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A BRIEF ANALYSIS OF EU IUU LISTED COUNTRIES' FISHING VESSELS

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The European Commission today published a list of selected third countries that the Commission considers as "possible of being identified as non-cooperating third countries pursuant to IUU Regulation" pursuant to Council Regulation (EC) No 1005/2008 establishing a Community system to prevent, deter and eliminate illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing.¹

The Commission Decision identifies *Belize, Cambodia, Fiji, Guinea, Panama, Sri Lanka, Togo* and *Vanuatu* as such potential non-cooperating third countries.

Several of these States have been known to allow fishing vessels with IUU history to use their flag. They are also known to allow foreign owned fishing vessels to use their flag for unregulated fishing.

As open registers, many of these States flag vessels that are owned and operated by foreign companies. This memo is a brief analysis of the foreign companies owning and operating the vessels, including information on where these foreign companies are based. The main focus is on companies registered in EU members States.

The analysis uses information from IHSF at www.sea-web.com. IHSF does not list all fishing vessels. But generally the coverage is better for States with open registries as these are run commercially and require detailed registration papers.

There are a total of 502 vessels flagged to these States in the IHSF register. EU companies are involved as owner or in an operating or managing capacity in vessels of 5 of the 8 States. (Belize, Fiji, Guinea, Panama and Vanuatu).² Table 1 lists the number of vessels for each flag and the number of EU based companies in the various capacities of ownership and operation of the vessels.

EU companies are involved in one or other commercial capacity in 66 (13%) of the 502 vessels. (table 5). The group owner (beneficial owner) is unknown for 398 (80%) of the 502 vessels on the list. 89 of the vessels are group owned by foreign companies. 24 of the vessels have an EU based group owner. (table 1). This is 27% of the vessels with known, foreign group owner, higher than any State on the list. Spain and the Canary Islands combined (11 and 4 vessels respectively) top the list of owner States with Korea second (14 vessels).

¹ http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-12-1215_en.htm?locale=en

² All the vessels listed in IHSF as Sri Lanka flagged are operated by Sri Lankan companies and 85% of the Fiji flagged vessels are operated by Fiji companies and the majority of the rest (11%) are operated by New Zealand based companies. Vessels with Cambodia flag are either operated by companies in other Asian States or in through likely shell companies in Panama, Belize and Marshal Islands.

The operator is known for 98% of the vessels and 42% of them are foreign operated. 50 vessels are operated by EU based companies, 31 of these in Spain and the Canary Islands. (table 3). A list of all States with an operating company is listed in table 4.

Table 5 lists all 66 vessels with one or several EU based companies as owner or in some other operating or managing capacity. Six of the 502 vessels are IUU listed by an RFMO, two of these are owned by EU companies (Acros No. 2 and Comet). Another 12 vessels have been IUU listed, now delisted; four of which are owned by EU based companies. (Cap Coz, Cap d'Ambre, Cap Finistere, and Cap Verga)

A total of 50 EU based companies from 15 EU States are involved in one or other commercial capacity (Table 6). Spain (21 companies) and Canary Islands (6 companies) top the list.

Table 1: NUMBER OF VESSELS WHERE EU COMPANIES OWN OR PLAY OPERATIONAL PART

Flag	Total vessel	EU group owned	EU Operator	EU DOC hold	EU ship-manager	EU technical manager	EU National in control of non EU Operator company
Belize	61	8	14	6	14	8	
Cambodia	44						
Fiji	79						
Guinea	31	5	6		6	1	3
Panama	191	10	27		27	7	
Sri Lanka	15						
Togo	9	1	2		2		
Vanuatu	72		1		1	2	1
Totalt	502	24	50	6	50	18	4

Table 2: LOCATION OF GROUP OWNER – TOP 10 AND EU GROUPED

Group Owner location	Belize	Cambodia	Fiji	Guinea	Panama	Sri Lanka	Togo	Vanuatu	Totalt
EU	8			5	10		1		24
Korea, South		4	1		9				14
Spain	2			1	7		1		11
New Zealand			10	1					10
Russia					3		1		4
Canary Islands				3	1				4
China, People's Republic Of		2			2				4
France	4								4
Iceland	4								4
Nigeria					4				4
Chinese Taipei				5	2			1	3

Table 3: LOCATION OF OPERATOR – TOP 15 AND EU GROUPED

Radetiketter	Belize	Cambodia	Fiji	Guinea	Panama	Sri Lanka	Togo	Vanuatu	Totalt
EU	14			6	27		2	1	50
Korea, South		16	1		13			1	31
Spain	6			1	16		1		24
Belize		17			3			1	21
Panama	10	1		1			1	7	20
Chinese Taipei	4	1			5			4	14
Hong Kong, China		3			9				12
Iceland	9								9
New Zealand			9						9
Nigeria					8				8
Canary Islands	2			3	2				7
China, People's Republic Of		2	2		3				7
Colombia					6				6
Ecuador					4				4

Table 4: LOCATION OF OPERATOR. ALL VESSELS.

