

Best practices in marine insurance to fight IUU fishing

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Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing



Non-tuna RFMOs



- NEAFC: North-East Atlantic Fisheries Commission
- SEAFO: South-East Atlantic Fisheries Organisation
- GFCM: General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean
- NAFO: Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organisation
- SPRFMO: South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organisation
- CCBSP: Convention on the Conservation and Management of Pollock Resources in Central Bering Sea
- NASCO: North Atlantic Salmon Conservation Organisation
- SIOFA: South Indian Ocean Fisheries Agreement
- CCAMLR: Convention on Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources

Tuna RFMOs



- ICCAT: International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas
- IATTC: Inter American Tropical Tuna Commission
- WCPFC: Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission
- IOTC: Indian Ocean Tuna Commission
- CCSBT: Commission for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna



- Illegal fishing is behind almost 1 in every 5 fish caught



- Fish is the world's last major wild food resource



- IUU fishing depletes fish populations and damages habitats



- Abandoned gear from IUU fishing vessels threaten marine life



Insurance industry statement against IUU fishing



Assisting ocean stewardship through marine insurance

The oceans are invaluable to life on earth. They provide us with oxygen, food, and other resources; an accessible medium for travel and transport; and a vast and awe-inspiring playground for recreation. They shape the weather patterns that allow our land-based agricultural systems to thrive. Our oceans are also threatened. Climate change, ocean acidification, pollution and overfishing are harming marine ecosystems, impeding their ability to sustainably provide food and other services to billions of people around the world. Illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing disrupts these systems further, decreasing their resilience in the face of these challenges.

Co-sponsors:



In September of 2015, the United Nations adopted a set of 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Goal 14 relates specifically to the oceans and explicitly targets overfishing and IUU fishing, alongside the wider aim of conserving and protecting marine and coastal areas and ecosystems¹. Countries are expected to take ownership and establish frameworks for achieving the SDGs, but the private sector can also play a significant role in catalysing change.

Marine insurers provide insurance cover arrangements against the risks to which shipping and fishing fleets are exposed. They often provide loss prevention advice to their clients on loss mitigation measures and this in turn can lead to better maritime industry practices that could contribute to conserving and improving the health of our oceans.

The signatories of this Statement therefore agree, to transact relevant marine insurances with the following guiding principles:

•Education and awareness building: We will encourage the adoption of measures that help to reduce and eliminate IUU fishing.

•Risk management and underwriting: We will encourage the use of appropriate risk management protocols and effective due diligence procedures to help reduce the risk of insuring vessels or companies that are acting contrary to agreed international governance frameworks and international law covering IUU fishing. Specifically, we will not knowingly insure or facilitate the insuring of vessels that have been officially blacklisted for their involvement in IUU fishing².

¹ A list of the targets for SDG 14 can be accessed online: <http://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/oceans/>
² Lists of vessels that have engaged in IUU fishing have been adopted by nine regional fisheries management organisations, with mandates to manage internationally shared fishing stocks or areas. The European Union's list of vessels engaged in IUU fishing includes all vessels in these lists and can be accessed online: https://ec.europa.eu/fisheries/cfp/illegal_fishing/info



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Other signatories



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Supporting institutions



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Why should insurers care?

