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# Combating IUU Fishing: An International Operational Approach

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- Interagency Cooperation
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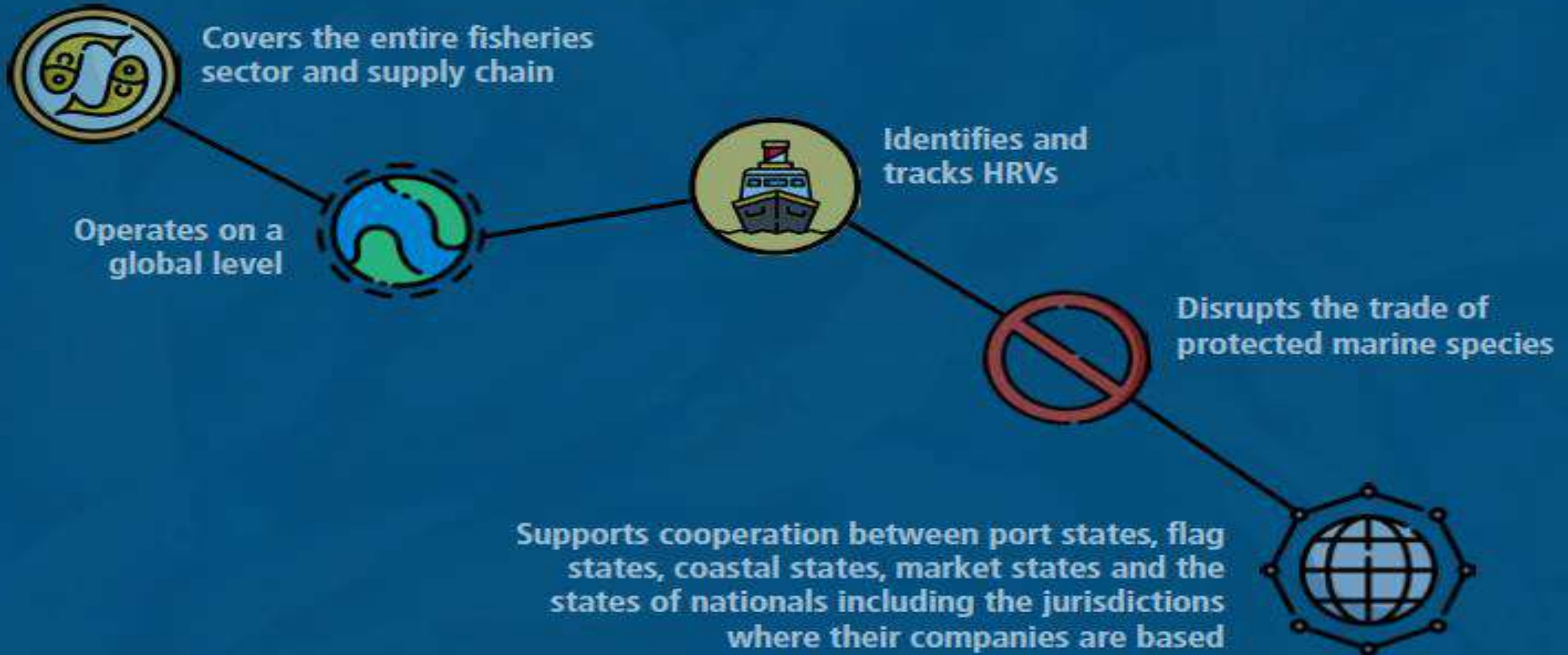
- Capabilities
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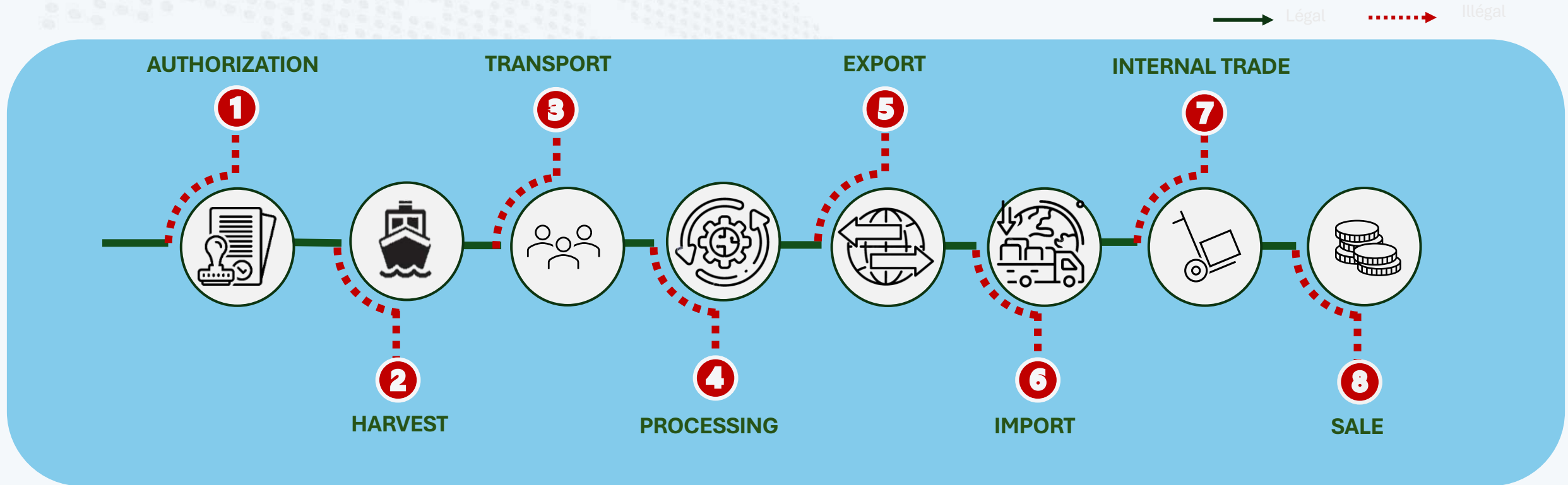
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# INTERPOL RESPONSE: THE KEY FACTS



