e-DFAD 1.5.0 Release notes

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This release includes the following:

- **[NEW] Contingency procedure: Secretariat users can now backdate BO submissions (interactive and bulk)**
- **[NEW] Users can now delete unused registered or draft DFADs**
- **[NEW] Users can now amend historical metadata (FOB, Buoy and Vessel details)**
- [IMPROVEMENT] Better Change Tracking in Export database
- [IMPROVEMENT] Explain a buoy can't be reused because it is still active after transfer
- [IMPROVEMENT] A better emailing system
- [IMPROVEMENT] Google translate applied to whole app does not break filtering anymore
- [IMPROVEMENT] Missing data errors do not show on registrations after bulk activation anymore
- [FIX] Bad timeliness calculations in post-transfer deactivations
- [FIX] No timeliness export for post-transfer deactivations
- [FIX] Post-transfer deactivations are recorded as “last modified” by “system” in export_db
- [FIX] Revision history row shifts when a revision is clicked

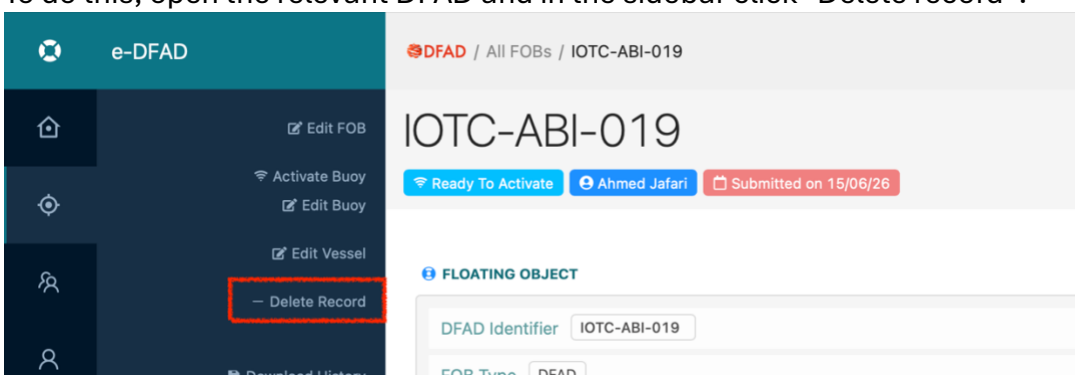
Contingency procedure if a Buoy Owner is unable to submit operations in due time

If a BO cannot report activities on OBFs in a timely manner (for example, due to an internet connection problem on board the vessel or the temporary unavailability of the e-DFAD application), they may submit their data to their flag State using the batch submission template. The flag State will then forward this file to the IOTC Secretariat, specifying the date on which the BO attempted to make the submission. The IOTC Secretariat will submit the activities on the BO’s behalf, backdating them to ensure that activations and deactivations are recorded in a timely manner.

Users can now delete unused registered or draft DFADs

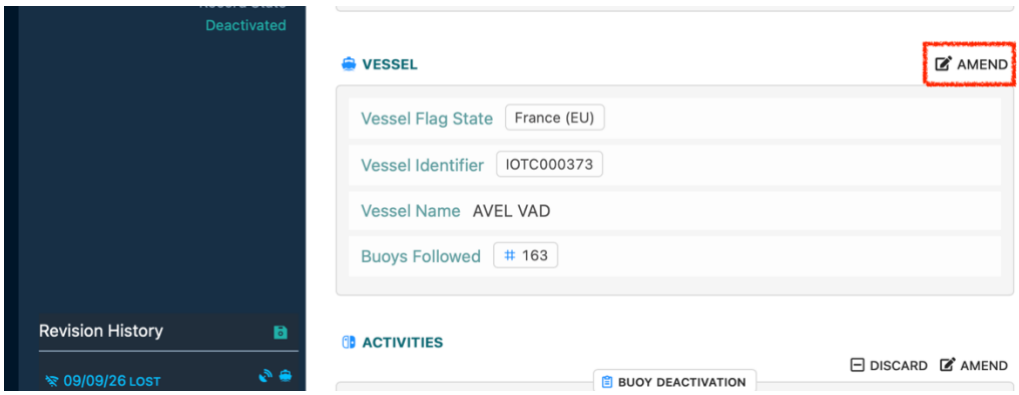
This allows you to clear out any DFADs you might have registered at some point in time but actually never built or deployed.