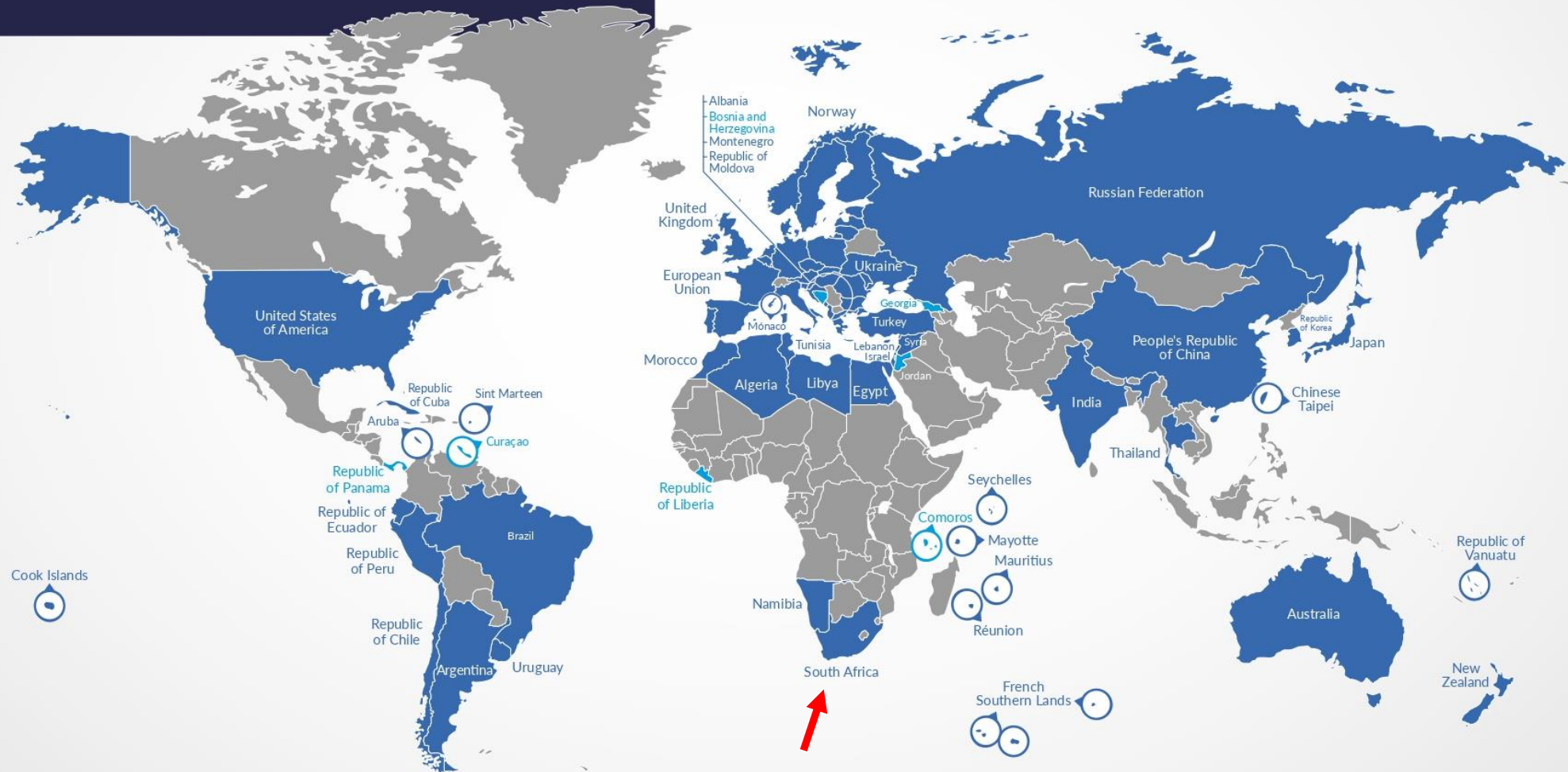
- Increased exposure to legal liabilities



Countries that are required to prevent companies from providing services to IUU fishing vessels because of RFMO rules

Contracting Parties (CPCs)*

Cooperating non-contracting Parties (CNCPs)*



**to regional fisheries management organisations (RFMO) where requirements are in place



Legal basis

- CCAMLR Conservation Measure 10-08 (2017):

*“Contracting Parties shall take appropriate measures... to verify if any of their nationals or any natural or legal persons subject to their jurisdiction are responsible for, **benefiting from, supporting** or engaging in [IUU fishing] (e.g. as operators, effective beneficiaries, owners, logistics and service providers, **including insurance providers** and other financial service providers)...”*

- Other RFMOs: SIOFA (2018), SPRFMO (2019) and GFCM (2019)
- EU and UK law, preventing the support of, or engagement in business with IUU fishing vessels

Why should insurers care?

- Increased exposure to legal liabilities
- Increased likelihood of claims
- Increased possibility of association to other crimes
- Increased possibility of losses due to reputation damage
- Increased exposure to fraud



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Guidelines

- What is IUU fishing?
- Risk exposures of insuring IUU vessels
- Risk control options
- Lists of resources
- Risk assessment checklist

Available online at europe.oceana.org



Risk control options:

- Consult the IUU Fishing Risk Assessment Checklist

IUU FISHING RISK ASSESSMENT CHECKLIST



VESSEL CHECKS

- Name - ascertain if present on IUU vessel list
- Number of name changes; more = worse
- Flag - flag of convenience or non-compliant flag = increased risk
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- IMO number - should have one if vessel over 100 GT
- Classification society, if appropriate
- Last survey - all recommendations demonstrably carried out
- Records evidencing regular maintenance
- Crew nationalities and experience
- Owner's claims record



DISCLOSURES

- Any previous convictions
- Any fines or prohibitions
- Any previous refusal of insurance



INDICATIVE OPERATIONAL FACTORS

- Operational area - whether known to have IUU fishing activity
- Involvement with high risk species, as defined by the Petrossian List
- Use or otherwise of vessel tracking systems (e.g. VMS or AIS)
- Absence of fishing licence/authorisation
- Multiple claims for lost gear

Risk control options:

- Consult the IUU Fishing Risk Assessment Checklist
- Deny insurance to vessels engaged in IUU fishing

COMBINED IUU VESSEL LIST
TMT

ABOUT SEARCH CONTACT DOWNLOAD

Enter current or historic name, callsign, owner, registration number, etc.
Search function will return matches with information in any field

Reset Search
Search

Show vessels currently on RFMO IUU vessels list
 Show vessels previously on RFMO IUU vessels list

Include Vessels listed by:

CCAMLR IATTC ICCAT IOTC NAFO NEAFC SEAFO WCPFC SPRFMO INTERPOL
 GFCM NPFC SIOFA

Select All
Unselect All

Vessel Name	IMO Number	IRCS
ABDI BABA 1	8692299	
ABUNDANT 1		CPA 226
ABUNDANT 12		CPA202
ABUNDANT 3		CPA201
ABUNDANT 6		CPA221

www.iuu-vessels.org



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The screenshot shows the Oceana website's press release page. At the top, the Oceana logo and navigation menu are visible. The main heading is "PRESS RELEASES". Below it, there is a call to action "BECOME A WAVEMAKER" with a sign-up form for weekly updates. The main content is a press release titled "World's largest maritime ships database joins fight against pirate fishing". It includes the press release date (Wednesday, December 9, 2020), contact information for Irene Campmany, and a summary of the news: "IHS Markit's extensive Sea-web database now highlights vessels with ties to illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing". It also mentions that this advancement was facilitated through a collaboration between IHS Markit and Oceana and Trygg Mat Tracking (TMT). Social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, and Google+ are present on the right side.



