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Australian Fisheries Management Authority

COOPERATION IN COMBATING IUU FISHING

AUSTRALIA (Northern Waters)

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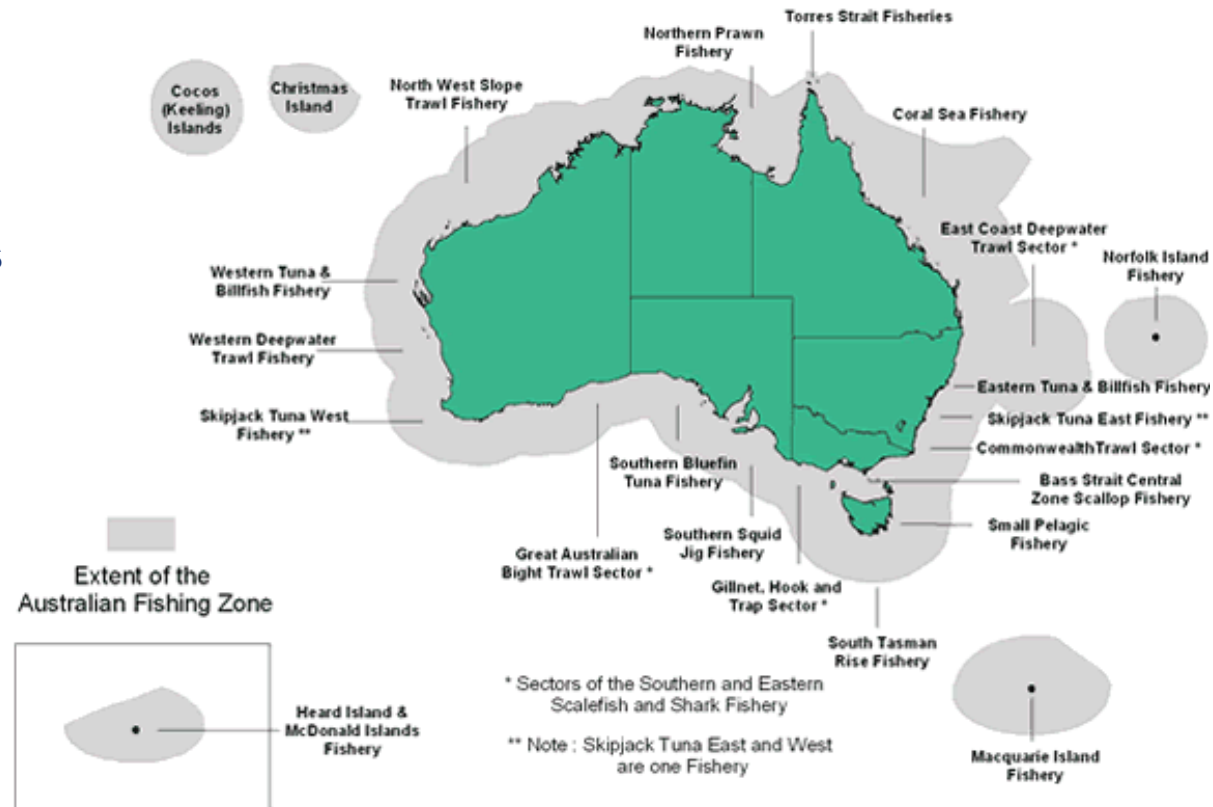
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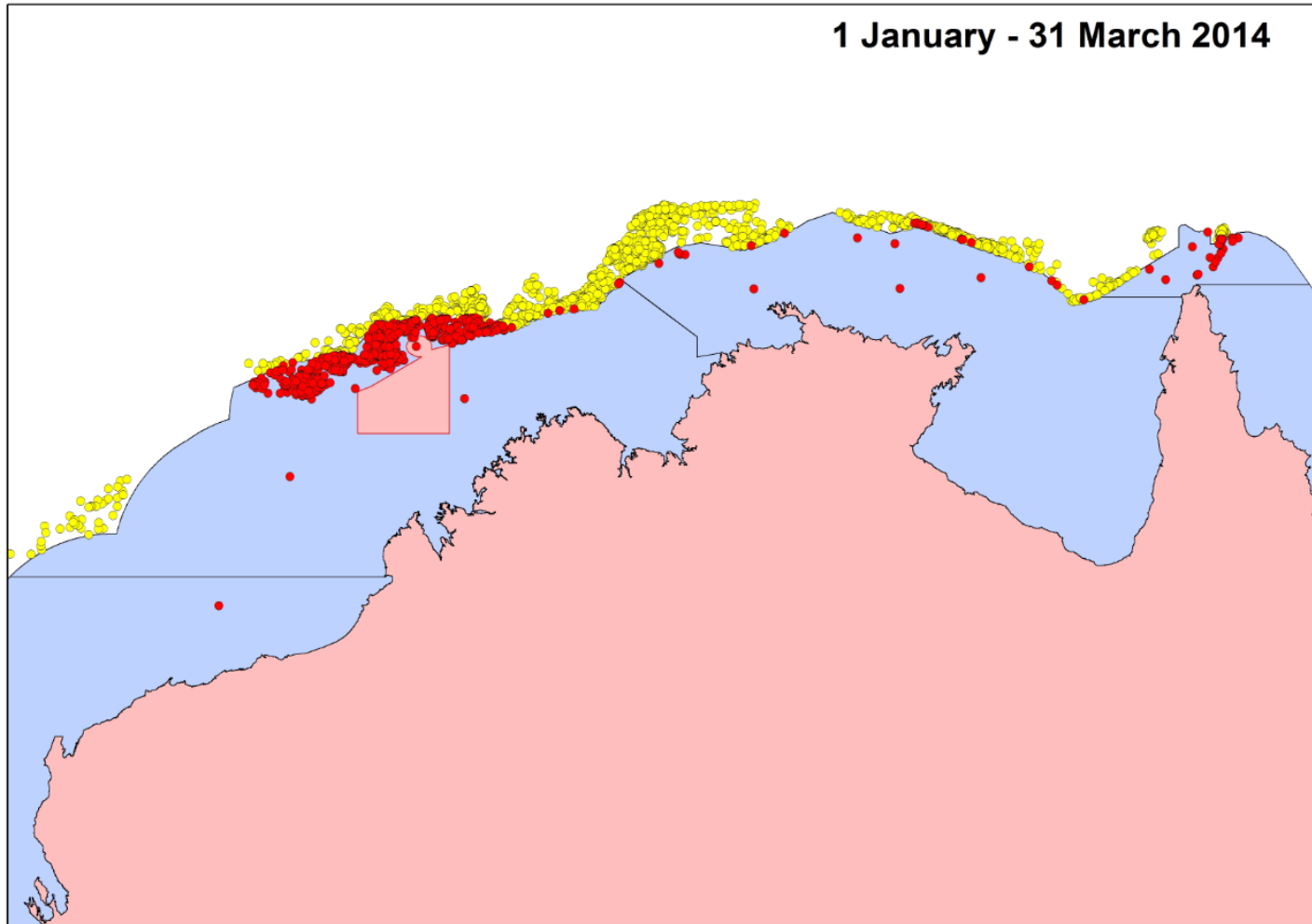
Protecting **our** fishing future