Radetiketter	Belize	Cambodia	Fiji	Guinea	Panama	Sri Lanka	Togo	Vanuatu	Total
Angola					1				1
Belgium	2								2
Belize	7	17			3			1	28
Cambodia		1							1
Canary Islands	2			3	2				7
China, People's Republic Of		2	2		3				7
Chinese Taipei	4	1			5			4	14
Colombia					6				6
Cyprus	1				1				2
Denmark					1				1
Ecuador					4				4
Fiji			67		1				68
Ghana	4								4
Greece					1		1		2
Guinea				15					15
Haiti					1				1
Honduras					2				2
Hong Kong, China		3			9				12
Iceland	9								9
Indonesia					2				2
Irish Republic					1			1	2
Italy				1					1
Japan		1							1
Korea, South		16	1		13			1	31
Latvia					1				1
Liberia				3					3
Malaysia					1				1
Malta				1					1
Marshall Islands	2	1			1				4
Morocco	1								1
Namibia	2								2
Netherlands					3				3
New Zealand			9						9
Nigeria					8				8
Norway	2				1				3
Panama	10	1		1	79		1	7	99
Peru					2				2
Philippines					3				3
Puerto Rico					1				1

Russia	1			1	1		1		4
Sao Tome & Principe				1					1
Seychelles								1	1
Singapore					3				3
South Africa	1				2				3
Spain	6			1	16		1		24
Sri Lanka						15			15
Sweden	3								3
Togo							4		4
Ukraine	1								1
United Arab Emirates					1				1
United Kingdom					1				1
United States Of America		1			3				4
Uruguay					1				1
Vanuatu					1			56	57
Venezuela	2				2				4
Virgin Islands, British					2			1	3
N/A	1			4	2		1		8
Totalt	61	44	79	31	191	15	9	72	502

Table 5: LOCATION OF EU MS REGISTERED COMPANIES INVOLVED IN VESSELS FLAGGED TO BELIZE, CAMBODIA, FIJI, GUINEA, PANAMA, SRI LANKA, TOGO OR VANUATU (C.I.=CANARY ISLANDS)

IMO Number	Vessel Name	Flag	Group Owner	Operator	DOC	Shipmanager	Technical Mgr	Nationality of control of Non EU Operator
5129576	ABISAL			ES		ES	ES	
7379345	ACROS No. 2	Guinea	C.I.	C.I.		C.I.		
7313999	ADELFA	Guinea	C.I.	C.I.		C.I.		
8716825	ALBACORA CARIBE		ES	ES		ES		
7403641	ALBACORA DIEZ		ES	ES		ES		
8410031	ALCEDO		NL	NL		NL		
7393705	ALDO	Belize		SE		SE		
8811467	AMOU I	Togo		GR		GR		
9216016	AN CAPALL BAN			ES		IE		
9305829	AN CAPALL OIR			IE		IE		
7236634	ANTONY	Belize		ES		ES	ES	
7928859	ARENE		ES	ES		ES		
8609474	ATLANTICO 238			ES		ES		
7809273	AVRA	Guinea						GR
7360320	BELOUGA	Guinea						GR
8607220	BETA I	Belize			C.I.		C.I.	
8603195	BISMARCK			ES		ES		
8919427	CAP COZ	Belize	FR					
9223227	CAP D'AMBRE	Belize	FR					
8919415	CAP FINISTERE	Belize	FR					
8919403	CAP VERGA	Belize	FR					
8222288	CARMELA	Belize		ES		ES		
7340904	CHRISTINA	Belize		ES		ES		
8324139	COMET	Togo	ES	ES		ES		
7365655	DE VROUW MARIE			NL		NL		
7902439	EMANUEL			IE		IE		
7207499	ESTHERCHO		ES	ES		ES		
7410565	FEIXE	Belize		C.I.		C.I.		
8907113	FRIGG						GR	
8738691	GLOBAL CUATRO			ES		ES		
8607347	HEINASTE	Belize			C.I.		C.I.	
5276771	HELENA MARIE						PT	
8907125	HOGABERG	Belize			C.I.		C.I.	

