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**INFORMATION SUBMITTED BY THE EUROPEAN UNION  
IN ACCORDANCE WITH REC. 08-09**

In accordance with paragraph 1 of the *“Recommendation by ICCAT to Establish a Process for the Review and Reporting of Compliance Information”* [Rec. 08-09], in June 2017 the European Union (EU) submitted to the Secretariat information concerning Tunisian vessels possibly non-compliant with ICCAT conservation and management measures by Tunisian purse seine vessels.


This information was made available to Tunisia in order to enable this Contracting Party to respond to the allegations it contains.

Contained in this document are the following:

1. Information on potential non-compliance presented by the European Union, including a cover letter, a report and three photos.
2. Response received from Tunisia.
3. EU: a follow-up to the allegation, including a letter and, as attachment, four ICCAT inspection reports [n° 3420, 3427, 3429 and 3438] and associated statements made by the EU-Maltese authorities for three inspection reports.

# Document 1

## 1. Information on potential non-compliance presented by the European Union, including a cover letter, a report and three photos.

 Ref. Ares(2017)3491517 - 11/07/2017



EUROPEAN COMMISSION  
INTERNATIONAL OCEAN GOVERNANCE AND SUSTAINABLE FISHERIES  
THE DIRECTOR

Brussels,  
MARE B2/AP(2017)

Subject: Reporting of compliance information under Recommendation [08-09]


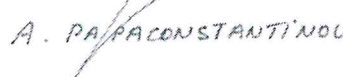
Dear Mr Meski,

In line with the provisions of ICCAT Recommendation [08-09] regarding the reporting of possible non-compliance with ICCAT Conservation and Management Measures, the European Union would like to bring to your attention elements concerning the detection of possible illegal activities by several Tunisian fishing vessels.

On the 04 June 2017, the EU patrol vessel SWE OPVKBV 002 detected potential illegal fishing and transshipment activities of bluefin tuna involving 13 Tunisian fishing vessels operating in international waters about 100 nautical miles south of Lampedusa. You can find attached the sighting reports and associated information for your consideration and further examination by the ICCAT Compliance Committee.

The European Union would like to express its concerns regarding the scale of the operations detected and the fact that, if established, such activities can potentially severely undermine the efforts and sacrifices made towards the recovery of the Eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean Bluefin tuna stock.

Yours sincerely

  
Stefaan DEPYPERE  
Director  


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Enclosure:

Sighting report: *170613-SightingsTunisia.pdf*

Pictures: *Yossara\_Yassine-HS-1.jpg; Yossara\_Yassine-HS-2.jpg;*  
*Yossara\_Yassine-HS-3.jpg*



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Vigo, 13 JUN. 2017  
EFCA/U1/2017/D- 00598

**NOTE FOR THE ATTENTION OF MS VERONIKA VEITS  
DIRECTOR DG MARE-D**

**THIS NOTE REPLACES THE NOTE SENT ON THE 08 OF JUNE 2017 (D/00585)**

**Subject: Potential IUU activities by Tunisian purse seine vessels**

Dear Ms Veits,

On account of collaboration with Frontex in the context of European Coastguard and JDP activities, I would like to inform you of the following potential IUU activities related to the catching and transshipping activities of BFT by Tunisian fishing vessels detected by a Swedish FPV SWE OPV KBV 002 operating in Triton area.

On the 04 of June the following vessels were sighted operating about 100 nautical miles south of Lampedusa in international waters:

<b>04 June 2017 - 07:20 UTC at position N34 11, E012 53</b>	
Vessel	Remarks
Haroun HS 1097	Not in GFCM nor in ICCAT lists (in the vicinity of the group)
HS 1074	Not in GFCM nor in ICCAT lists (alongside of YOSSARA in the photo)
Mohamed Ali, Zarzis HS1034	HS-1034 identified in GFCM as HS-1039 N.TUN000000040 not found in ICCAT lists (alongside YASSINE in the photo)
Yossara HS 990	Identified in GFCM list N.TUN000000032 not found in ICCAT lists (fishing vessel receiving the BFT)
Yassine HS 914	Identified in GFCM list N.TUN000000031 not found in ICCAT lists (Catching vessel)
<b>04 June 2017 - 15:30 UTC at position N34 11, E012 55</b>	
Vessel	Remarks
Amen Allah HS 965	Identified in GFCM list N. TUN000000046 not found in ICCAT lists (fishing vessel receiving the BFT)
Aouled Elsaybi Ga 325	Identified in GFCM list N. TUN000000232 not found in ICCAT lists (Catching vessel)
Hamdi HS 41139	Possible identified in GFCM as Hamdi HS 58 list N. TUN000000048 not found in ICCAT lists.
Hajj Ali 3 HS 922	Identified in GFCM list N. TUN000000034 not found in ICCAT lists (fishing vessel receiving the BFT)
Khalil HS 1083	Possible identified in GFCM as GA 270, or KHALIL ALLAH MO 785
Golfe TG 479	Identified in ICCAT list N. AT000TUN00031, with licence for SWO in 2017. (previous name LE GOLFE still on the FV as external mark)
Mariem HS 879	Identified in GFCM list N. TUN000000045 not found in ICCAT list
Unable to identify	Tunisian PS

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According to the sighting reports from the SWE OPV KBV 002, transshipment activities involving 5 Tunisian fishing vessels took place in the morning. Catching vessel seems to be, due to the photos provided, the TUN FV Yassine (HS 914). They had caught approximately 50 pieces of BFT about 50-70 kg each and they shared the fish between vessels.

EFCA-CCiC contacted the SWE representative in ICC-Rome asking to get more evidence of this illegal transshipment. After that, SWE OPV KBV 002 returned to the same area and as a result thereof EFCA received sightings reports about fishing and transshipping activities in which another 9 Tunisian fishing vessels were involved. Catching vessel seems to be, due to the photos provided, TUN FV Aouled Elsaybi (GA 325). Sighting reports stated that these vessels had a total catch of 25 pieces of BFT which had been split between them.

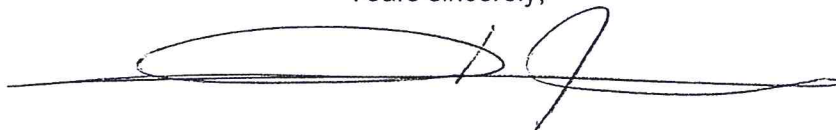
None of the vessels concerned were authorised during this year's BFT purse seine fishing season (26 May to 24 June) neither as catching nor as other vessels. Only one vessel is listed on the ICCAT list for SWO as PS (Golfe).

Some of these vessels are only listed on GFCM active list of vessels and some of them are not in any list.

We have no further information on the activities of these vessels this year based on either available VMS or AIS data.

