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Report of the Senate Standing Committee on Maritime Affairs

on

The Point of Public Importance regarding "Fishing by Chinese trawlers in Balochistan's territorial waters" raised by Senator Muhammad Tahir Bizinjo during sitting of the Senate held on 14th June, 2021

PRESENTED BY

SENATOR RUBINA KHALID CHAIRPERSON (COMMITTEE)

SENATE SECRETARIAT

Report of the Senate Standing Committee on Maritime Affairs Under Rule 195 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012.

I, Senator Rubina Khalid, Chairperson Senate Standing Committee on Maritime Affairs, have the honour to present the report of the Committee on the Point of Public Importance regarding "Fishing by Chinese Trawlers in Balochistan's territorial waters" raised by Senator Muhammad Tahir Bizinjo during sitting of the Senate held on 14th June, 2021.

2. The Composition of the Standing Committee is as under:-

| i) | Senator | Rubina Khalid | Chairperson | ľ |
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| ii) | Senator | Syed Muhammad Ali Shah Jamot | Member | |
| iii) | Senator | Nuzhat Sadiq | Member | |
| iv) | Senator | Muhammad Fesal Vawda | Member | |
| v) | Senator | Abida Muhammad Azeem | Member | |
| vi) | Senator | Mohammad Abdul Qadir | Member | |
| vii) | Senator | Kauda Babar | Member | |
| viii) | Senator | Danesh Kumar | Member | |
| ix) | Senator | Moula Bux Chandio | Member | |
| x) | Senator | Kamran Michael | Member | |
| xi) | Senator | Dost Muhammad Khan | Member | |
| xii) | Senator | Muhammad Akram | Member | |
| xiii) | Senator | Naseema Ehsan | Member | |

- 3. The Committee considered the Point of Public Importance regarding "Fishing by Chinese Trawlers in Balochistan's territorial waters" in its meetings held on 1st July, 2021, 13th August, 2021 and 14th October, 2021.
- The following members attended the meeting on 1st July, 2021:-

| i) | Senator Rubina Khalid | Chairperson |
|-------|--------------------------------|-------------|
| ii) | Senator Nuzhat Sadiq | Member |
| iii) | Senator Fida Muhammad | Ex-Member |
| iv) | Senator Mohammad Abdul Qadir | Member |
| v) . | Senator Danesh Kumar | Member |
| vi) | Senator Dost Muhammad Khan | Member |
| vii) | Senator Muhammad Akram | Member |
| viii) | Senator Naseema Ehsan | Member |
| ix) | Senator Muhammad Tahir Bizinjo | Mover |

- 5. The Committee was informed that Ministry of Defence reported arrival of five Chinese trawlers on May 27, 2021 at Gwadar anchorage. All these vessels belonged to M/S Xiamen Haixintian Pelagic Fishery Co Ltd a Chinese Fisheries Company. All the crew members were Chinese nationals and were in possession of relevant documents of fishing overseas by their company.
- 6. The Committee was told that the entry and departures of vessels into any port is managed/coordinated by company or its agent, or the vessel master. Chinese fishing vessels didn't take prior permission from Governments of Pakistan and Balochistan for their entry in to the Exclusive Economic



Zone (EEZ) of Pakistan. The fishing vessels' company/ its agent or master did not coordinate their entry into Pakistan territorial waters or port limits, instead humanitarian grounds were verbally communicated for emergency shelter.

- 7. Syed Ali Haider Zaidi, Minister for Maritime Affairs informed the Committee that present Government had banned the issuance of Deep Sea Fishing Licenses. Ministry was working on a new fishing policy and the Cabinet had already ratified it. Minister stated that when asked, Chinese Embassy informed the Ministry that the trawlers were there due to bad weather conditions in high seas and were just parked there and were not involved in fishing in Pakistani sea. The control of Gwadar Port is with a Chinese company and that company had allowed the trawlers to come to the mooring and the trawlers were parked at the mooring. He told that the Ministry was neither allowing the trawlers to come to the dock, nor to transfer any fish catch.
- 8. The Committee was also informed about the legal aspects of the issue, as under:
 - a) As per Pakistani statutes i.e. Exclusive Fisheries Zone (Regulation of Fishing) Act, 1975 and Exclusive Fisheries Zone (Regulation of Fishing) Rules, 1990 - Foreign Vessels and Foreign Joint Venture for fishing purposes are not allowed.
 - b) Further, FAO Port State Measures Agreement and FAO Fish Stock Agreement are mandatory legal instruments for processing fish stock caught from high seas, and thereon berthing and landing the fish stock at local fishing ports of Pakistan. As Pakistan has not ratified FAO Port State Measures Agreement and FAO Fish Stock Agreement; therefore, any fish caught from high seas cannot be berthed or landed at Pakistani ports.
- 9. The meeting on 13th August, 2021 was attended by the following Members:-

