

Information paper submitted by China

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Abstract:

The attached information paper is submitted by China to report information from its investigation into the activities of the carrier vessel WAN TONG (previously named ZHONG FU HAO 11 and later AN TON) conducted following the TCC07 and China's commitment to follow up as outlined in paragraph 70 of NPFC-2024-TCC07 Final Report. The paper describes the engagement of Chinese industry and officials with the vessel since May 2023 and has attached cutting certificates to support the claim that the vessel has been scrapped in Bangladesh in 2024.

Additional information regarding the potential scrapping of the AN TON is found in NPFC-2025-TCC08-WP04.

Reference is made to the final report of TCC07, para 70 that *China would conduct a follow-up investigation in the intersessional period and share the findings in writing with Members.*

Regarding the NPFC IUU vessel *Wan Tong*, former name *Zhong Fu Hao 111*, Chinese fisheries authority immediately investigated after the NPFC 8th commission meeting, now the investigation has concluded, and we would like to communicate the findings and actions taken as follows for your kind information. Please help list it as an information paper for the upcoming TCC.

The Panamanian carrier vessel *Zhong Fu Hao 111* was listed as NPFC IUU vessel in late March 2023 during 7th Commission meeting. After the listing, Chinese fisheries authority immediately issued an official document and circulated it among Chinese distant fishing industries and port authorities, requiring that any encounter, assistance or connection with this IUU vessel or entry into China port was strictly forbidden, we also deleted this vessel from our White List that permits to conduct transshipment with Chinese fishing vessels.

In late May, 2023, this vessel has changed its name from *Zhong Fu Hao 111* to *Wan Tong* and changed its flag state from Panama to Cameroon, it also changed its ownership. Since the ownership and flag of the vessel had both been changed and the present owner had no history of conducting IUU fishing activities, from our understanding, *Wan Tong* should not be considered as IUU vessel. *Wan Tong* conducted 59 transshipment activities with 22 Chinese vessels during October to December, 2023, all the transshipments were under strict surveillance by Chinese authority, all the vessels engaged in the transshipments were required to report their position hourly and all the transshipment data shall be submitted to our transshipment supervision center promptly.

In January, *Wan Tong* was urged to call Chinese port by Ministry of Transport because of labor and marine issue for further query and investigation. It was during this period that China fisheries authority received a notification from EU stating that this vessel should be treated as the IUU fishing vessel *Zhong Fu Hao 111*. In view of the different understandings of the nature of the vessel, for the sake of caution, Chinese fisheries authority immediately notified Chinese distant water fishing industry that all Chinese fishing vessels shall not have any connections with this vessel at sea and reserved further actions to be taken upon decision to be made by the Commission.

After the Commission decided to integrate the information of *Wan Tong* to the existing IUU vessel *Zhong Fu Hao 111* in April, 2024 during the 8th Commission meeting, Chinese fisheries authority immediately deleted this vessel permanently from the carrier vessel white list. Chinese fisheries authority also issued a new official document and circulated it among our industries and port authorities, requiring that any encounter, assistance or connection with *Wan Tong* or entry into

Chinese port was strictly forbidden.

In conclusion, Chinese fisheries authority strictly follow any decisions made by NPFC Commission. We took ample, prompt and stringent actions to prevent our fishing vessels from any possible contact with vessels that were listed on NPFC IUU list. All the encounters with *Wan Tong* in 2023 by Chinese fishing vessel were based on the judgement that its nature was completely different from the previous IUU vessel. And all the encounters were under strict surveillance by Chinese fisheries authorities. No connection was made after *Wan Tong* was listed as IUU vessel by the decision made by Commission.

According to later follow-up information, we believe that *Wan Tong* has been scrapped in August in Chittagong, Bangladesh, which means it will not cause any potential IUU event in the future. Attached please find *the cutting certificate* of this vessel in Bengali. Meanwhile, it is our view that such information on this vessel should be updated and reflected in the NPFC IUU vessel list, and to delete the vessel on the NPFC IUU vessel list since it has been scrapped.

We note that a closer cooperation between members on sharing suspected IUU vessel information is needed. China would like to work closely with members further to combat IUU activities in Convention area, including but not limited to IUU-listed vessels changing their vessel name and other key information.

Attachments: Cutting certificate of AN TON

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বিষয়ঃ MV. AN TON (IMO No. 8907888) জাহাজ বিভাজনের অনুমতি।

উপর্যুক্ত বিষয়ে জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, সৈকতায়নকৃত MV. AN TON (IMO No. 8907888) বিভাজনের আবেদনের সাথে সংযুক্ত (ক) শিপ রিসাইক্লিং প্লান (এসআরপি) (খ) ইয়ার্ডের অনুকূলে পরিবেশ ছাড়পত্রের কপি (গ) নৌ-বাহিনী কর্তৃক প্রদত্ত ছাড়পত্রের কপি (ঘ) শ্রমিক রেজিস্ট্রেশনের কপি (ঙ) ভেনডর চালানের কপি (চ) সৈকতায়ন পরবর্তী Gas Free Test Certificate সমূহ বিবেচনাক্রমে The Ship Breaking & Recycling Rules-2011 এর সকল বিধি-বিধান পালন সাপেক্ষে ও নিম্নোক্ত শর্তে জাহাজটির বিভাজনের অনুমতি নির্দেশক্রমে প্রদান করা হলো:

ক) জাহাজ বিভাজন সম্পন্ন হওয়ার পর ইয়ার্ড মালিক কর্তৃক The Ship Breaking & Recycling Rules-2011 এর বিধি ৩.৬ এর আলোকে Waste Generated Report আবশ্যিকভাবে শিল্প মন্ত্রণালয়ে দাখিল করতে হবে।

খ) দাখিলকৃত শ্রমিকের তালিকা সংযোজন ও পরিবর্তনের ক্ষেত্রে মন্ত্রণালয়ের অনুমোদন গ্রহণ করতে হবে। কোনক্রমেই প্রশিক্ষণবিহীন শ্রমিক দ্বারা জাহাজ বিভাজন করা যাবে না। মন্ত্রণালয়ে দাখিলকৃত শ্রমিক তালিকা বহির্ভূত শ্রমিকের দ্বারা জাহাজ বিভাজন করা হলে বিভাজন অনুমতি বাতিলসহ প্রয়োজনীয় আইনানুগ ব্যবস্থা গ্রহণ করা হবে।

গ) বিস্ফোরক পরিদপ্তরের প্রতিবেদনমতে নিম্নোক্ত Tank গ্যাসমুক্তকরণসহ যথাযথ Safety Measure নিয়ে বিভাজন কার্যক্রম পরিচালনা করতে হবে।

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

WE, BOB RECYCLERS ADDRESS- MIDDLE SONAICHORI, SHITALPUR, SHITAKUND, CHATTOGRAM CONFIRMING THAT THE VESSEL **MV. AN TON** (EX-NAME- WAN TONG, IMO # 8907888) ARRIVED ON 30 JULY 2024 AT CHATTOGRAM ANCHORAGE, AND WAS BEACHED ON 05 AUGUST 2024 AT OUR YARD (MIDDLE SONAICHORI, SHITALPUR, SHITAKUND, CHATTOGRAM) AND FURTHER THE CUTTING PERMISSION WAS RECEIVED ON 15 AUGUST 2024 AND CURRENTLY THE VESSEL RECYCLING IS UNDER PROCESS.

THANKING YOU

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