We will continue to analyse the situation including in light of ongoing sightings although do let me know should you require any additional information.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'P' followed by a series of loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Pascal Savouret

cc.: Mr S. Depypere, Mr A. Jessen, Ms F. Arena  
MED Stering Group members



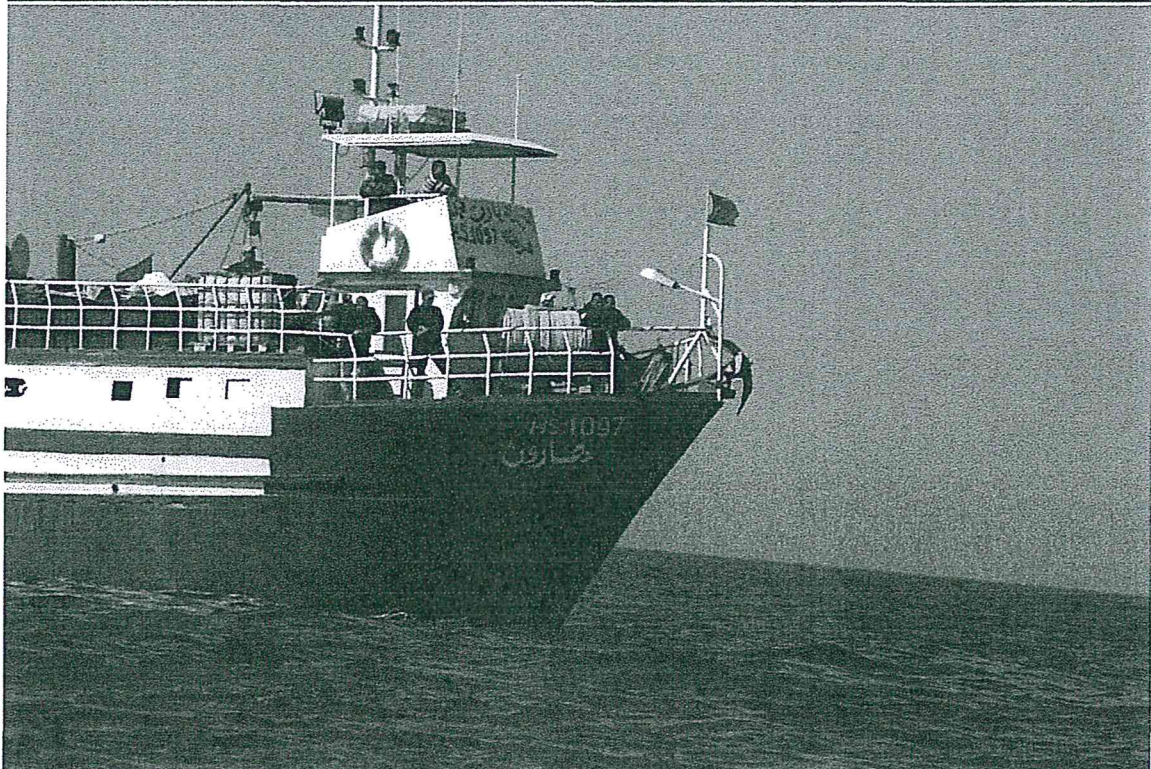
## FISHING VESSEL SIGHTING FORM

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F / V IDENTIFICATION			
VESSEL NAME	HAROUN		
EXT. MARKING	HS1097	FLAG	Tunisian / Tunis
POSITION	N 34 11,1 E 12 53.0		
TIME (UTC)	0720	DATE	170604
COURSE	-	SPEED	-
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<input type="checkbox"/> LONG LINER (LL)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DRIFTING (DRI)	
<input type="checkbox"/> GILLNETER (GN) - DRIFT NETTER (GND)		<input type="checkbox"/> STEAMING – CRUISING (STE)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PURSE SEINER (PS)		<input type="checkbox"/> STOPPED – ANCORED (ANC)	
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<input type="checkbox"/> EMPTY CAGES		<input type="checkbox"/> WITH BFT INSIDE	
F / GEARS AT SEA			
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<input type="checkbox"/> LONGLINES (LL)		<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER	
COMMENT(S) EVENT(S)	Blue fined tuna. Red hull, white deck. 12 persons confirmed on-board		
SIGHTING SOURCE			
AERIAL SIGHTING		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PATROL VESSEL SIGHTING	
PATROL MEAN ID	KBV 002 TRITON / KBV 495		
OBSERVER NAME	CG OFF JOAKIM ÅKERMARK		

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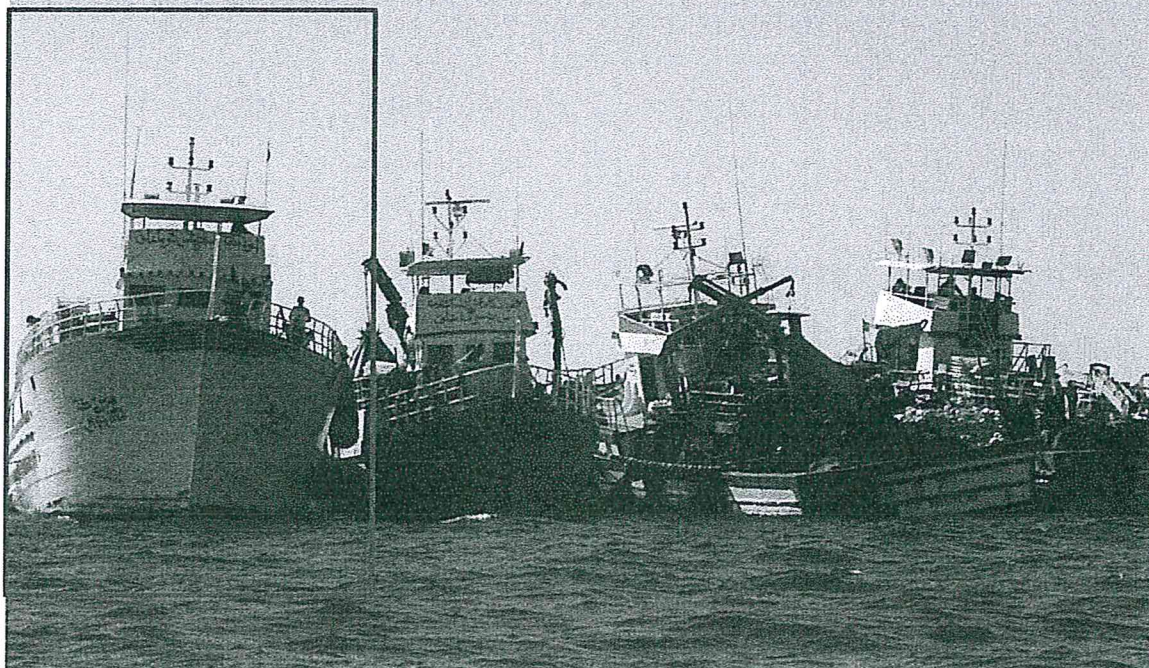
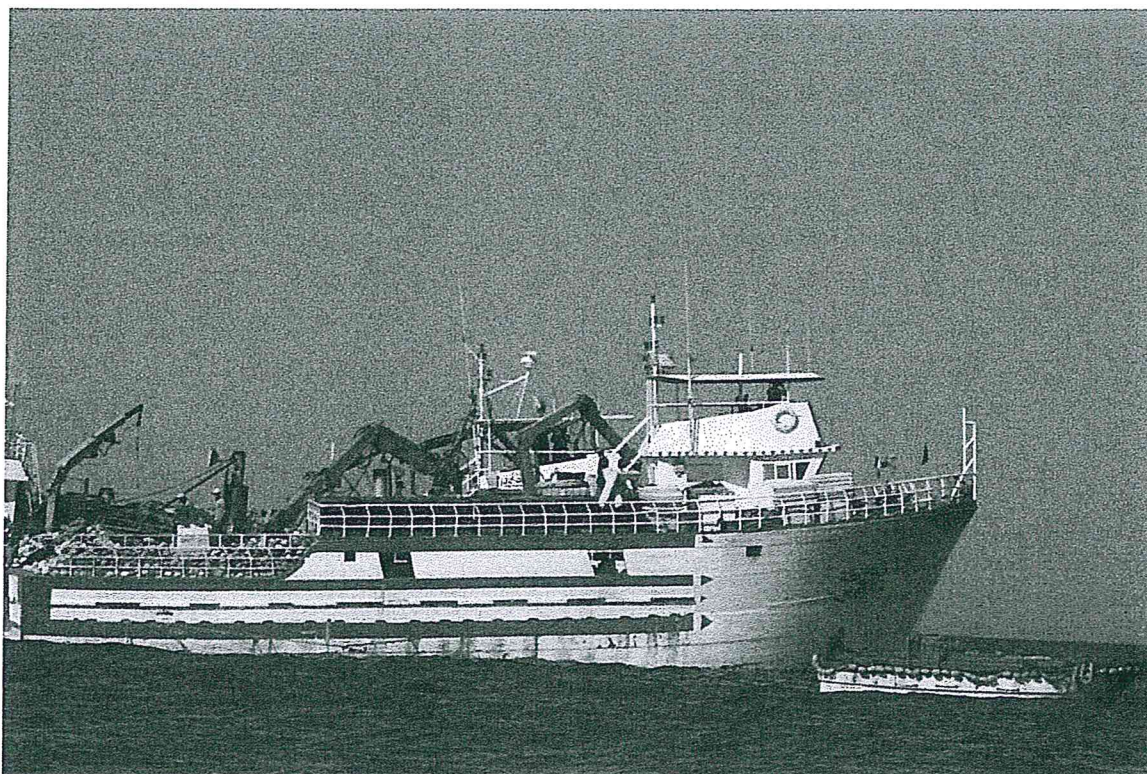
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TIME (UTC)	0720	DATE	170604
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F / GEARS AT SEA			
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COMMENT(S) EVENT(S)	Blue fined tuna. White hull, red stripes		
SIGHTING SOURCE			
AERIAL SIGHTING		X PATROL VESSEL SIGHTING	
PATROL MEAN ID	KBV 002 TRITON / KBV 495		
OBSERVER NAME	CG OFF JOAKIM ÅKERMARK		

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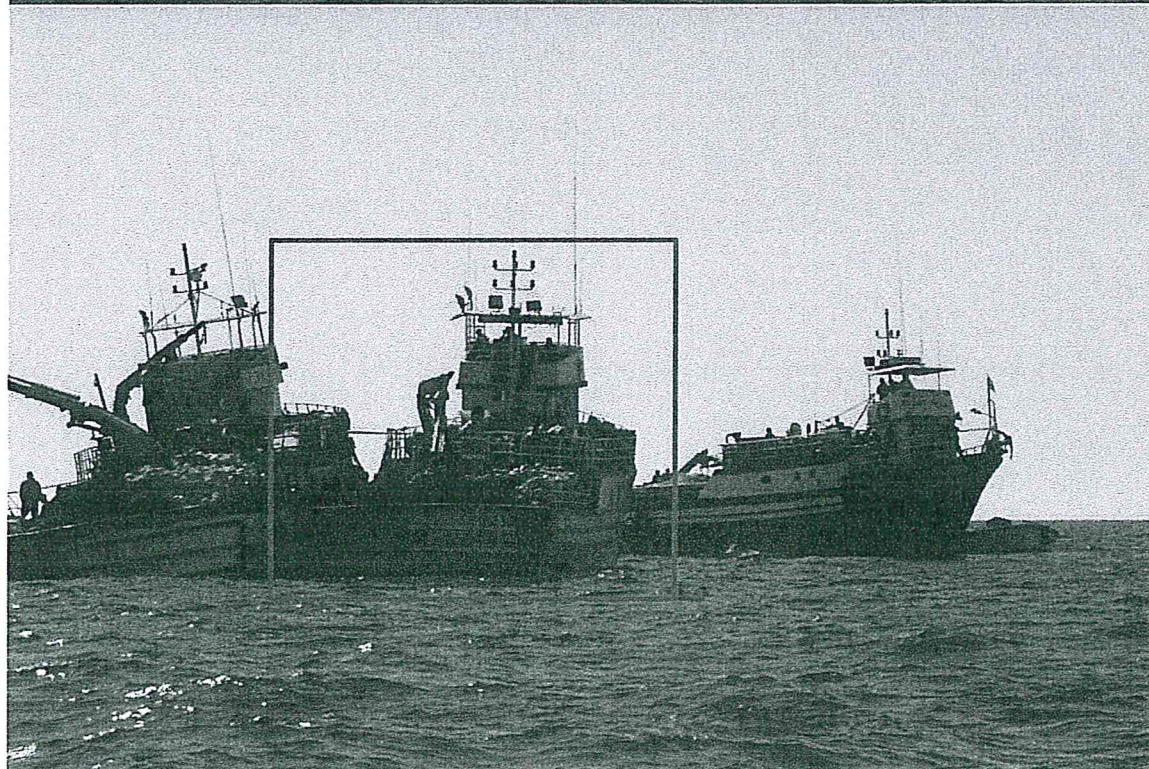
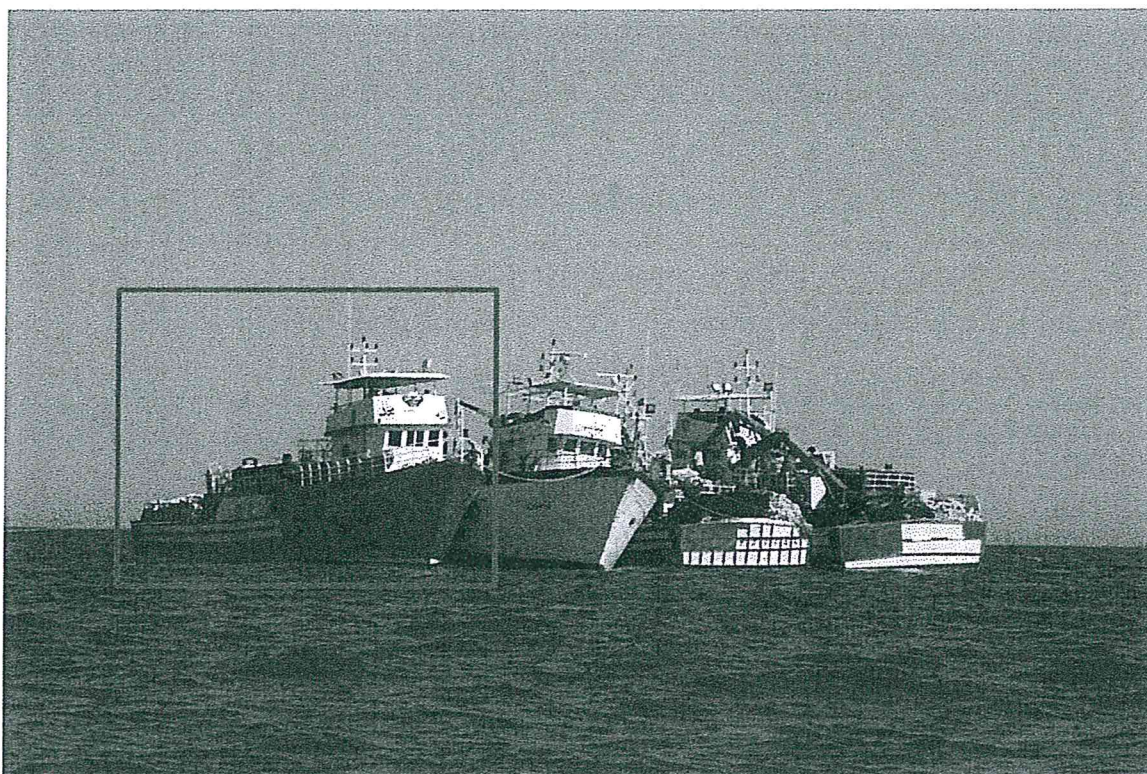
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<b>EXT. MARKING</b>	HS1034	<b>FLAG</b>	Tunisian / Tunis
<b>POSITION</b>	N 34 11,1 E 12 53.0		
<b>TIME (UTC)</b>	0720	<b>DATE</b>	170604
<b>COURSE</b>	-	<b>SPEED</b>	-
F / V TYPE		F / V ACTIVITY	
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X PURSE SEINER (PS)	<input type="checkbox"/> STOPED – ANCORED (ANC)		
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F / GEARS AT SEA			
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<input type="checkbox"/> LONGLINES (LL)	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER		
<b>COMMENT(S) EVENT(S)</b>	Blue fined tuna. Blue hull, white cabin, white stripes		
SIGHTING SOURCE			
AERIAL SIGHTING		X PATROL VESSEL SIGHTING	
<b>PATROL MEAN ID</b>	KBV 002 TRITON / KBV 495		
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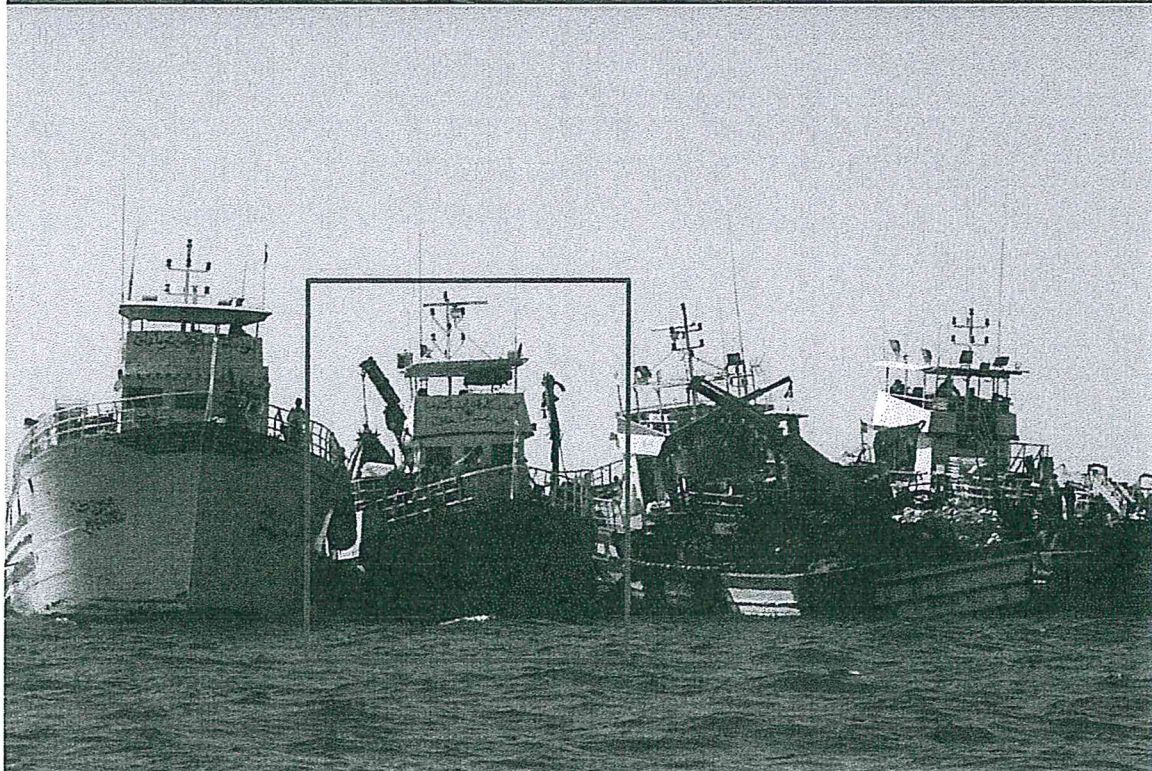
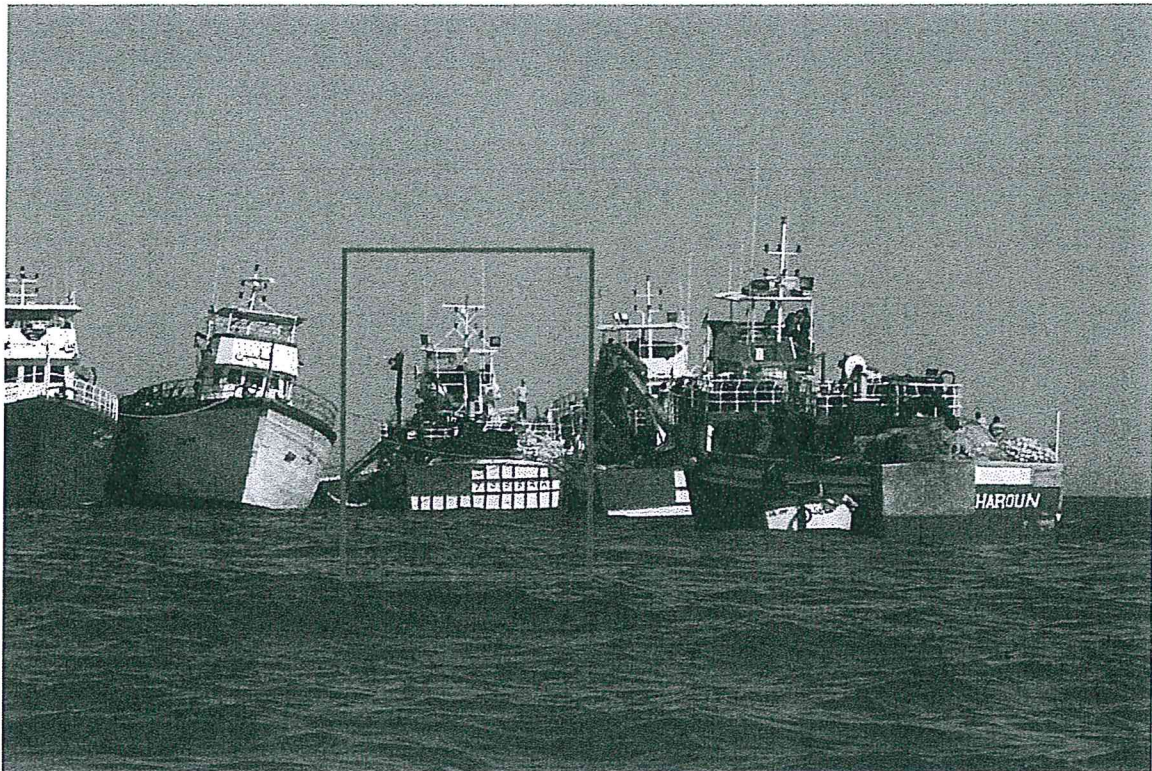
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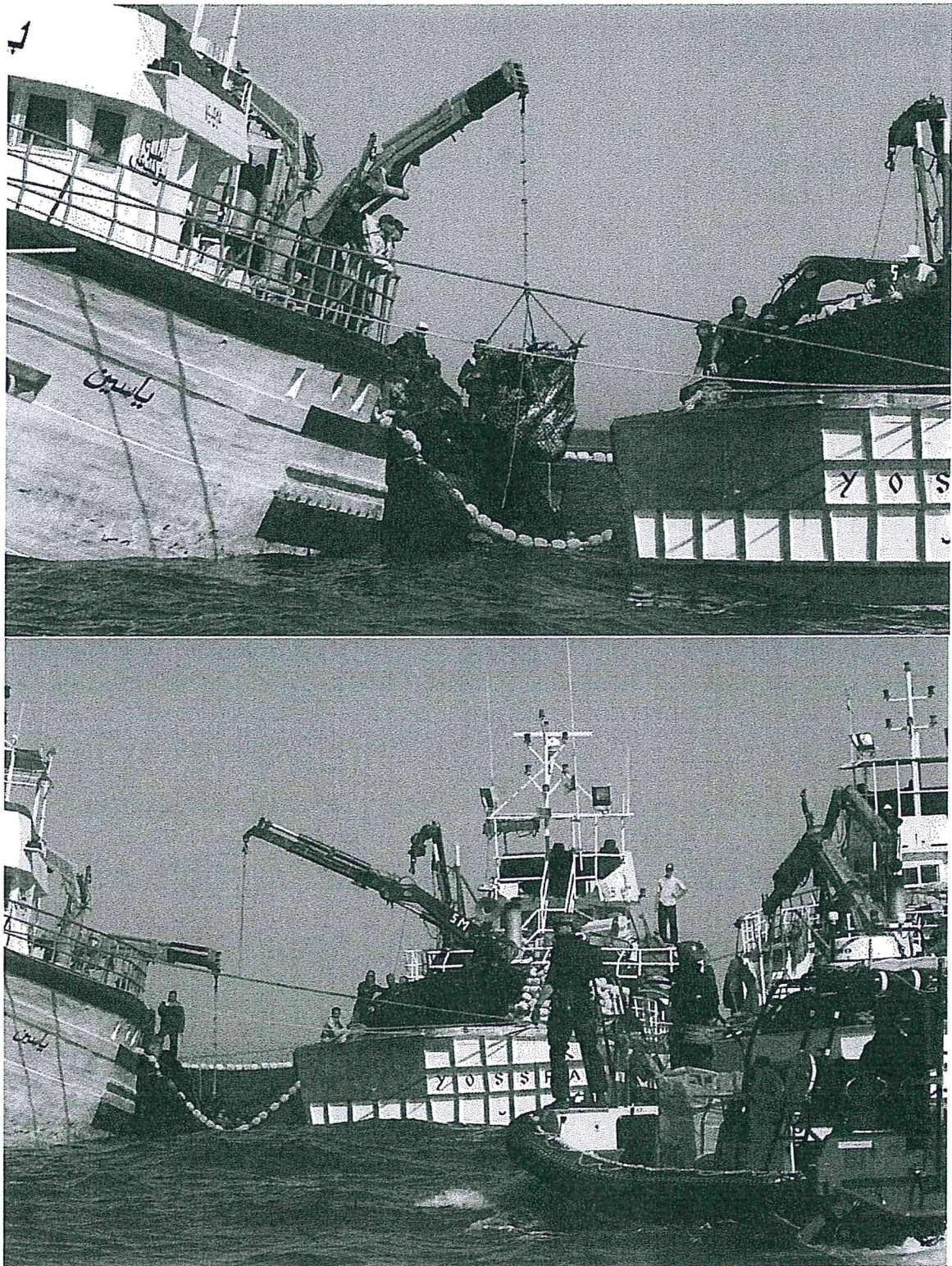
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F / V TYPE		F / V ACTIVITY	
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X PURSE SEINER (PS)	<input type="checkbox"/> STOPED – ANCORED (ANC)		
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F / GEARS AT SEA			
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<input type="checkbox"/> LONGLINES (LL)	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER		
<b>COMMENT(S) EVENT(S)</b>	Blue fined tuna. Blue hull, white deck/bridge.		
SIGHTING SOURCE			
AERIAL SIGHTING		X PATROL VESSEL SIGHTING	
<b>PATROL MEAN ID</b>	KBV 002 TRITON / KBV 495		
<b>OBSERVER NAME</b>	CG OFF JOAKIM ÅKERMARK		

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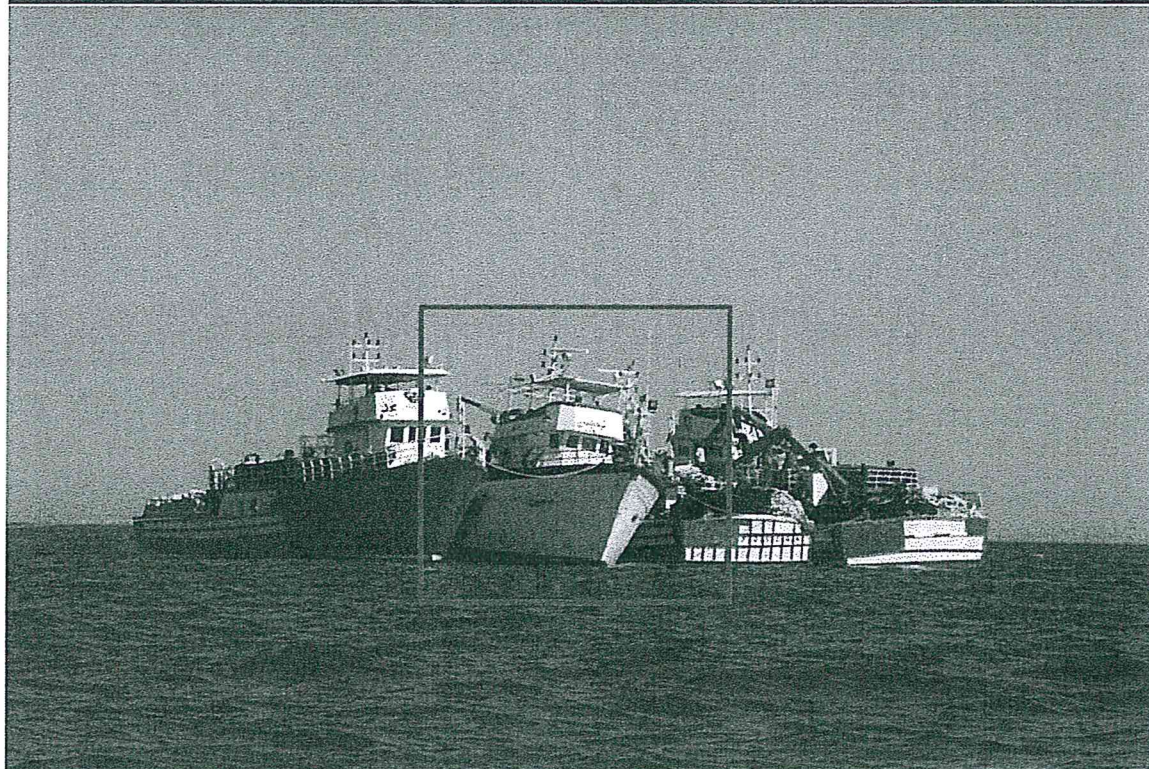
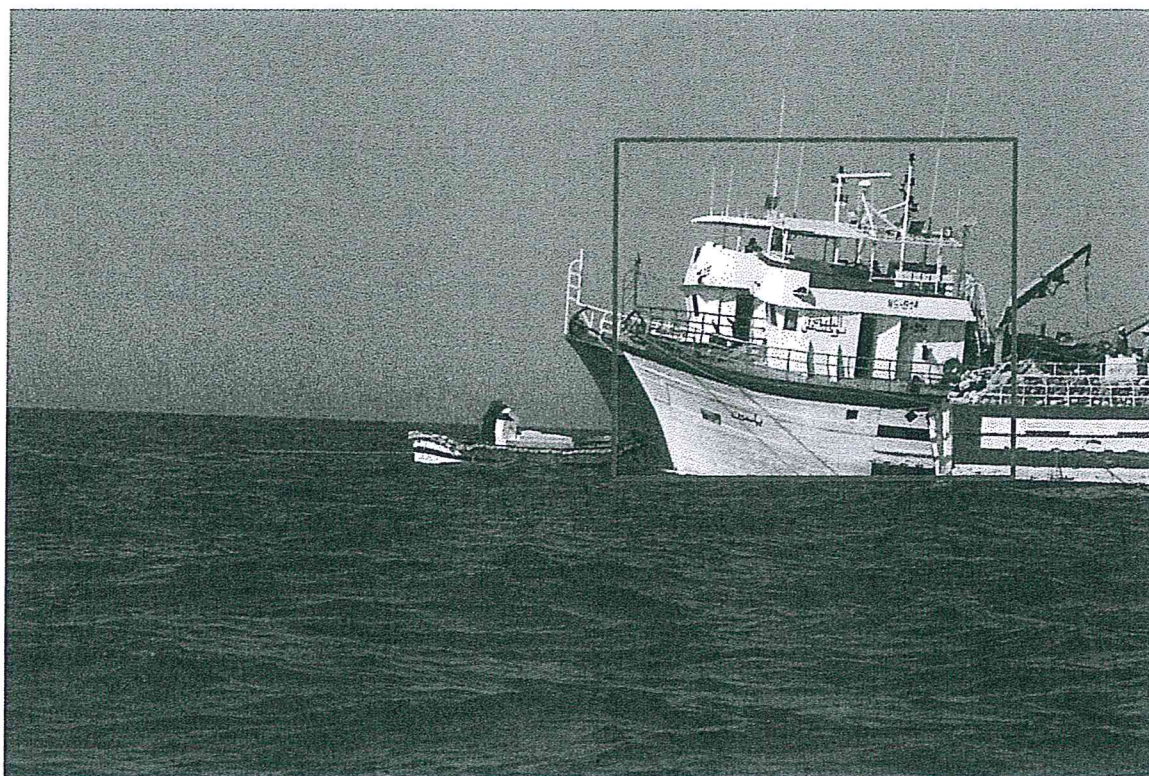
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VESSEL NAME	YASSINE-HS		
EXT. MARKING	HS914	FLAG	Tunisian / Tunis
POSITION	N 34 11,1 E 12 53.0		
TIME (UTC)	0720	DATE	170604
COURSE	-	SPEED	-
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COMMENT(S) EVENT(S)	Blue fined tuna. white hull, green stripes.		
SIGHTING SOURCE			
AERIAL SIGHTING		X PATROL VESSEL SIGHTING	
PATROL MEAN ID	KBV 002 TRITON / KBV 495		
OBSERVER NAME	CG OFF JOAKIM ÅKERMARK		

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VESSEL NAME	AMEN ALLAH		
EXT. MARKING	HS 965	FLAG	Tunisian
POSITION	N 34 11,5 E 012 54,6		
TIME (UTC)	15:30	DATE	20170604
COURSE		SPEED	
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COMMENT(S) EVENT(S)	blue hull, white stripes, white cabin Fishing for blue finned tuna  The crew informed that they had a total catch of 25 pieces of tuna And that the catch is split between all 9 of the vessels		
SIGHTING SOURCE			
AERIAL SIGHTING		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PATROL VESSEL SIGHTING	
PATROL MEAN ID	KBV 002 TRITON / KBV 495		
OBSERVER NAME	CG OFF DAVID FALK		

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VESSEL NAME			
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PATROL MEAN ID	KBV 002 TRITON / KBV 495		
OBSERVER NAME	CG OFF DAVID FALK		

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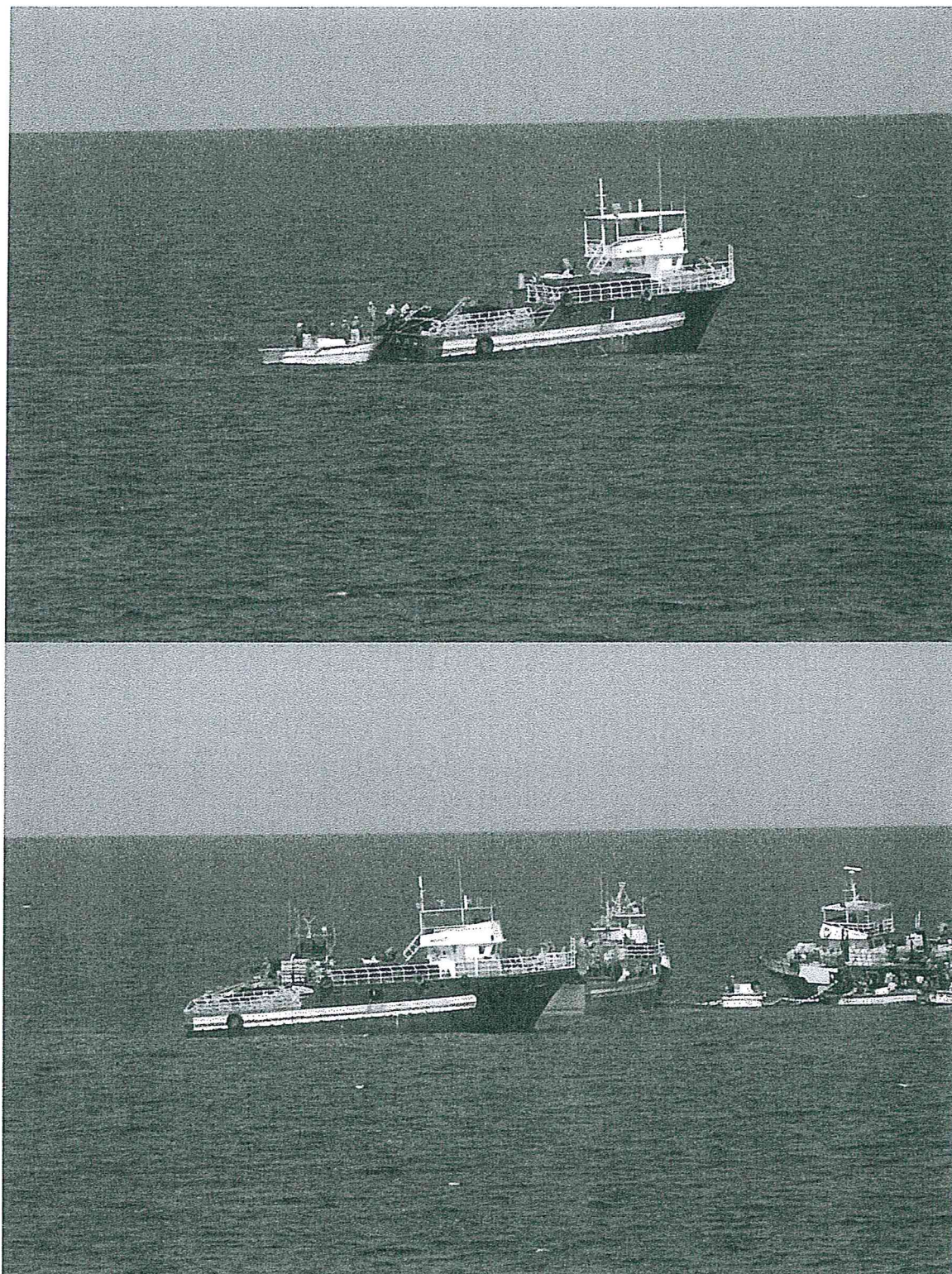
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F / GEARS AT SEA			
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<input type="checkbox"/> LONGLINES (LL)	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER		
<b>COMMENT(S) EVENT(S)</b>	blue hull, white stripes, white cabin Fishing for blue finned tuna  The crew informed that they had a total catch of 25 pieces of tuna And that the catch is split between all 9 of the vessels		
SIGHTING SOURCE			
AERIAL SIGHTING		X PATROL VESSEL SIGHTING	
<b>PATROL MEAN ID</b>	KBV 002 TRITON / KBV 495		
<b>OBSERVER NAME</b>	CG OFF DAVID FALK		