Australian Fishing Zone

- Out to 200 nautical miles
- 9 million km² in area (3rd largest in the world)
- Antarctic to tropical regions
- Shared boundaries
 - Indonesia
 - Timor-Leste
 - PNG
 - Solomon Islands
 - New Caledonia
 - New Zealand
 - France



Vessel Sightings (First quarter 2014)



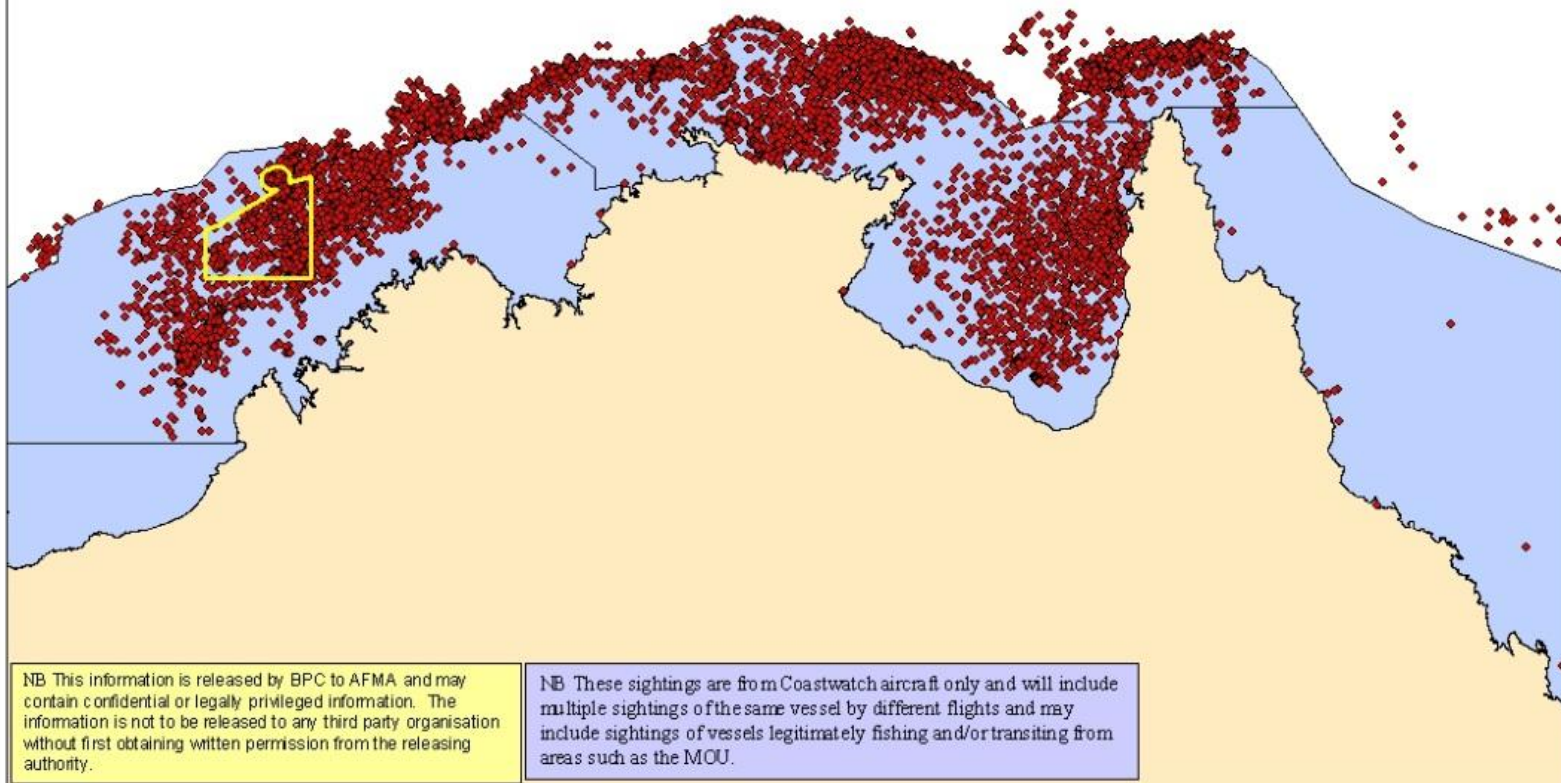
Current IUU Threats

- **Illegal fishing in AFZ by foreign flagged vessels**
 - Clams
 - Trepang
 - Reef Fish
- **Large scale illegal fishing north of the AFZ by foreign flagged vessels**