| i) | Senator Rubina Khalid | Chairperson |
|-------|--------------------------------|-------------|
| ii) | Senator Nuzhat Sadiq | Member |
| iii) | Senator Fida Muhammad | Ex-Member |
| iv) | Senator Mohammad Abdul Qadir | Member |
| v) | Senator Danesh Kumar | Member |
| vi) | Senator Dost Muhammad Khan | Member |
| vii) | Senator Muhammad Akram | Member |
| viii) | Senator Naseema Ehsan | Member |
| ix) | Senator Muhammad Tahir Bizinjo | Mover |

- 10. Pakistan Maritime Security Agency (PMSA) vide O.M. No.F.4/8/M-2/2021 dated 7th July, 2021 communicated that subject trawlers were allowed by Gwadar Port Authority (GPA) to enter Gwadar anchorage. PMSA highlighted that a number of MVs enter in Pakistani EEZ and subsequently anchor within port limits/anchorages of Pakistan with permission of the respective port authorities i.e. KPT, PQA and GPA without any intimation/approval of PMSA, thus implying that exit/entry control of MVs and other vessels remains within the jurisdiction of Port Authorities (Annex-A).
- 11. Director Operation, GPA in his letter No.GPA/OPS/235/995 dated 9th July, 2021 addressed to Ministry of Maritime Affairs stated that the GPA had not issued any permission letter to Chinese fishing vessels and neither GPA received any request or "Pre-Arrival Notification" from fishing vessels, nominated agent, owner and/or Concession-holder. Director Operation, GPA also pointed out through the said letter, that the management, control and charges for use of anchorage area is the obligations of the

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Concession-holder and they are free to contact directly with the vessel master, owners or agents without the involvement or interference of GPA (Annex-B).

- 12. The Secretary, Maritime Affairs informed the Committee that Ministry of Maritime Affairs had constituted an Inspection Committee to inspect the Chinese fishing vessels to ascertain that whether fish was caught from "Territorial Waters" or EEZ of Pakistan and high seas. The Inspection Committee, in its report (Annex-C), concluded that:
 - i) The fish stock present in the vessels was not from the territorial waters and commonly found in high seas.
 - ii) Fishing vessels are not bottom trawlers.
 - The common fish species found in local landing were not found in the fish stock present in vessels. However the local fishermen observed that all these species are present during the months of April to August in the territorial waters of Balochistan.
- 13. The meeting on 14th October, 2021 was attended by the following Members:-

| i) | Senator Rubina Khalid | Chairperson |
|------|--------------------------------|-------------|
| ii) | Senator Abida Muhammad Azeem | Member |
| iii) | Senator Danesh Kumar | Member |
| iv) | Senator Moula Bux Chandio | Member |
| v) | Senator Naseema Ehsan | Member |
| vi) | Senator Muhammad Tahir Bizinjo | Mover |

- 14. Secretary, Maritime Affairs informed that Pakistan Maritime Security Agency (PMSA), through Ministry of Defence has intimated that Chinese fishing trawlers sailed from Gwadar on 25th August, 2021 at 0600 hrs. PMSA further intimated that notwithstanding the fishing trawlers unplanned/uncoordinated arrivals, the vessels/their crew were facilitated on humanitarian grounds, the crew was given access to medical treatment, sea transportation, procurement of fresh provision/ration and PMSA also coordinated the arrival and departure of engineers to undertake repairs of the vessels.
- 15. Senator Muhammad Tahir Bizinjo said that he was not satisfied with the outcome of this issue. He said that it was his feeling that the Federal Government wanted to protect the trawlers in question. He added that he knew that there would be no result. He demanded that the Ministry should control the illegal fishing by foreign and inter provincial trawlers. He also suggested that the administrative control of PMSA may be transferred to the Ministry of Maritime Affairs. The Committee recommended effective monitoring and patrolling by the Fisheries Department of Balochistan and Pakistan Maritime Security Agency in their respective areas of jurisdiction, in order to curb illegal fishing.
- 16. The Committee disposed off the Point of Public Importance and authorized the Chairperson to present report of the Committee to the House.