# Illegal activities in the fisheries supply chain



**1** A fishing permit/a license can be obtained illegally through fraud, corruption, etc.

**5** Declaration of false fish specimens to avoid taxes, lack of CITES certificates, or falsification or reuse of previous permits.

**2** Fishing in protected areas without authorization or exceeding allocated quotas.

**6** False declaration of origin, species, and quantities of fishery products, lack of certificates and licenses, absence of proper authorizations or required due diligence.

**3** Without authorization, reusing a permit for different types of fish or corrupting officials to pass checkpoints - illegal transshipment.

**7** Exploiting loopholes and gaps in the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS), the FAO Agreement on Port State Measures (PSMA), and other national and international legislative texts.

**4** Laundering fish by mixing legal and illegal catches, misdeclaring the product entering the processing plant or its yield.

**8** Finished products are marketed without accompanying documents or with falsified certificates of origin and compliance, altered or counterfeit declarations of provenance and product type, etc.

# ILLEGAL FISHING

An iceberg floating in the ocean. The tip of the iceberg, which is above the water line, is labeled 'ILLEGAL FISHING'. The much larger part of the iceberg, which is submerged below the water line, is divided into two main sections. The left section is labeled 'ENABLING CRIMES' and lists 'Document Fraud', 'Identity Fraud', 'Registry Abuse', 'Tax Evasion', 'Modern Slavery', and 'Money Laundering'. The right section is labeled 'ASSOCIATED CRIMES' and lists 'Drug Trafficking', 'Arms Trafficking', and 'Human Smuggling'. At the very bottom of the submerged part of the iceberg, the word 'CORRUPTION' is written in large, bold, red letters.

