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Abstract

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Introduction

This working paper offers information concerning the current NPFC IUU Vessel List to help Members in considering whether to amend the current list. The information herein presents a question on seven Chinese fishing vessels listed in numbers 17- 23 of the current List. In 2017, these seven vessels were added to the NPFC ICCU vessel list as unidentified IUU fishing vessels that had assumed the identities of the authentic vessels: LU RONG YU #s 101,102, 103, 105 ,106, 108 and 109.

In 2025, the EU noticed that current NPFC IUU Vessel List contained a mix of photographs of both the legit and illegit vessels in those seven listings. Subsequently, the EU requested the Secretariat to seek clarification from China on these vessels. China subsequently provided additional documentation. This documentation is attached to the present information paper, together with a request for Members to consider whether to amend the current NPFC List by removing the photographs of the legit, authorized Chinese vessels from the listings of those illegitimate vessels.

Background

In 2017, at TCC02, seven vessels (numbers 17–23) were added to the NPFC IUU Vessel List. At the time, Members believed those seven vessels to be using the identities of seven legitimate, authorized Chinese fishing vessels. Paragraph 26 of the TCC02 Final Report records the TCC's decision to recommend the Commission adopt the Provisional IUU Vessel List, which included those seven vessels, with the understanding that China would assign new names and numbers to their seven legitimate vessels. The report states:

The TCC reviewed and revised the draft IUU Vessel List. The TCC noted that there are seven cases of two vessels with the same name and number. China will re-register the seven authorized vessels under new names and numbers, upon which the seven illegal vessels will automatically be included on the draft IUU Vessel List. The TCC adopted the Provisional IUU Vessel List (16 of 68

vessels) (Annex E) and recommended the automatic inclusion of the seven illegal vessels once the seven

authorized vessels have been re-registered under new names and numbers.

Recommendation: The TCC recommended that the Commission adopt the Provisional IUU Vessel List (Annex E).

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At the time, photographs of both the illegitimate vessels and the legitimate vessels were included with the vessel listings and subsequently on the NPFC IUU Vessel List. The photos of the legitimate vessels were not removed from those listings after the legitimate vessels were reassigned new names by China (LU RONG YUAN YU #s 810, 811,812, 813, 815,816 and 817).

Current Situation

In late 2025, the EU identified that two sets of photos remained associated with the vessels on the NPFC IUU Vessel List and requested the Secretariat confirm with China whether the legitimate vessels were being conflated with the IUU vessels. China has since responded and provided the attached documentation.

The four attachments to this paper have been provided by China and are described in the table below:

#	Name	Description
1	Vessel List related to 7 legitimate Chinese Vessels	This document presents the posts from the Current IUU List associated to the vessels in question, highlighting in red photos of the legitimate vessels that are requested to be removed.
2	Photo by the dock (legitimate vessels)	This document presents additional photos of the 5 of the 7 legitimate vessels from the vessel owner, however, it was noted that all 7 vessels are purse seiners of the exact same design.
3	IMO certificates	The IMO certificates for the LU RONG YU 810-817 are included in this file, noting that the certificates for the LU RONG YUAN YU 101-109 could not be found

4	VMS Data	Twelve excel files containing VMS data for the LU RONG YUAN YU 101-109 during May, June, September and October 2016 are contained in this file. It was noted that since the VMS measure was not in place in 2016, the vessels were porting 6 positions per day.
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Request to TCC

Members are requested to consider whether to amend the NPFC IUU Vessel List by removing the photos of the LU RONG YU 810-817 (the legitimate Chinese vessels) from listing #17-23 as shown in Attachment #1 and based on China's explanation and supporting documentation in the attachments.

Attachments:

1. Vessel List related to 7 legitimate Chinese Vessels
2. Photo by the dock (legitimate vessels)
3. IMO certificates
4. VMS Data