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Secretary Committee

(SENATOR RUBINA KHALID)

Chairperson (Committee)

Islamabad
The 25th October, 2021

ANNEX- MOST IMMEDIATE
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GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (MARITIME AFFAIRS WING)

F. 4/8/M-2/2021

Rawalpindi, the 7th July, 2021

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: CHINESE FISHING TRAWLERS PRESENCE INSIDE PAKISTAN'S EEZ

The undersigned is directed to refer to MoMA letter No. 2(5)/2021-Fish dated 2nd July, 2021 on the above subject and to state that PMSA being Maritime Law Enforcement Agency performs tasks and functions as per the PMSA Act of 1994. PMSA roles include assistance to other government departments and agencies, if and when it is requested and required. It may not be legally correct for PMSA to start enforcing regulations beyond the mandate of its Act and without being requested or requisitioned to do so.

- Presently, the Chinese trawlers in question are anchored within Gwadar port limits i.e well inside the internal waters of Pakistan. It must be appreciated that the subject trawlers were allowed by GPA to enter Gwadar anchorage. The information to PMSA was provided by Mr. Wong (relayed through PN Ops Room at Gwadar) and reconfirmed from Mr. Gul of GPA prior anchoring. It may be highlighted that a number of MVs enter in Pakistani EEZ and subsequently anchor within port limits / anchorages of Pakistan with permission of the respective port authorities i.e KPT, PQA, GPA without any intimation / approval of PMSA, thus implying that exit / entry control of MVs and other vessels remains within the jurisdiction of Port Authorities. Port authorities as per their SROs may collect / are authorized to collect charges for ships at anchor. The spirit of PMSA Act is non-permissive of checking ships within the port limits without the Port Authorities permission / request.
- 3. It must be appreciated that the Territorial Sea is not a country's border in classical sense as generally understood for land borders. PMSA has obligations to deal with vessel entering Pakistani territorial and particularly inland waters as per domestic and international laws but outside the declared port limits. Doing so within the port limits would set a wrong precedence as each and every ship entering KPT, PQA and GPA would have to be permitted by PMSA and may prove a non-business friendly act.

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- 4. It is further apprised that according to Border Management Strategy of Pakistan, border management including Marine Border Management / Border Control Points comes within the purview / domain of Ministry of Interior instead of Ministry of Defence. PMSA being LEA at sea functioning under MoD can provide assistance when asked and required.
- 5. It is pertinent to highlight that different organizations and agencies (i.e FIA, Customs, Port Authorities) are enforcing national laws for effective marine border management within port limits of Pakistan. Therefore, decision with regards to Chinese trawlers may be initiated by Gawadar Port Authority. However, in case of noncompliance of GPA orders, PMSA assistance may be sought which is readily available for enforcing national jurisdiction within all Maritime Zones of Pakistan.

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Ministry of Maritime Affairs, Secretary Islamabad

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No. GPA/OPS/235/995

Gwadar, the 9th July, 2021

MR. MUHAMMAD FARHAN KHAN

Assistant Fisheries Development Commissioner-II Ministry of Maritime Affairs, Government of Pakistan Islamabad

Subject: - CHINESE FISHING VESSELS PRESENCE INSDIE PAKISTAN'S EEZ

The undersigned is directed to refer to Ministry of Maritime Affairs letter No. 2 (5)/2021-Fish, dated 9th July 2021 on the subject cited above and to state that the Gwadar Port Authority has not issued any permission letter to Chinese fishing vessels and neither GPA received any request or "Pre-Arrival Notification" from fishing vessels, nominated agent, owner and/or Concession-holder.

2. It may be pointed here that the Management, control and charges for use of anchorage area is obligations of the Concession-holder and they are free to contact directly with the vessel' master, owners or agents without the involvement or interference of GPA.