## ENABLING CRIMES

Document Fraud

Identity Fraud

Registry Abuse

Tax Evasion

Modern Slavery

Money Laundering

## ASSOCIATED CRIMES

Drug Trafficking

Arms Trafficking

Human Smuggling

# CORRUPTION

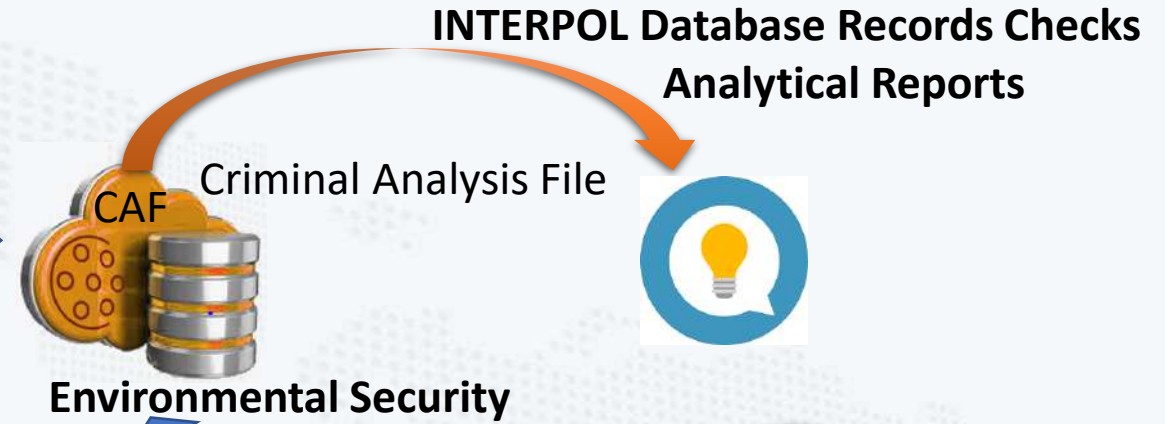
# International Cooperation Cycle of Information

## Member Country

National Fisheries Authorities  
Coast Guards  
Naval Forces  
National Police  
Customs Authorities  
Environmental Protection Agencies



**Information  
sent via I-24/7**



Holds data on fisheries  
and related crimes



INTERPOL Criminal Information System

## Capabilities

- Multilateral Meetings
- Live Mentoring
- Classroom Instructions
- Operations
- Criminal Case Support



## **Replicating Operational Success Under the Jeddah Framework**

- **Maritime Patrol Asset**
- **Security**
- **Enforcement Authority & Jurisdiction**
- **INTERPOL Technical Support & Live Mentoring**



Target  
Fishing Vessel  
Recent Inspection



- Arrest of 7 individuals
- Seizure of 6 tons of cocaine
- Forfeiture of the fishing vessel
- Seizure of 12 Electronic Devices



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All friends

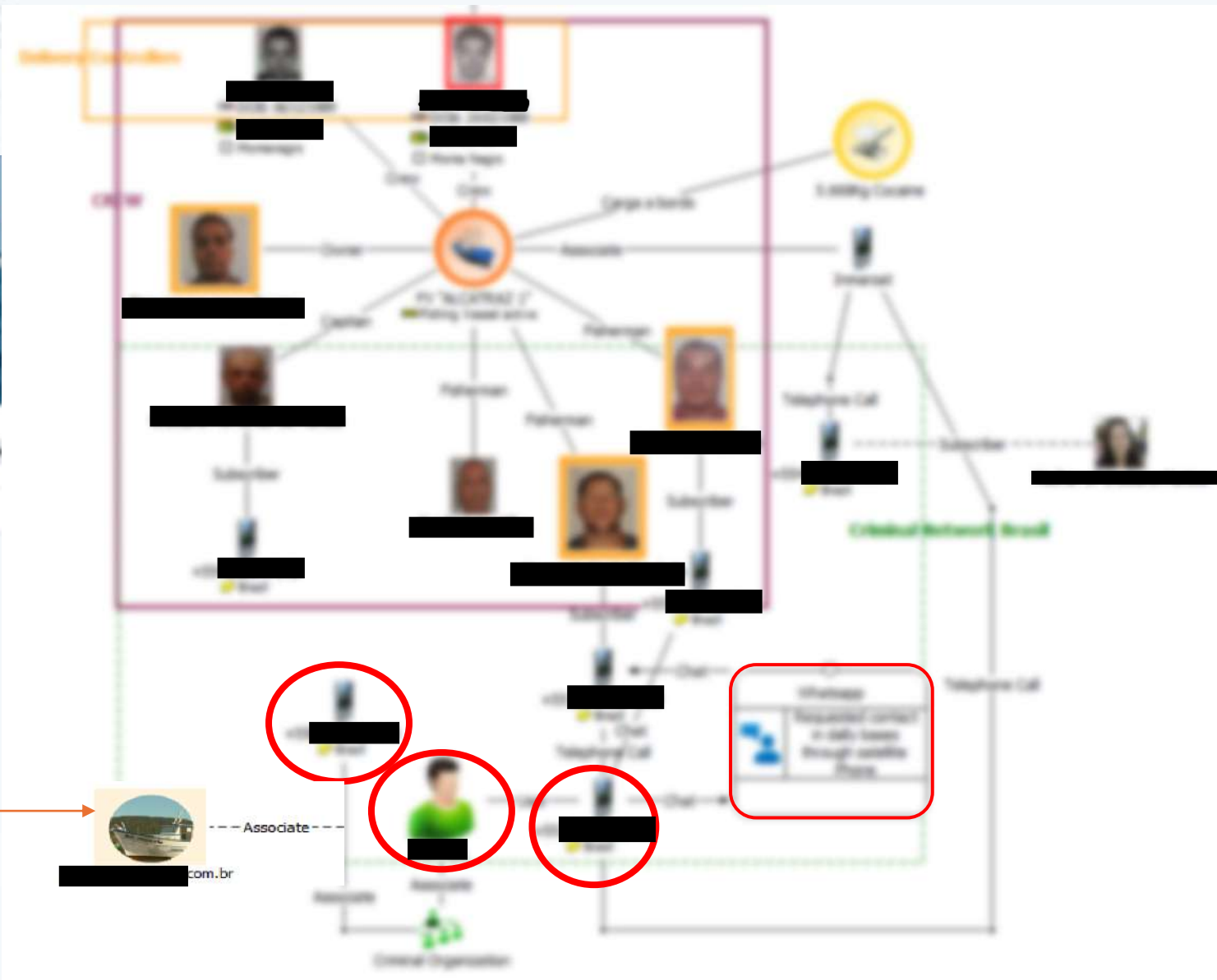
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## Social network analysis





