

Working paper submitted by the Secretariat.

NPFC IUU Listed Vessel AN TON

Abstract:

This working paper is presented to provide TCC with updated information received by the Secretariat regarding the scrapping of the carrier vessel AN TON.

Note that additional information from China can be found in NPFC-2025-TCC08-IP07.

In March 2023 the Panamanian flagged carrier vessel ZHONG FU HAO 111 (IMO # 8907888) was added to the NPFC IUU Vessel List at COM08 for conducting unauthorized transshipment activities in the Convention Area in 2021. In response, Panama took action to cancel the vessel's registration and licenses and later in 2024 the vessel reflagged to Cameroon and took the name WAN TONG. In 2024, the vessel again changed flag to Comoros and took the name AN TON.

During 2024, the Secretariat received information from several Members concerning details of 19 of the 40 vessels on the IUU Vessel List, including the name change to AN TON with a flag of Comoros. Additional information was presented that the AN TON had been scrapped in a Bangladeshi port during the summer of 2024. At the time the Secretariat was unable to verify the report that the vessel had been scrapped, but did amend the NPFC IUU Vessel List in August 2024 ([UPDATE FROM THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON IUU LISTED CARRIER VESSEL WAN TONG | NPFC](#)) to reflect the new name and flag.

Subsequently, the Secretariat followed up with fisheries authorities in Bangladesh between August 2024 and February 2025 and were advised on several occasions that the scrapping process was underway and attaching communication from the vessel's agent regarding the collection of No Objection Certificates (NoC) required to start the scrapping process. On 7 February 2025, confirmation was received from the Bangladeshi Department of Fisheries that the scrapping of the vessel had been completed. (Email correspondence attached).

On 8 February correspondence from China (NPFC-2025-TCC08-IP07) was received, updating their follow up investigation into the activities of the vessel and attaching cutting certificates to confirm the scrapping of the AN TON in the fall of 2024.

Paragraph 29 of the IUU CMM 2024-02 ([CMM 2024-02 To Establish a List of Vessels Presumed to Have Carried Out IUU Activities in the NPFC Convention Area \(Effective date: 24 July 2024\) | NPFC](#)) outlines the process for removing a vessel from the NPFC IUU Vessel List during the intersessional period; however, it specifies that the request for removal is to be made by the Member, CNCP or NCP that has a vessel on the list:

Removal of a Vessel from the NPFC IUU Vessel List

29. Member/CNCPs/non-Contracting Parties with a vessel on the NPFC IUU Vessel List may request the removal of the vessel from the list at any time during the intersessional period by submitting to the Executive Secretary suitably documented information demonstrating that:

- (a) *It has adopted measures that will seek to ensure that the vessel complies with all NPFC measures, it will be able to assume effectively its duties with regards to the monitoring and control of the vessel's fishing activities in the Convention Area, and it has taken effective action in response to the IUU fishing activities that resulted in the vessel's inclusion in the NPFC IUU Vessel List, including prosecution or the imposition of sanctions of adequate severity; or*
- (b) *The vessel has changed ownership and that the new owner can establish that the previous owner no longer has any legal, financial or real interests in the vessel or exercises control over it, and that the new owner has not participated in IUU fishing activities; or*
- (c) *The vessel has been sunk or scrapped.*

The Secretariat therefore proposes that TCC review this information paper as well as IP07 to consider a recommendation to COM09 to remove the AN TON from the 2025 IUU Vessel List.

Attachments:

- 1) 9 January 2025 correspondence from the Department of Fisheries in Bangladesh regarding the “No Objection certificates” for the scrapping of the carrier vessel AN TON.
- 2) 7 February 2025 correspondence from the Department of Fisheries in Bangladesh confirming the scrapping of the carrier vessel AN TON.

Dear Judy

Good evening from Bangladesh!

I am pleased to inform you that according to the correspondence (personal) with the Chattogram Port Authority, Bangladesh, the vessel has applied for permission to breach in Chattogram in August 2024, and the agent has gotten all the necessary NoC (No objection Certificate) from different agencies for scrapping the vessel. Here, I attached a communication of the agent as a reference. In addition, so far as I know from different sources, the scrapping process is going on now.

This is for your kind information, and I hope it might be helpful. For any further/additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely

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11/08/2024

The Deputy Conservator
Chittagong Port Authority
Chittagong.

SCB
11/8/24

Sub: Prayer for beaching permission of scrap vessel "MV AN TON (EX: WAN TONG)", IMP /Reg. No. 2024 / 3402 at O/A Chittagong.

Dear Sir,

Reference to the above scrap dead vessel, "MV AN TON (EX: WAN TONG)" at O/A, at Chittagong under your control, now enclosed herewith related all NOC with following Certificates for your attention to issue in favor of us for beaching permission in respect of the vessel.

In this respect, your kind co-operation would be highly appreciated.

Mostafa Hakim Shipping Lines Ltd.

As Agent

Enclosed as above:-

1. Port NOC.
2. Membership Certificate from BSBRA.
3. Yard Environment Certificate.
4. Environment Department Report.
5. No pending wages Certificate from Master.
6. MOA copy.
7. Crew list of the vessel.
8. NOC for opening LC.
9. Beaching Permission from Ministry of Industry.
10. Picture of vessel.
11. Explosive.

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Attachment- 2

Dear Judy DWYER

Apologize for the late reply. Today, I again took information from various sources, and they confirmed that the vessel had already been scrapped.

This is for your kind information.

Yours sincerely

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