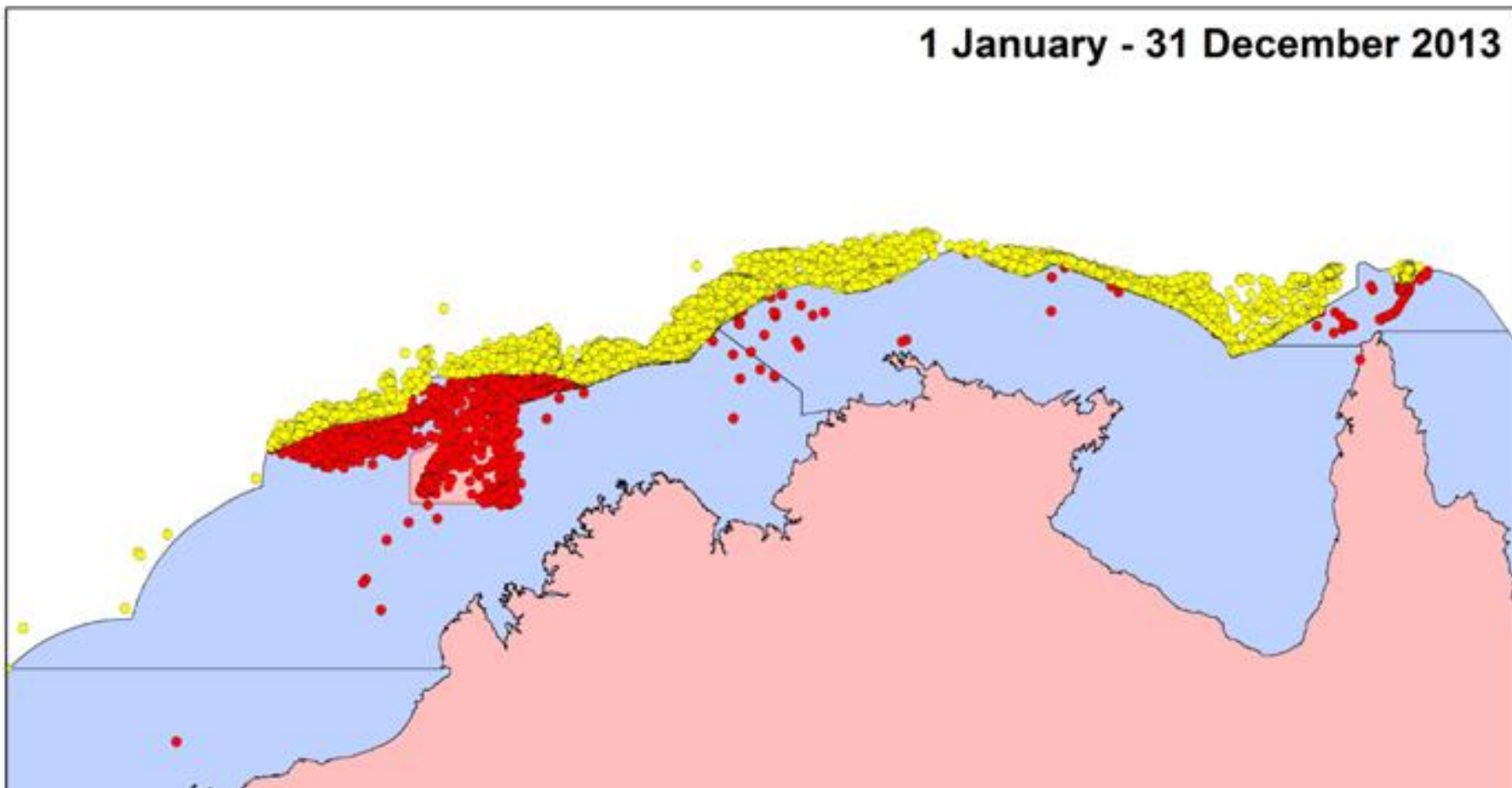
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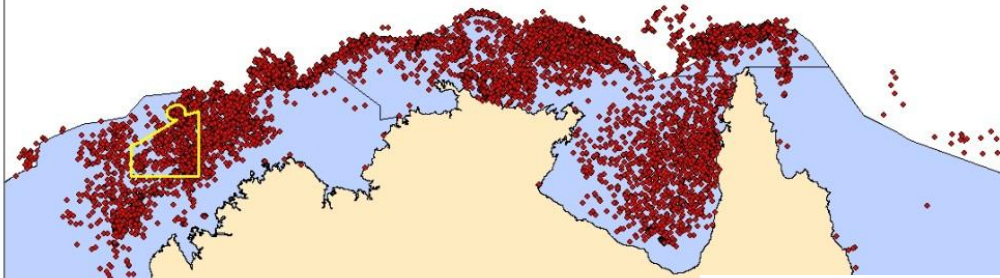
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1 January - 31 December 2013



How did we get from here to here?