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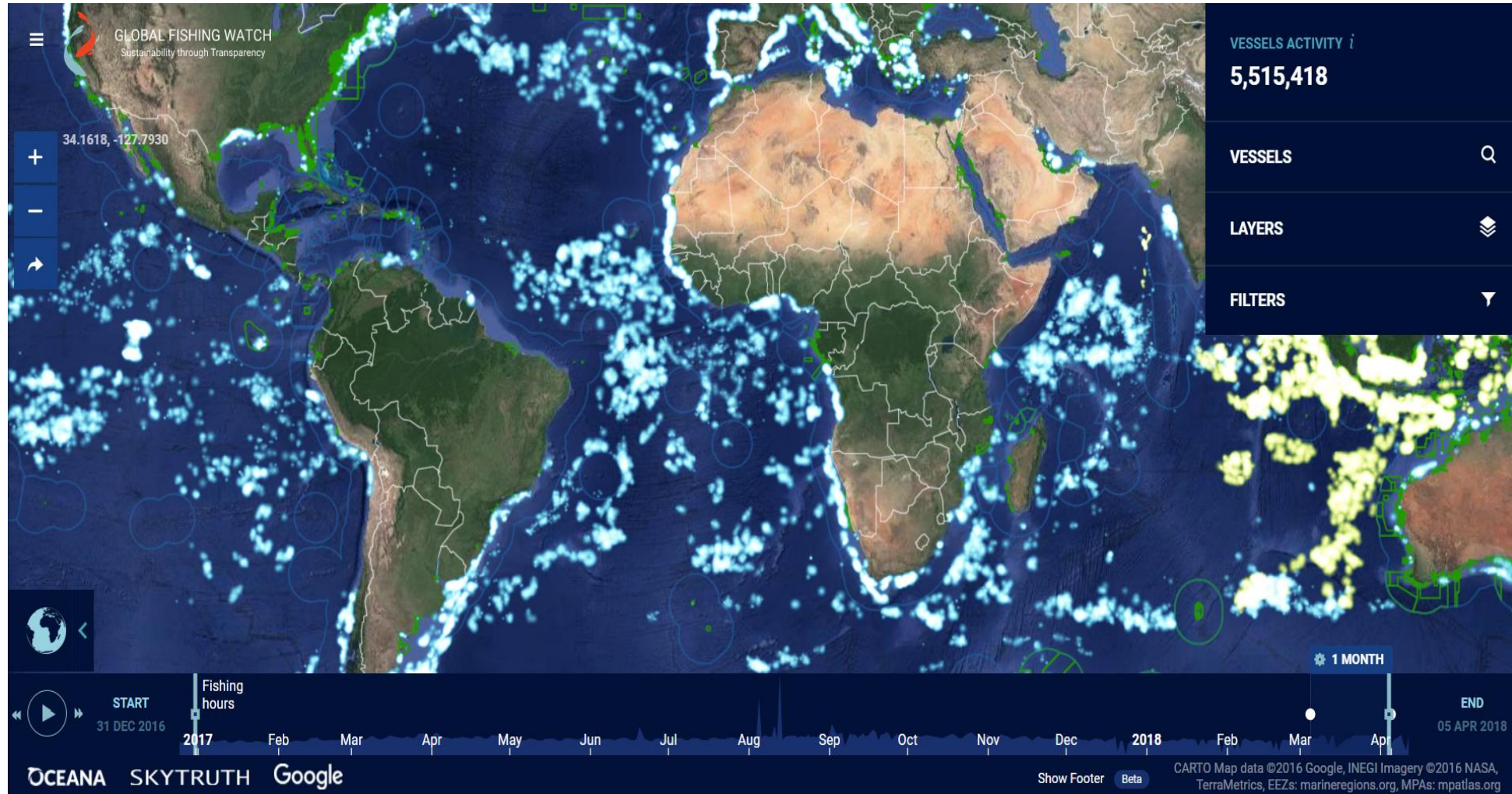
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- Encourage use of publicly accessible vessel tracking technology (e.g. AIS) and IMO numbers



IMO Identification Numbers for Ships, Companies & Registered Owners



Company Numbering

Existing Users Login to:

- Search for a number
- Send a new request
- Send a query

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Ship Numbering

Existing Users Login to:

- Send a ship IMO request
- Requests must meet the terms of the Ship IMO Numbering Scheme

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- Register now to receive your email verification

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