> Gul Muhammad) Director Operations

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1. PS to Chairman, GPA

ANNEX-C

Inspection Report of Chinese Fishing Vessel Anchored in Gwadar Anchorage

Background

- a) It was reported that the arrival of 5-fishing trawlers (Four Fishing Vessels and One Carrier Vessel) on May 27,2021 at Gwadar anchorage. As per the statement of said vessels, they are in Pakistani waters due to the emergence of bad weather in the Indian Ocean (High Seas). All these vessels belonged to M/s Xiamen Haixintian Pelagic Fishery Co Ltd.
- b) Senator Muhammad Tahir Khan Bizenjo, raised the issue of presence of fishing trawlers in Gwadar during Senate session on June 14,2021. The Chairman Senate had sought a detailed report form Ministry of Maritime Affairs.
- c) The Chief Secretary, Government of Balochistan during meeting held in Gwadar on July 03,2021; wherein local fishermen community raised hue and cry regarding presence of fishing trawlers in Gwadar. There was general assumption that these trawlers had caught fish from the Territorials Waters of Balochistan.
- d) Accordingly, the Chief Secretary, Government of Balochistan had requested the Ministry of Maritime Affairs to constitute a team to visit five fishing trawlers and ascertain whether fish caught by these trawlers is from "Territorial Waters" or Exclusive Economic Zone of Pakistan and High seas.
- e) Accordingly, committee was constituted including the representatives of Ministry of Maritime Affairs, Marine Fisheries Department, Karachi, Balochistan Fisheries Department, Local Fishermen Association and Pakistan Maritime security Agency. No nomination received from Pakistan Maritime Security Agency. The team comprises of following members
- I Mr. Muhammad Farhan Khan, Assistant Fisheries Development Convener Commissioner, M/o Maritime Affairs
- Ii Mr. Miftah Ul Haq, Marine Production Officer, Marine Fisheries Member Department, Karachi
- Iii Mr. Liaquat Haroon, Biochemist, Marine Fisheries Department, Member Karachi
- Iv Mr. Ahmad Nadeem, Deputy Director, Balochistan Fisheries Member Department, Gwadar
- V Mr. Muhammad Iqbal, Assistant Director, Balochistan, Balochistan Member Fisheries Department, Gwadar
- Vi Mr. Zakir Bill, Representative of Local Fishermen at Gwadar Member
- Vii Mr Attaullah, Representative of Local Fishermen at Surbandar, Member Gwadar
- Viii Mr. Hamid Badar Usmani, Ex Assistant Biologist, Marine Fisheries Co-Opted Department, Karachi included as Fish Taxonomist Member
- Ix Mr. Mumtaz Ali Dehri, Computer Operator, Marine Fisheries Co-Opted
- Department, Karachi included as Chinese Interpreter Member

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Proceedings of Inspection Committee:

- a) The inspection committee started the proceeding from 11-07-2021 to 13-07-2021 to inspect the Chinese fishing vessels to ascertain that whether fish was caught from "Territorial Waters" or Exclusive Economic Zone of Pakistan and High seas.
- b) At the time of inspection of said vessels, the condition of the sea was very rough. The team experienced hardship while boarding the vessels trough out the inspection period. PMSA provided the facility of marine transportation to reach out the vessels for inspection under the supervision of Mr. Waseem from PMSA.
- c) Subsequently, team inspected the fishing holds, contact freezer, fishing gears and related documents (Fishing logbook, High Seas Fishing License, Fish Registration Book) of all five vessels.
- d) Team has made its effort to check the quality of fish to ascertain how old is the fish stock.
- e) It was observed that nets of fishing boats were also entangled in the vessel.
- f) To verify the finding of inspection conducted by Balochistan Fisheries Department under supervision of Mr. Lakhmi Chand, Director Marine Gwadar on 28th May, 2021. In which the team inspected only one vessel and gave its finding that three species are in the stock i.e. Indian Mackrel, Tuna and Cuttle Fish.

Findings of the Inspection Committee:

- a) The major finding of the committee is that it was wrongly assumed that the vessels are bottom trawlers, whereas, four vessels excluding the carrier vessels are Light Luring Seiner.
- b) Generally, these fishing gears are used for the catch of pelagic fish stocks in the High Seas.
- c) The above statement is supported by the variety of catch present in the fishing holds of vessels, which is dominated by the Purple Back Purpleback flying squid.
- d) Details of Fish Species of each vessel are annexed (Annexure I to V) along vessel detail. All species are mainly found High Seas (Offshore Waters).
- e) Few specimen of Inshore water Species were also found like Kawakawa and Large Scale trigger fish, which may accidentally transferred to the high seas.
- f) No demersal species was found.
- g) None of the common fish species abundant in territorial waters was found during the inspection such like Japanese Thread Fish, Ribbon Fish, Leather Skin, Sea Bream, Shrimp, Crab, Indian mackerel, Cuttle Fish and Sardine etc.
- h) The observation of local fishermen is that all these species are present during the Month of April to August in the territorial waters of Balochistan.
 - i) The local Fishermen Community is in demand of reconcile the presence of inspected fish with fish landing data of Balochistan Fisheries (data not based on species level).

