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IMCS Update to NPFC

Abstract: This OP provides an update to NPFC from the IMCS – the International Monitoring, Control, and Surveillance Network.



As the 10th Commission Meeting [Agenda 10](#) Cooperation with other organizations, the IMCS Network, an official observer to NPFC, has supported the Secretariat and members of NPFC since it joined the Network in 2023. The IMCS Network stands to provide practical support to NPFC and RFMOs by developing key initiatives as below:

Combined Regional Authorized Vessel Tool (CRAVT)

The Network has developed several practical tools to support RFMO secretariats. In 2024, the IMCS Network launched the Combined Regional Authorized Vessel Tool or CRAVT. The CRAVT automatically ingests and combines publicly available vessel data and information from participating RFMOs. The CRAVT is publicly available and users can:

- Search for specific vessels or browse groups of vessels including by flag, vessel type or RFMO or RFB.
- Identify vessels authorised to fish in multiple RFMOs and RFBs.
- Compare RFMO or RFB records for a specific vessel and identify differences between these records.
- Search vessel company, owners and operator

IUU Vessel List Hub

Working with the Tuna Compliance Network or TCN, the Pan-Pacific Fisheries Compliance Network and several other RFMO secretariats, the IMCS Network launched the IUU Vessel List Hub in late 2025.

The IUU Vessel List Hub is a secure, RFMO-restricted platform designed for RFMO secretariat staff to manage their IUU vessel list data and information, manage their listing processes and share this information in a timely manner. This provides significant efficiencies by providing a trusted, centralized source of IUU vessel list data and information. This is particularly important for cross-listed vessels. Electronic data exchange protocols have been established between the NPFC's existing online submission system and the Hub, enabling updates to the final adopted IUU Vessel List to be shared automatically. Joint Analytical Cell (JAC) of which the Network is a collaborating partner, reports have been particularly valuable in helping the secretariat confirm information on vessels listed on the IUU Vessel List. The Network is now working with all RFMO secretariats to ensure full implementation and utilisation.

Compliance Network and Capacity Development

The IMCS Network hosts two networks for those responsible for compliance in the RFMO secretariats: the Tuna Compliance Network (TCN) and the Pan Pacific Fisheries Compliance Network (PPFCN).

The PPFCN was established in 2020 to promote communication and cooperation between the RFMOs that have overlapping waters in the Pacific Ocean region. The PPFCN is an informal forum to share information about MCS processes and compliance best practice. The PPFCN also provides an effective and efficient means of sharing relevant data and information between the Pan-Pacific RFMOs. NPFC has been a part of the PPFCN since its inception and has engaged with various initiatives and delivery of joint work including:

- the VMS Working Group;
- the Capacity Development and Technical Assistance Working Group; and
- the comparative assessment of secretariat-led capacity development and technical assistance initiatives, corrective actions and transshipping obligations.

Some of this work is being further developed into online resources to support members in their RFMO engagement and work.

Online Capabilities

In 2025, the IMCS Network launched [the IMCS Network Portal](#), a secure, member-only online facility featuring a Member Contact Database and Discussion Forum. Members are encouraged to create profiles, participate in discussions, and share resources.

Another online capability is the [MCS Learning Portal](#). The Network is developing a comprehensive MCS curriculum, integrated into JAC training programmes and hosted on a new Network Learning Portal, providing self-paced, on-demand learning resources with access to expert support and mentoring. Members are invited to propose new online training modules to meet current and emerging needs.

The Global Fisheries Enforcement Training Workshop (GFETW)

The Global Fisheries Enforcement Training Workshop (GFETW) will bring together the global fisheries MCS, compliance and enforcement community to connect, share and strengthen their collective impact.

This is not a conventional conference. It is a structured, practitioner-led working environment designed to move from commitment to implementation. Across five days, participants will work through the practical realities of delivering effective fisheries compliance, from building shared understanding and strengthening leadership, to designing compliance systems and applying tools in operational settings.

Grounded in lived experience, the Workshop centres those working on the front lines. Through structured small group engagement, supported by trained facilitators, participants will actively work through real challenges, test ideas, challenge assumptions and learn from what is working in practice.

The Workshop will deliver tangible outcomes, including contributions to global processes, strengthened communities of practice and practical guidance to support more effective, inclusive and coordinated fisheries compliance at national, regional and global levels.

The GFETW will be held in Bali, Indonesia in partnership with Indonesia's Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries in March 2027.

Wavemakers

Wavemakers is a nine-month professional development programme of the IMCS Network that connects early and mid-career professionals working in fisheries monitoring, control and surveillance (MCS), compliance and enforcement with each other and with experienced women leaders from across the global fisheries community.

Led by women and open to all, Wavemakers builds confidence, professional judgement and lasting connection across the global fisheries compliance community. It is not a training course. It is a structured, participant-shaped journey of growth, peer learning and professional support.

Navigators — early and mid-career professionals — connect first with one another in pairs or small groups, creating a trusted space for reflection and peer support. Experienced women leaders then join the journey as Guides, offering perspective and encouragement drawn from their own careers.

The programme is co-developed through the experience of its participants, ensuring the conversations, insights and relationships reflect the realities of those working across the fisheries community.

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