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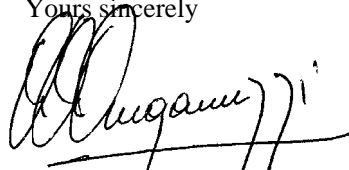
SUBJECT: PENDING REMOVAL OF THREE PAPUA NEW GUINEA LONGLINERS FROM THE INDIAN OCEAN TUNA COMMISSIONS LIST OF IUU VESSELS

At its 11th Session, the Commission discussed matters relating to three Papua New Guinea longliners (Wang Feng, Feng Jung Chin No.1 and Yu Fu No.11) that are currently in the IOTC IUU Vessels List. The Commission recalled that, at its 10th Session, after taking into account information received from Papua New Guinea in their letter dated 16 May 2005 (attached), it agreed that these vessels could be removed from the IUU list if Papua New Guinea provided the names and details of the vessels that actually caught and transhipped the fish in question.

To expedite this matter, the Commission requested that I write to the Papua New Guinea authorities and request the names and details of the vessels concerned. A response from Papua New Guinea dated 22 October 2007 is attached.

In accordance with the Commissions offer to remove the above vessels from the IUU list, I propose to carry this out unless I receive a written objection from you by Friday 2 November 2007.

Yours sincerely



Alejandro Anganuzzi
Executive Secretary

Attachments:

- . Letter from Papua New Guinea dated 22 October 2007
- . Letter from Papua New Guinea dated 16 May 2005

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22nd October, 2007

Alejandro Anganuzzi
 Executive Secretary
 Indian Ocean Tuna Commission
 P O Box 1011,
Victoria, SEYCHELLES

Dear Mr Anganuzzi,

RE: MATTERS RELATING TO THREE PNG LONGLINERS CURRENTLY ON THE INDIAN OCEAN TUNA COMMISSION LIST OF IUU VESSELS

I refer to your letter of 8th October ref: IOTC 3618 regarding the above and here below is my (PNG) country's reply.

As requested, the names of the vessels that actually caught the fish and sold to the PNG flagged three longline vessels are as follows.

<u>NAME SHIP</u>	<u>NAME OF OWNER</u>	<u>FLAG</u>
Marina Ex Dale	Dale Maritime S.A	DPR Korea
Rhy Hsing	Rhy Hsing Fishing Co. Ltd	Belize

I look forward for your appropriate action on the two ships we identified and kindly please release our three flagged longliners from the IOTC IUU list I wish to also apologize for the long delay in replying to your letter of request.

Yours Sincerely


Sylvester B. Dekajam
ACTING MANAGING DIRECTOR



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OFFICE OF THE MANAGING DIRECTOR

16th May 2005

Alejandro Anganvzzi

Executive Secretary

Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC)

PO Box 1011

VICTORIA, Mahe,
Seychelles

Dear Mr. Anganvzzi

SUBJECT: REPORT ON IUU FISHING VESSELS "WAN FENG" 'FENG JUNG CHIN NO.1' AND "YU FU NO.11" BY FISHERIES AGENCY OF JAPAN

We acknowledge receipt of our copy of your circular letter of concern regarding the above matter to all Members and Cooperating Non-Members of IOTC, dated February 2005.

We confirm that the three (3) fishing vessels, "**Wang Feng**", "**Feng Jung Chin No.1**" and "**Yu Fu No.11**" are registered and licensed in PNG as domestic fishing vessels to fish only in PNG's territorial waters.

We also confirm that these three (3) vessels are currently owned by Coco Enterprise Limited, a 100% owned and operated fishing company by PNG nationals.

In view of your Circular Letter on the "Report On IUU Fishing Vessels", we conducted an investigation onto the operations of Coco Enterprise Limited. Our findings of this investigation are as follows:-

1. All the three (3) fishing vessels mentioned above have complied with all their licensing conditions imposed on them by the Licensing Authority, the PNG National Fisheries Authority.
2. All the three (3) vessels fished only in PNG territorial waters and this record conforms to our PNG National Fisheries Authority records of them. They did not physically conduct fishing operations outside of PNG's territorial waters.

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3. All the three (3) vessels' high grade fish catches are exported to overseas markets by the use of Carrier Vessels through transshipment at any of our designated local ports.
4. A number of times in the past the company did make commercial decisions and bought high grade Big Eye Tuna from other foreign fishing companies operating in the IOTC area and exported to Japan through the carrier vessels of these other foreign fishing companies operation in the IOTC.
5. The export records of the company did with evidence of quantities of Big Eye Tuna caught in both PNG territorial waters and those caught outside.
6. The company honestly gave its own three (3) vessels descriptions under the **Big Eye Tuna Statistical Documents** where it says "Description of Vessels" for the Japanese Authorities' record of all incoming Big Eye in their Statistical Document because it did not know the particulars of those vessels that actually fished in the Indian, Pacific, or Atlantic Oceans, from which it bought these Big Eye Tuna. It simply gave the descriptions of its own three (3) vessels even though they did not fish in any of those three (3) Oceans.

The National Fisheries Authority of Papua New Guinea, basing on the findings No.4, No.5 and No.6 of its investigation and the need to maintain and honour its obligation to IOTC, unilaterally imposed very severe penalties on the Company, Coco Enterprise Limited. These penalties are as follows:-

1. Three (3) years total ban from exporting to Japan all fish catches including Big Eye and Yellow Fin Tuna catches from its three (3) vessels; "**Wang Feng**", "**Feng Jung Ching No.1**" and "**Yu Fu No.11**".
2. Total ban on further purchase of high grade Big Eye Tuna for export to Japan and all other marketing destinations from other foreign fishing companies operating in the IOTC area.
3. Warning any violation of the above will result in the cancellation of fishing licenses of the all three (3) vessels and blacklisting of the company by the PNG National Fisheries Authority.

The above penalties are effective forthwith.

The penalties that we have imposed here constitute a very severe punishment for a small fishing company and their effects will have the potential to send Coco Enterprise Limited broke.

Therefore, we sincerely request the good office of the IOTC to consider and accept the severe penalties that we have already imposed on Coco Enterprise Limited as being more than adequate under the circumstances.

We also wish to give the office of the IOTC our utmost assurance that the National Fisheries Authority of Papua New Guinea is committed to enforce the penalties it imposed on the company in question.

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We kindly await your learned consideration and decision on the actions we have taken on this matter and informing us of the same as this will constitute the IOTC's position on the matter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sylvester B. Pokajam', written over a large, hand-drawn oval. The signature is somewhat stylized and overlaps the oval.

SYLVESTER B. POKAJAM
Acting Managing Director

cc: Coco Enterprise Limited