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j) The findings of Balochistan Fisheries Department inspection regarding the identification of fish in one of the vessels seems to be incorrect due to miss identification as Indian Mackrel, Tuna and Cuttle Fish are used to caught from different fishing gear

Conclusion:

- a) From the above given findings, it is concluded that the stocks present in the vessels are not from the territorial waters and commonly found in high seas.
- b) The said fishing vessels are not bottom trawlers.
- c) It was further pointed that the common fish species found in local landing was not found in the stock present in Vessels.

Mr. Liaquat Haroon **Biochemist** (Member) Marine Fisheries

Department Karachi

Mr. Miftah Ul Haq

Marine Production Officer

(Member)

Marine Fisheries

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Mr. Muhammad Igbal

Assistant Director

Member

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Mr. Ahmad Nadeem Deputy Director Marine

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Gwadar

Mr. Attaullah

Representative of Local

Fishermen

(Member)

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Mr. Hamid Badar

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Ex- Assistant Biologist

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Karachi

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Computer Operator

(Co - Opted Member)

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| Name of vessel | Vessel type | |
|---|---|--|
| Vessel code | FU YUAN YU 827 | |
| Vessel type | Professional Fishing Boat | |
| Fishing Gear | Light Luring Seiner | |
| Name of owner | Xiamen Haixintian Ocean Fishery Co., Ltd | |
| Number of crews | 14 | |
| Gross tonnage in Matric Tons | 1158 | |
| Net tonnage in Matric Tons | 456 | |
| IOTC authorization | Not Provided | |
| IMO number | Not Provided nor display on Fishing Vessels | |
| Total number of fish holds | 11 | |
| Total number of freezers | 18 | |
| Total biomass in Metric tons (Source Vessel Captain) | 180 | |

Fish Inspection

Committee visited the vessel on 12-07-2021 and checked all the relevant documents related to fish catch and vessel profile. Inspection committee inspected all the fishing holds and freezers. All 18 freezer were empty and non-functional, whereas three out of 11 fish holds filled with fish stock. The random sample of 120 polythene bag having weight of 18kg each were taken out from fish holds were collected during inspection and the detail of fish stock are as under

| S.No | Common Name | Distribution/Abundance |
|------|-----------------------------|---|
| 1 | Purple back flying squid | Mainly in High Sea/Offshore Waters. |
| | | It is the dominating species among the inspected stock. |
| 2 | Skipjack | Mainly in High Sea/Offshore Waters |
| 3 | Kawa Kawa | Common in Territorial Waters/Occasionally found in High Seas. Very few specimens found in inspected stock. |
| 4 | File Fish | Common in Territorial Waters/Occasionally found in High Seas. Only found four specimens in inspected stock. |
| 5 | Snake Mackrel | Mainly in High Sea/Offshore Waters |
| 6 | Yellow fin tuna | Mainly in High Sea/Offshore Waters |

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| Name of vessel | Vessel type | |
|---|---|--|
| Vessel code | FU YUAN YU 826 | |
| Vessel type | Professional Fishing Boat | |
| Fishing Gear | Light Luring Seiner | |
| Name of owner | Xiamen Haixintian Ocean Fishery Co., Ltd | |
| Number of crews | 12 | |
| Gross tonnage in Matric Tons | 1158 | |
| Net tonnage in Matric Tons | 456 | |
| IOTC authorization | Not Provided | |
| IMO number | Not Provided nor display on Fishing Vessels | |
| Total number of fish holds | 11 | |
| Total number of freezers | 18 | |
| Total biomass in Metric tons (Source Vessel Captain) | 140 | |