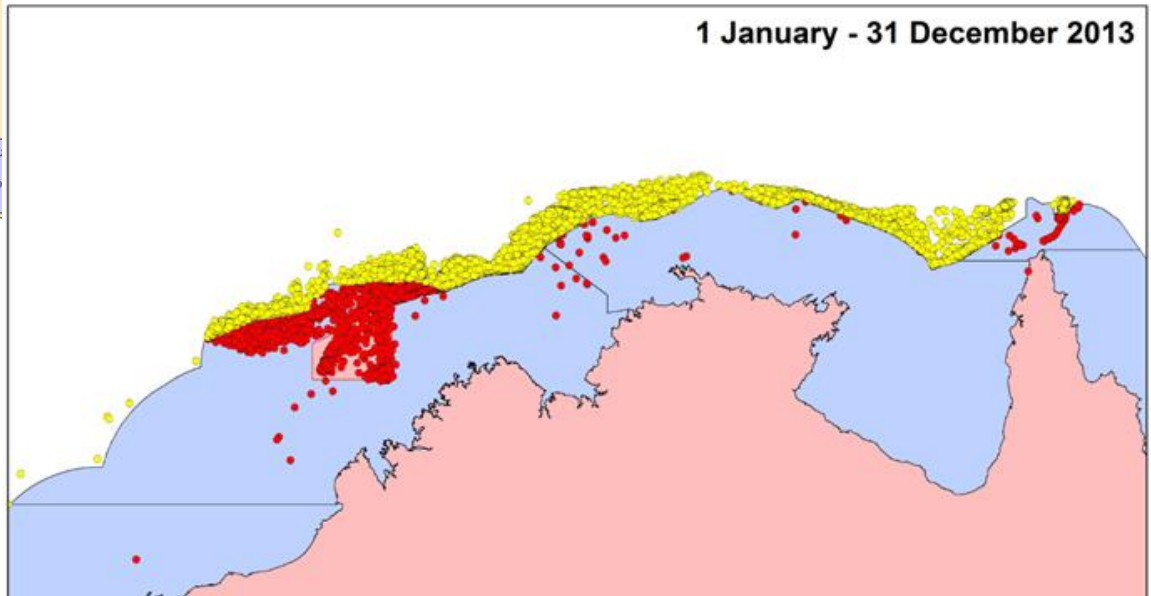
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NB These sightings are from Coastwatch aircraft only and will include multiple sightings of the same vessel by different flights and may include sightings of vessels legitimately fishing and/or transiting from areas such as the MQU.

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AFMA's MCS Tool Box

- **Voluntary compliance**
 - understanding of the rules/regulations & the reasons for them
- **Deterrents**
 - inspection & monitoring
 - investigation of offences
 - prosecutions (fines/goal)
 - vessel forfeiture
- **Regional Cooperation**
 - cooperative patrols
 - information sharing
 - flag state responsibility
 - capacity building
 - requests for assistance



Voluntary Compliance

- **Education Program**
 - on the water
 - post apprehension
 - in-country



Deterrents

- Whole of government response
- Border Protection Command (multi agency) undertake planning, surveillance & intelligence analysis
- Specialist fisheries officers on patrols & to undertake investigations
- Increased penalties for offences including custodial sentences
- Rapid repatriation of fishers
- Vessel disposal