To do this, open the relevant DFAD and in the sidebar click “Delete record”:

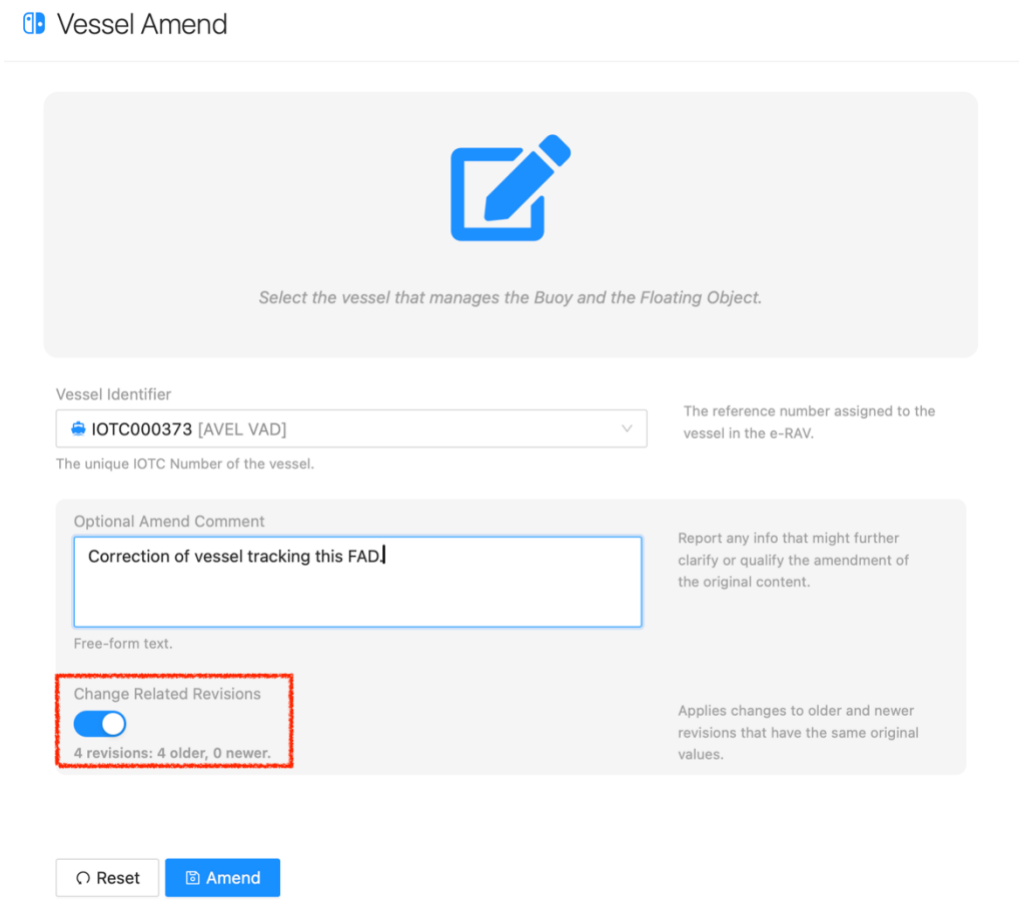
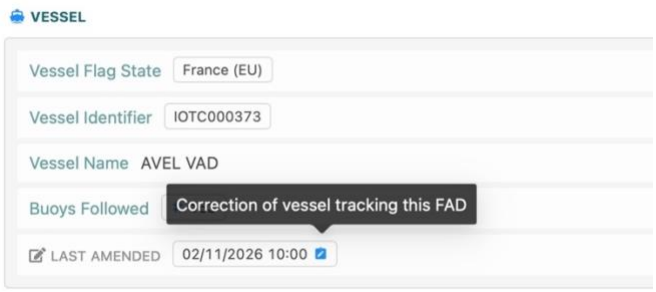


Note that the UDI assigned to this DFAD will now be unusable.

Users can now amend historical metadata (FOB, Buoy and Vessel details)
If you notice an error in the FOB, buoy or vessel details ("metadata") reported for a FOB record, you (or your Flag State, if beyond the 48hrs correction window) can correct it, including for historical records.
For example, if the vessel that was declared as tracking a DFAD (that has been deployed, then retrieved) was incorrectly identified, you can Amend the vessel "card" to change it.
By default, this change will be retroactively applied to all compatible activities ("revisions") of this DFAD (i.e. all the revisions which were declared with this vessel), but you can toggle that off to only apply it to the selected revision, if needed.
To correct FOB metadata, open the relevant record, then click "Amend" for the card you want to correct:



The Amend dialog will be displayed and, as soon as you change something, the "Change related revisions" button will light up, showing you to how many older and newer revisions the change will be applied if you keep it toggled ON.



You are encouraged to provide a short explanation of the reason behind the correction, then you can click the “Amend” button to apply it.
The correction will now be in place and reflected in the relevant card: