

15<sup>th</sup> June 2010

## IOTC CIRCULAR: 2010/43

**SUBJECT: NOTIFICATION FOR THE REMOVAL OF THE OMANI FLAGGED FISHING VESSEL RWAD 1 FROM THE IOTC IUU VESSELS LIST**

Dear Sir/ Madam,

Following the notification request made by the Sultanate of Oman to remove the fishing vessel RWAD 1 from the IOTC IUU Vessels List, which was circulated to Members on 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2010, I wish to inform you that only three responses have been received by the Executive Secretary, at the end of the thirty days.

These responses are summarised as follows:

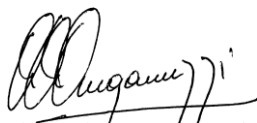
- United Kingdom (on behalf of its Indian Ocean territories) – The United Kingdom informed the Executive Secretary that it supports the removal of RWAD1 from the IUU Vessels List on the basis of the evidence supplied
- European Union – The European Union informed the Executive Secretary that before it can take a position regarding the removal or not of vessel RWAD 1 from the IUU Vessels List, it would require the authorities of the Sultanate of Oman to clarify some questions and/or provide any relevant information related to these questions.

*The clarifications were provided and circulated by the Secretariat as IOTC Circular 2010/41*

- Japan – after receiving additional clarifications from the Sultanate of Oman on some issues that it had raised, Japan informed the Executive Secretary that it has no problem to delete the vessel from the IOTC IUU Vessels List. However, Japan further indicated that since there are some other compliance issues relating to this case, it would like to raise the matter at the next Compliance Committee meeting

The results of these limited responses are in favour of the removal of the RWAD 1 from the IOTC List of IUU Vessels. However, as the number of responses received is far short of the required two-thirds majority of Contracting Parties, I wish to propose that, if I do not receive any objections from Contracting Parties by 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2010, the Secretariat will proceed to remove the vessel from the IUU Vessels List. Please, let me know if you have any objections to this procedure.

Yours sincerely



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Executive Secretary

**Attachments:**

- None

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