Regional Cooperation



RPOA-IUU

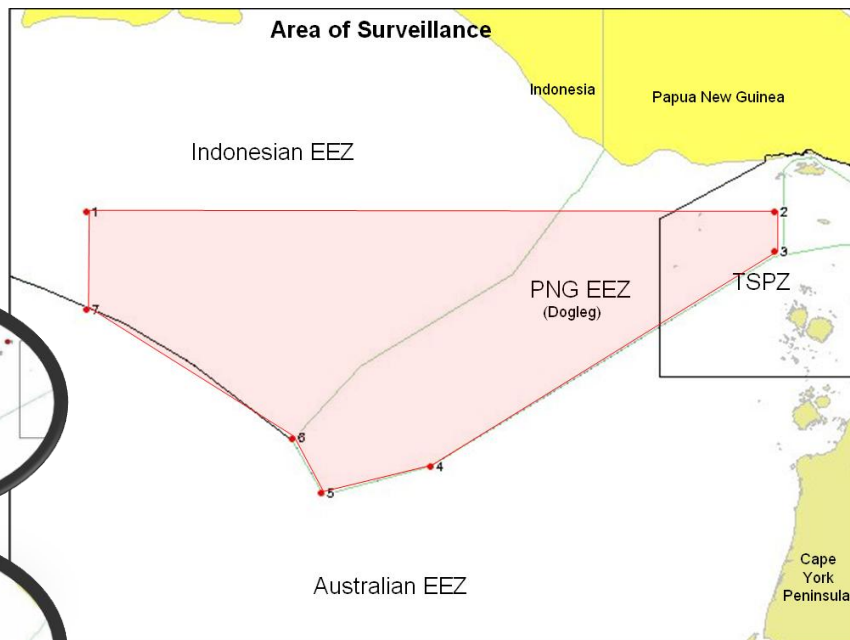
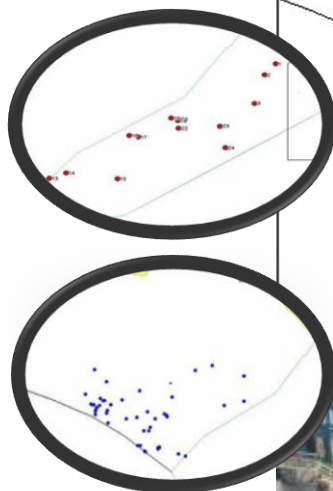
MCS Sub-Regional Group



- **Arafura & Timor Seas**
(Indonesia, PNG, Timor-Leste, Australia)
- **Key IUU issues**
 - Illegal fishing by foreign flags
 - Illegal transshipment (both unlicensed and licensed motherships/fishing vessels)
 - IUU operators using each others waters to avoid patrol vessels
- **Meets annually to develop action plan for the year ahead based on IUU activities that can be addressed cooperatively by 2 or more countries**
 - Operational activity
 - Flag state responsibility
 - Capacity building opportunities

Op Dog Leg

- 45 individual vessels sighted in the Area of Operation
- 58% of vessels sighted in PNG waters suspected of illegal fishing
- 64% of vessels sighted in Indonesian waters suspected of illegal fishing



OUTCOMES

- Diplomatic representations by Indonesia to flag state of IUU vessels
- PNG assessing whether to do the same
- Action taken against own flagged vessels

Coordinated/Cooperative Patrols

- Indonesia – Australia
 - Australia – PNG
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- air surveillance
 - surface platforms
 - fisheries officers



Information Sharing/ Multi Country Responses

- CCAMLR IUU vessels regularly sighted by Australia transiting between Southern Ocean & South East Asia
- Sightings reported to RPOA-IUU member countries through the Secretariat
- Request made to deny port entry if possible or at a minimum inspect
- Success stories in Malaysia, Singapore & Indonesia (including Spain taking action against own nationals)



Photograph of the FV Wuhan No.4 (formerly FV Thunder & FV Kuko) taken by an Australian Customs and Border Protection aircraft on 15 April 2013

Response to requests for assistance

- AFMA responds to requests for assistance to investigate IUU vessels attempting to unload catch in South East Asia



2013: IUU Thunder – Benoa, Indonesia (\$4 mill)

Capacity Building Australia - Indonesia

- Fisheries Officer Exchange Program
- Fisheries Management/MCS/ Governance Training
- MMAF Crew training during port visits



Capacity Building Australia - Papua New Guinea

- Australia - PNG National Fisheries Officer exchange program
- Assistance with SOP Development
- Trainers provided for FFA Investigation and Prosecution Workshop & Investigation and Prosecution workshop, National Fisheries College



Capacity Building Australia - Timor-Leste

- Fisheries Officer Exchange Program
- Assistance with development of NPOA-IUU





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Thank You



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