa Surveillance Base at the conclusion of the 2023-2024 voyage to which the allegations related (7 December 2024, following the departure inspection of 9 November 2023) and again in April 2026, and an analysis of the vessel's VMS track. These records and inspection are consistent, where the only sharks landed were permitted species; blue shark (*Prionace glauca*, quota-managed under a Fish Species Utilisation Permit, SIPJI) and spadenose shark (*Scoliodon laticaudus*). No thresher shark (*Alopias spp.*), mako shark (*Isurus spp.*), oceanic whitetip shark (*Carcharinus longimanus*) or cetacean was recorded in any year or at any inspection, and the VMS disclosed no indication of a violation. A summary of the landing records is at the Annex.
3. The conduct alleged relates to the 2023-2024 voyage and falls to be assessed under the IOTC measures then in force (Resolutions 17/05, 12/09 and 23/06); Resolutions 25/08 and 25/09 entered into force in January 2026 and are not applicable retrospectively. Under either regime, the vessel's record discloses no retention or landing of a prohibited species. Indonesia further notes that the VAN material consists substantially of undated crew testimony, anonymized photographs and social media video which the notification itself states cannot be dated and respectfully recalls the evidentiary standard in resolution 24/03 paragraph 1(f).

4. On this basis, Indonesia has found no evidence, in the information currently available, of a contravention of the IOTC Conservation and Management Measures by the BANDAR NELAYAN 16; these finding concern the retention and landing of the species alleged. Indonesia considers its investigation concluded and will review and act upon any further suitable documented information in accordance with its obligations as flag state.

Indonesia reaffirms its commitment to combating IUU fishing and to the conservation of sharks and cetaceans in the IOTC Area.

On Behalf of the Director General of Capture Fisheries
Director of Fish Resources Management,

Syahril Abd Raup

Cc. Director General of Capture Fisheries

ANNEX. Summary of port landing records, BANDAR NELAYAN 16, 2023–2025*Weights in kilograms*

Species (Latin)	Common	2023	2024	2025	Total
<i>Prionace glauca</i>	Blue shark			0	
<i>Scoliodon laticaudus</i>	Spadenose shark				
<i>Hemipristis elongata</i>	Snaggletooth	0		0	
Thresher (<i>Alopias</i> spp.)	—	0	0	0	0
Mako (<i>Isurus</i> spp.)	—	0	0	0	0
Oceanic whitetip (<i>C. longimanus</i>)	—	0	0	0	0
Cetacean	—	0	0	0	0

Principal catch is tuna and tuna-like species (yellowfin, bigeye, southern bluefin, albacore, swordfish), consistent with authorized tuna longline operations.