Fish Inspection

Committee visited the vessel on 11-07-2021 and checked all the relevant documents related to fish catch and vessel profile. Inspection committee inspected all the fishing holds and freezers. All 18 freezer were empty and non-functional, whereas two out of 11 fish holds filled with fish stock. The random sample of 100 polythene bag having weight of 18kg each were taken out from fish holds during inspection and the detail of fish stock are as under

| S.No | Common name | Distribution/Abundance |
|------|-----------------------------|---|
| 1 | Purple back flying squid | Mainly in High Sea/Offshore Waters. |
| | | It is the dominating species among the inspected stock. |
| 2 | Skipjack | Mainly in High Sea/Offshore Waters |
| 3 | Yellowfin Tuna | Mainly in High Sea/Offshore Waters |
| 4 | Large Scale trigger fish | Common in Territorial Waters/Occasionally found in High Seas. Very few specimens found in inspected stock. |

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| Name of vessel | Vessel type | |
|---|---|--|
| Vessel code | FU YUAN YU 828 | |
| Vessel type | Professional Fishing Boat | |
| Fishing Gear | Light Luring Seiner | |
| Name of owner | Xiamen Haixintian Ocean Fishery Co., Ltd | |
| Number of crews | 20 | |
| Gross tonnage in Matric Tons | 1158 | |
| Net tonnage in Matric Tons | 456 | |
| IOTC authorization | Not Provided | |
| IMO number | Not Provided nor display on Fishing Vessels | |
| Total number of fish holds | 11 | |
| Total number of freezers | 18 | |
| Total biomass in Metric tons (Source Vessel Captain) | 150 | |

Fish Inspection

Committee visited the vessel on 13-07-2021 and checked all the relevant documents related to fish catch and vessel profile. Inspection committee inspected all the fishing holds and freezers. All 18 freezer were empty and non-functional, whereas two out of 11 fish holds filled with fish stock. The random sample of 100 polythene bag having weight of 18kg each were taken out from fish holds during inspection and the detail of fish stock are as under

| S.No | Common name | Distribution/Abundance |
|------|-----------------------------|---|
| 1 | Purple back flying squid | Mainly in High Sea/Offshore Waters. |
| | | It is the dominating species among the inspected stock. |
| 2 | Skipjack | Mainly in High Sea/Offshore Waters |
| 3 | Yellowfin Tuna | Mainly in High Sea/Offshore Waters |

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| Name of vessel | Vessel type | |
|--|---|--|
| Vessel code | FU YUAN YU 829 | |
| Vessel type | Professional Fishing Boat | |
| Fishing Gear | Light Luring Seiner | |
| Name of owner | Xiamen Haixintian Ocean Fishery Co., Ltd | |
| Number of crews | 11 | |
| Gross tonnage in Matric Tons | 1158 | |
| Net tonnage in Matric Tons | 456 | |
| IOTC authorization | Not Provided | |
| IMO number | Not Provided nor display on Fishing Vessels | |
| Total number of fish holds | 11 | |
| Total number of freezers | 18 | |
| Total biomass in Metric tons Source Vessel Captain) | 340 | |

Fish Inspection

Committee visited the vessel on 13-07-2021 and checked all the relevant documents related to fish catch and vessel profile. Inspection committee inspected all the fishing holds and freezers. All 18 freezer were empty and non-functional, whereas four out of 11 fish holds filled with fish stock. The random sample of 100 polythene bag having weight of 18kg each were taken out from fish holds during inspection and the detail of fish stock are as under

| S.No | Common name | Distribution/Abundance |
|------|-----------------------------|---|
| 1 | Purple back flying squid | Mainly in High Sea/Offshore Waters. |
| | | It is the dominating species among the inspected stock. |
| 2 | Skipjack | Mainly in High Sea/Offshore Waters |
| 3 | Frigate Tuna | Common in Territorial Waters/Occasionally found in High Seas. |
| | | Very few specimens found in inspected stock. |

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| Name of vessel | Vessel type |
|------------------------------|---|
| Vessel code | FU YUAN YU LEN 009 |
| Vessel type | Fishing Carrier Vessel |
| Fishing Gear | Light Luring Seiner |
| Name of owner | Xiamen Haixintian Ocean Fishery Co., Ltd |
| Number of crews | 32 |
| Gross tonnage in Matric Tons | |
| Net tonnage in Matric Tons | 1059 |
| IOTC authorization | Not Provided |
| IMO number | Not Provided nor display on Fishing Vessels |
| Total number of fish holds | 03 |
| Total number of freezers | Nil |
| Total biomass in Metric tons | No Stock |

Fish Inspection

Committee visited the vessel on 12-07-2021 and checked all the relevant documents related to fish catch and vessel profile. Inspection committee inspected all the fishing holds and freezers in career vessels. The fishing holds were empty all together.

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