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Target  
Fishing Vessel



## Fishing Equipment



# VESSEL CARGO



# 13 Violations

- Undocumented Crew
- Fraudulent Documentation
- Lack of Documentation
- Lack of Safety Equipment
- Lack of Safety Standards



LOG OF

From 2000 Home to 2000 Date 10/10/00

LOG	DISTANCE MADE GOOD	COURSE	WIND DIRECTION AND FORCE	BAROMETER	LEKWAY	REMARKS
1 299.3	5.0	T56	SW 5-6	29.9	NIL	HEAVY SEAS ROLLING
2 300.5	5.7	T56	SW 5-6	29.9	NIL	ON GOV. AS WE GO
3 302	8.0	T56	SW 5-6	29.9	NIL	WAVE CAPTAIN'S
4 311	2.0	T56	SW 5-6	29.9	NIL	20 Knots of speed
5 319.5	2.5	T56	SW 5-6	29.9	NIL	Very successful
6 330	9.5	T56	SW 8	29.9	NIL	DECK
7 339.4	7.4	T56	SW 7	29.95	NIL	SEAS HEAVY
8 346.8	7.4	T56	SW 7	29.95	NIL	
9 350.4	6.4	T56	SW 7	29.95	NIL	20" SWELL'S
10 359.4	6.4	T56	SW 7	29.95	NIL	
11 364.4	7.0	T56	SW 7	29.95	NIL	
12 371.2	6.8	T56	SW 7	29.95	NIL	
13 376.9	5.7	T56	SW 6-6	29.9	NIL	SEAS TRODDING
14 382.4	5.7	T56	SW 6-6	29.9	NIL	
15 387.7	5.0	T56	SW 6-6	29.9	NIL	
16 393.7	5.0	T56	SW 6-6	29.9	NIL	
17 397.7	5.0	T56	SW 6-6	29.95	NIL	
18 401.1	5.4	T56	SW 6-6	30.0	NIL	VERY NEARLY
19 410	8.0	T56	SW 6-6	30.1	NIL	H.P. MAXIMUM
20 419	9.0	T56	SW 6-6	30.1	NIL	THIS IS HER BEST
21 424	9.0	T56	SW 6-6	30.1	NIL	SAILING WITH
22 437.9	9.9	T56	SW 6-6	30.1	NIL	ABOVE THE
23 445.9	7.9	T56	SW 6-6	30.1	NIL	THE HOUR
24 452.6	7.3	T56	SW 6-6	30.1	NIL	MODERATE SEAS