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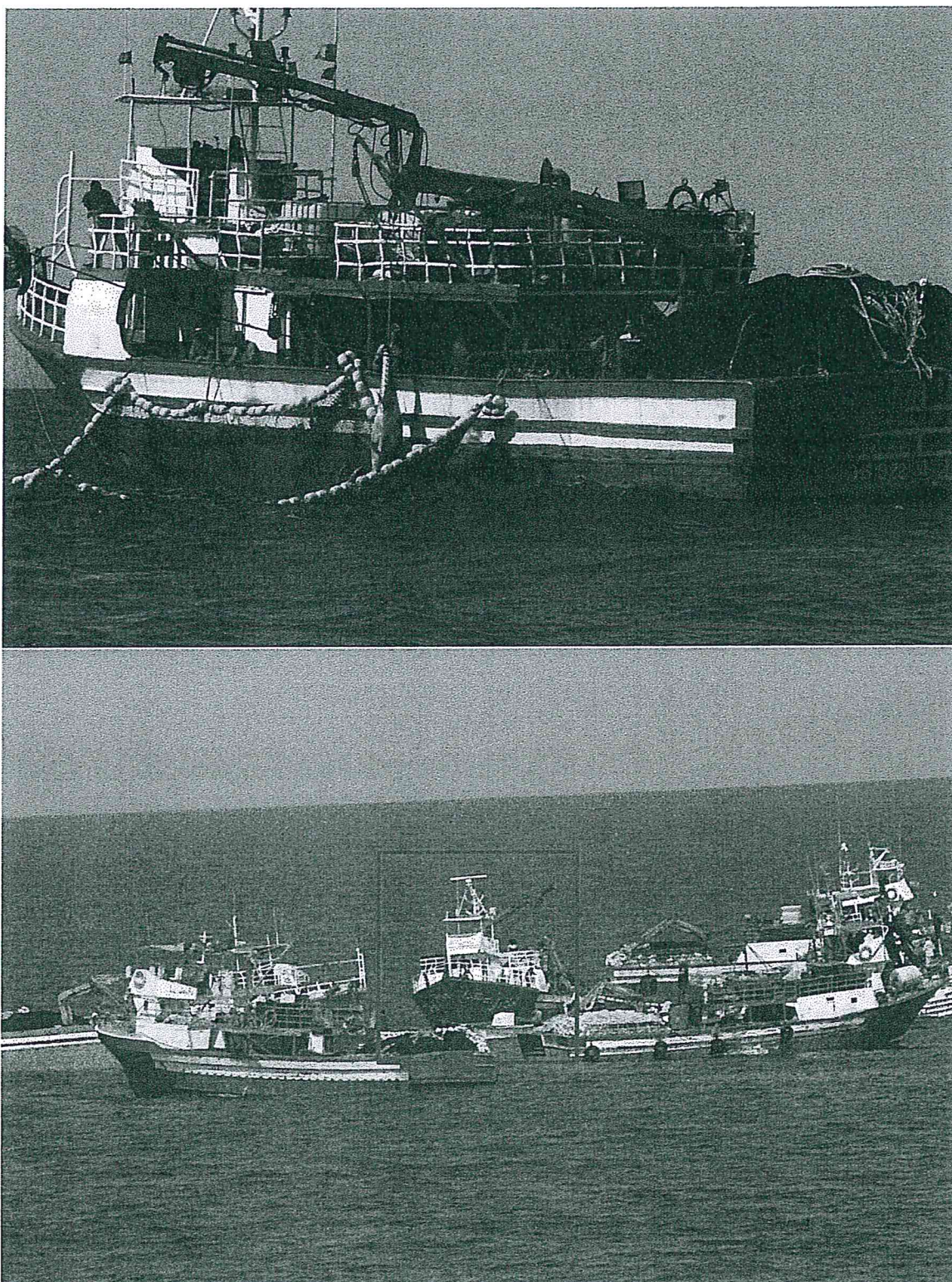
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VESSEL NAME			
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F / GEARS AT SEA			
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COMMENT(S) EVENT(S)	blue hull, white stripes, white cabin Fishing for blue finned tuna  The crew informed that they had a total catch of 25 pieces of tuna And that the catch is split between all 9 of the vessels		
SIGHTING SOURCE			
AERIAL SIGHTING		X PATROL VESSEL SIGHTING	
PATROL MEAN ID	KBV 002 TRITON / KBV 495		
OBSERVER NAME	CG OFF DAVID FALK		

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<b>EXT. MARKING</b>	HS 1083	<b>FLAG</b>	Tunisian
<b>POSITION</b>	N 34 11,5 E 012 54,6		
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F / GEARS AT SEA			
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<b>COMMENT(S) EVENT(S)</b>	Baby blue hull, white stripes Fishing for blue finned tuna  The crew informed that they had a total catch of 25 pieces of tuna And that the catch is split between all 9 of the vessels		
SIGHTING SOURCE			
AERIAL SIGHTING		X PATROL VESSEL SIGHTING	
<b>PATROL MEAN ID</b>	KBV 002 TRITON / KBV 495		
<b>OBSERVER NAME</b>	CG OFF DAVID FALK		

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<b>POSITION</b>	N 34 11,5 E 012 54,6		
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F / GEARS AT SEA			
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<input type="checkbox"/> LONGLINES (LL)	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER		
<b>COMMENT(S) EVENT(S)</b>	Red hull, white stripes, white cabin Fishing for blue finned tuna  The crew informed that they had a total catch of 25 pieces of tuna And that the catch is split between all 9 of the vessels		
SIGHTING SOURCE			
AERIAL SIGHTING		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PATROL VESSEL SIGHTING	
<b>PATROL MEAN ID</b>	KBV 002 TRITON / KBV 495		
<b>OBSERVER NAME</b>	CG OFF DAVID FALK		