8126941	ITTIGUINEE II	Guinea	IT	IT		IT		
7915931	JANE IV			ES		ES		
8804763	JULIUS			DK		DK		
8325353	KING BASS	Belize	BE	BE	BE	BE	BE	
8033297	KING BORA	Belize	BE	BE	BE	BE	BE	
7303700	LIPER DOS	Belize		ES		ES		
7013408	MAHI No. 1	Guinea					C.I.	
8707264	MAPOSA ONCE	Guinea	ES	ES		ES		
9073866	MARTIN MICHIEL			NL		NL		
5213999	MELANI			GR		GR	GR	
7360318	MERVENT	Guinea						GR
8616142	MEYA	Belize		SE		SE	SE	
8829440	MONTECLARO		ES	ES		ES	ES	
8852198	NOVA II			ES		ES		
8852162	NOVA V			ES		ES		
8852174	NOVA VI			ES		ES		
8907084	ODIN						GR	
8021012	OLYMPUS			CY		CY		
8900892	PITUFO	Belize		C.I.		C.I.		
9476111	PLAYA DE AZKORRI	Belize	ES	ES		ES		
7336563	REY	Belize			C.I.		C.I.	
6500428	ROCHE			UK		UK	UK	
6615950	SAFRA			C.I.		C.I.		
7331006	SALVIA-L	Guinea	C.I.	C.I.		C.I.		
9192961	SHUN MENG							GR
8607270	SOLEY	Belize		CY		CY		
7729796	TUNA PRO NO. 1	Guinea		MA		MA		
7395375	TUNAPESCA	Belize	ES	ES		ES		
8719310	TXOPITUNA		ES	ES		ES		
6712643	URPECO UNO		ES	ES		ES	ES	
8837382	WESTHINDER		LA	LA		LA		
7712767	ZANDER	Belize		SE		SE		
7387990	ZHANG YUAN YU		C.I.	C.I.		C.I.	C.I.	

Table 6: EU BASED COMPANIES IN ONE OR MORE FUNCTIONS AS OWNER OR OPERATOR OF VESSELS FLAGGED TO BELIZE, CAMBODIA, FIJI, GUINEA, PANAMA, SRI LANKA, TOGO OR VANUATU

Company Name	Location
Abisal Fish SL	Spain
ADG Shipmanagement SIA	Latvia
Afro Shipmanagement SA	Greece
Alaborg Offshore Services BV	Netherlands
Albacora SA	Spain
Albafrigo SA	Spain
Atuneros Congeladores	Spain
Boer/Ruiten Vof	Netherlands
CalvoPesca SA	Spain
Conneely E	Irish Republic
Emanuel Shipping Ltd	Irish Republic
Espama Fishing	Canary Islands
Fiskeri	Sweden
Freiremar SA	Canary Islands
Gabiola JC	Spain
Gabrielitos	Spain
Galicia Frozen Fish SL	Spain
Gestra Corp Ltd SA	Spain
Infitco Ltd	Canary Islands
INOK NV	Belgium
Ittipesca Sud Srl	Italy
Jealsa Rianxeira SA	Spain
Katla Seafood Canarias SLU	Canary Islands
Kelenco Trading Ltd	Cyprus
L & J Management Ltd	United Kingdom
Lagosta Viva	Portugal
Lemmer 63	Netherlands
Lever Shipping Co Ltd	Cyprus
Malta Fishfarming	Malta
Manuel Salgueiro J	Spain
Moja Fishing Team Ltd	Sweden
MW Brands SAS	France
Nao Pesca SA	Spain
Navemar	Denmark
O'Malley P	Irish Republic
Ocean Eleven Trading SA	Canary Islands
Pelagios Naviera	Greece
Pescatun SA	Spain
SeaMar Services BV	Netherlands

Sentoleira SL	Spain
SI Global SA	Spain
Swemar AB	Sweden
Trans Oceans Maritime SA	Spain
Tunidos Ugavi SL	Spain
Txopituna SL	Spain
Unimed Glory SA	Greece
Vasco-Montanesa Pesquera	Spain
Vidal Varela A	Spain
World Oceans Fishing SL	Spain
Zhang Zi Dao Fishery Co Ltd	Canary Islands