LATITUDE LONGITUDE

DAY'S RUN 140.72 Nautical Miles

CRUISE RUN 341.72 Nautical Miles

ENGINE USED

FUEL-IN

IN HAND

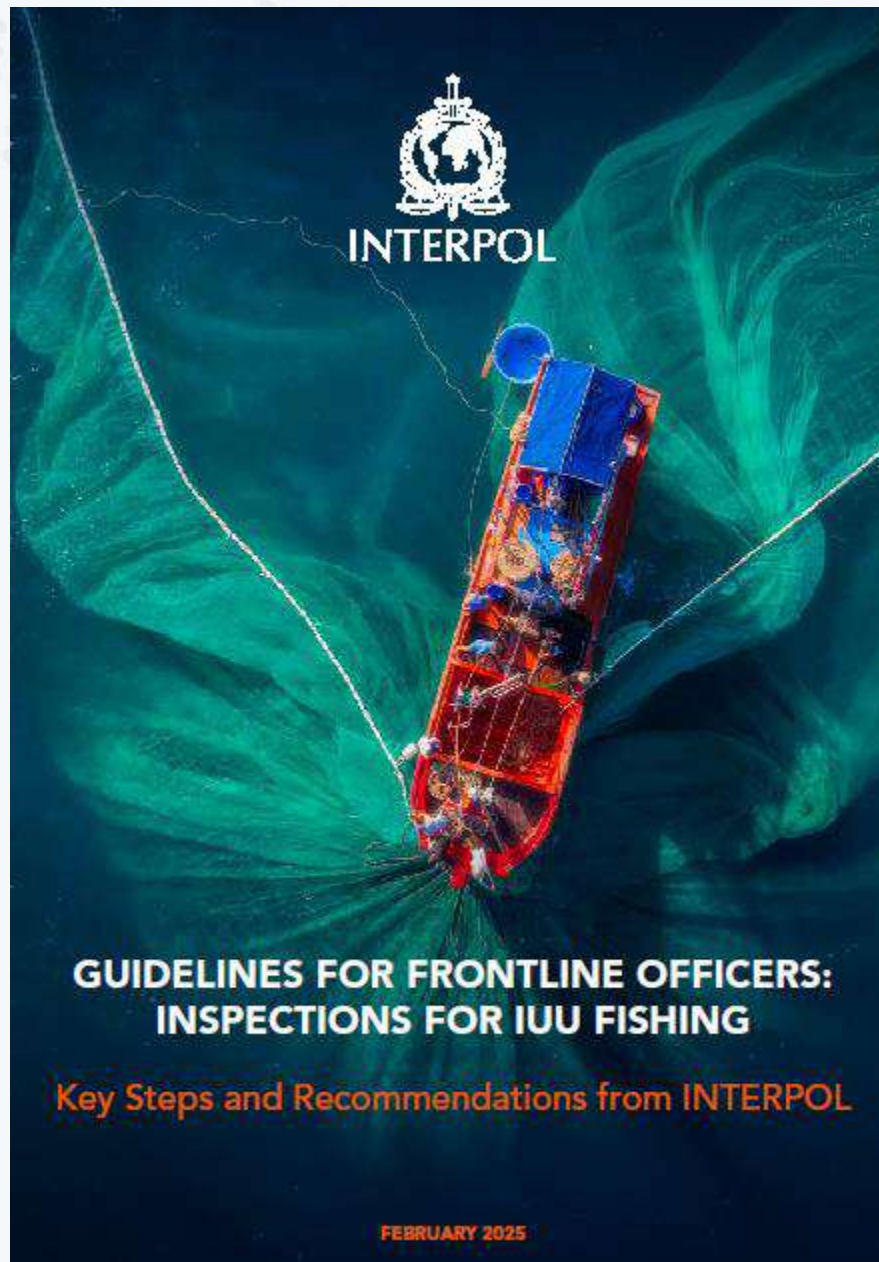
REMARKS



# Capacity Building

- Identifying High Risk Fishing Vessels
- Criminal intelligence analysis
- Analytical tools
- Open Source Intelligence
- Interviews
- Crime scene processing
- Evidence Collection





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