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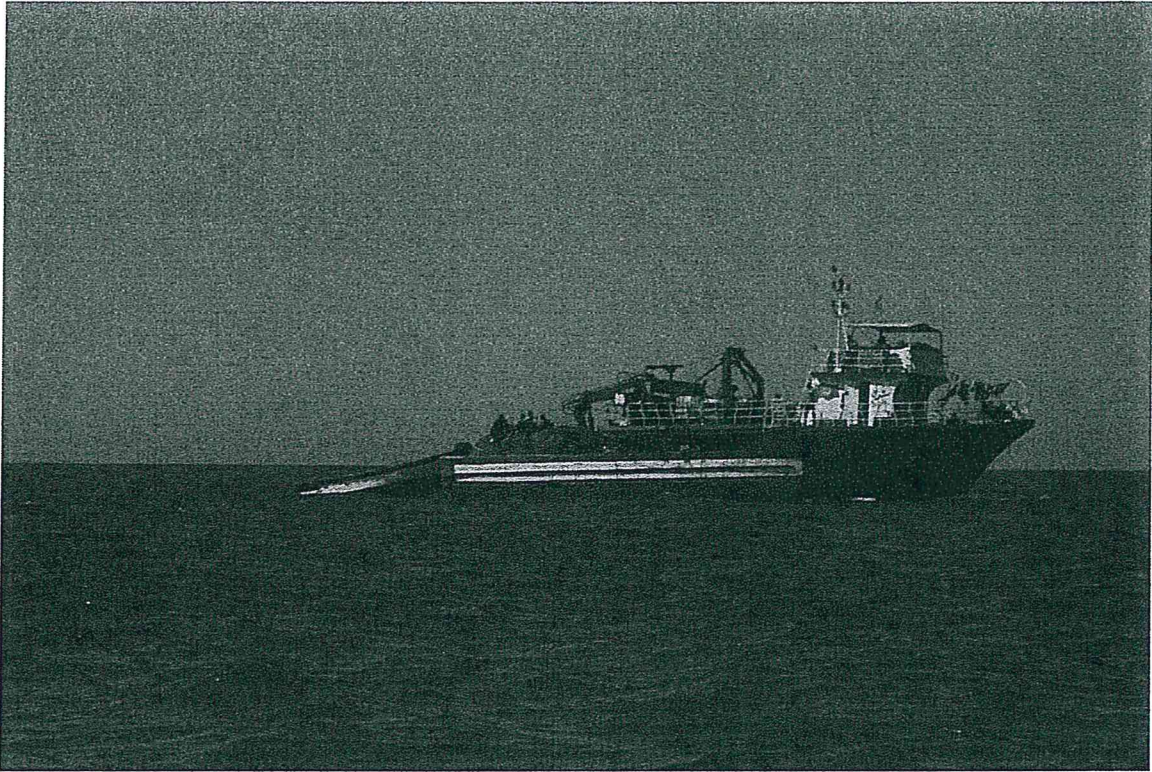
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EXT. MARKING	HS 879	FLAG	Tunisian
POSITION	N 34 11,5 E 012 54,6		
TIME (UTC)	15:30	DATE	20170604
COURSE		SPEED	
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F / GEARS AT SEA			
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<input type="checkbox"/> LONGLINES (LL)		<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER	
COMMENT(S) EVENT(S)	Green hull, white stripes, white cabin Tunisian flag painted on the cabin Fishing for blue finned tuna  The crew informed that they had a total catch of 25 pieces of tuna And that the catch is split between all 9 of the vessels		
SIGHTING SOURCE			
AERIAL SIGHTING		X PATROL VESSEL SIGHTING	
PATROL MEAN ID	KBV 002 TRITON / KBV 495		
OBSERVER NAME	CG OFF DAVID FALK		

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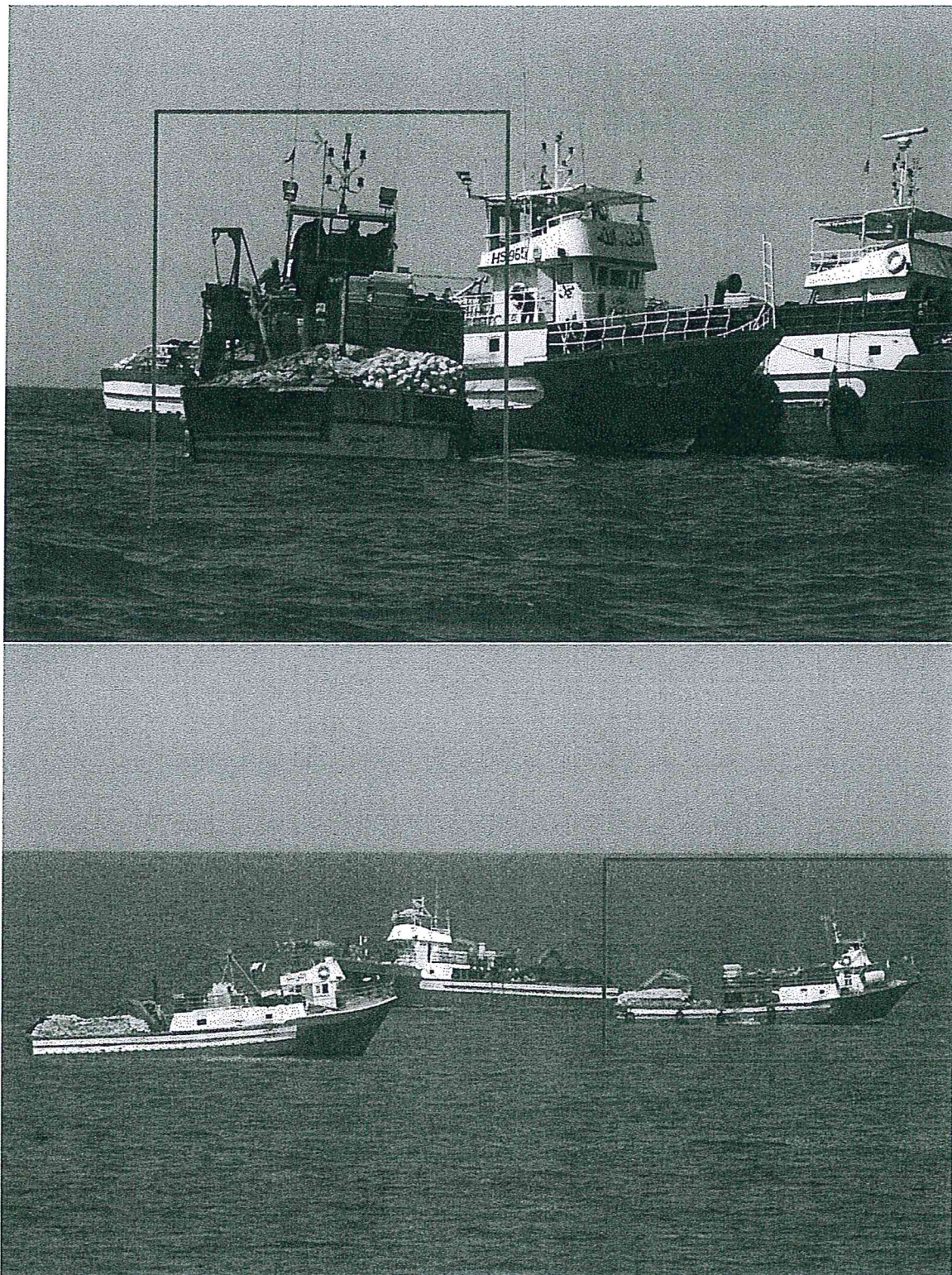
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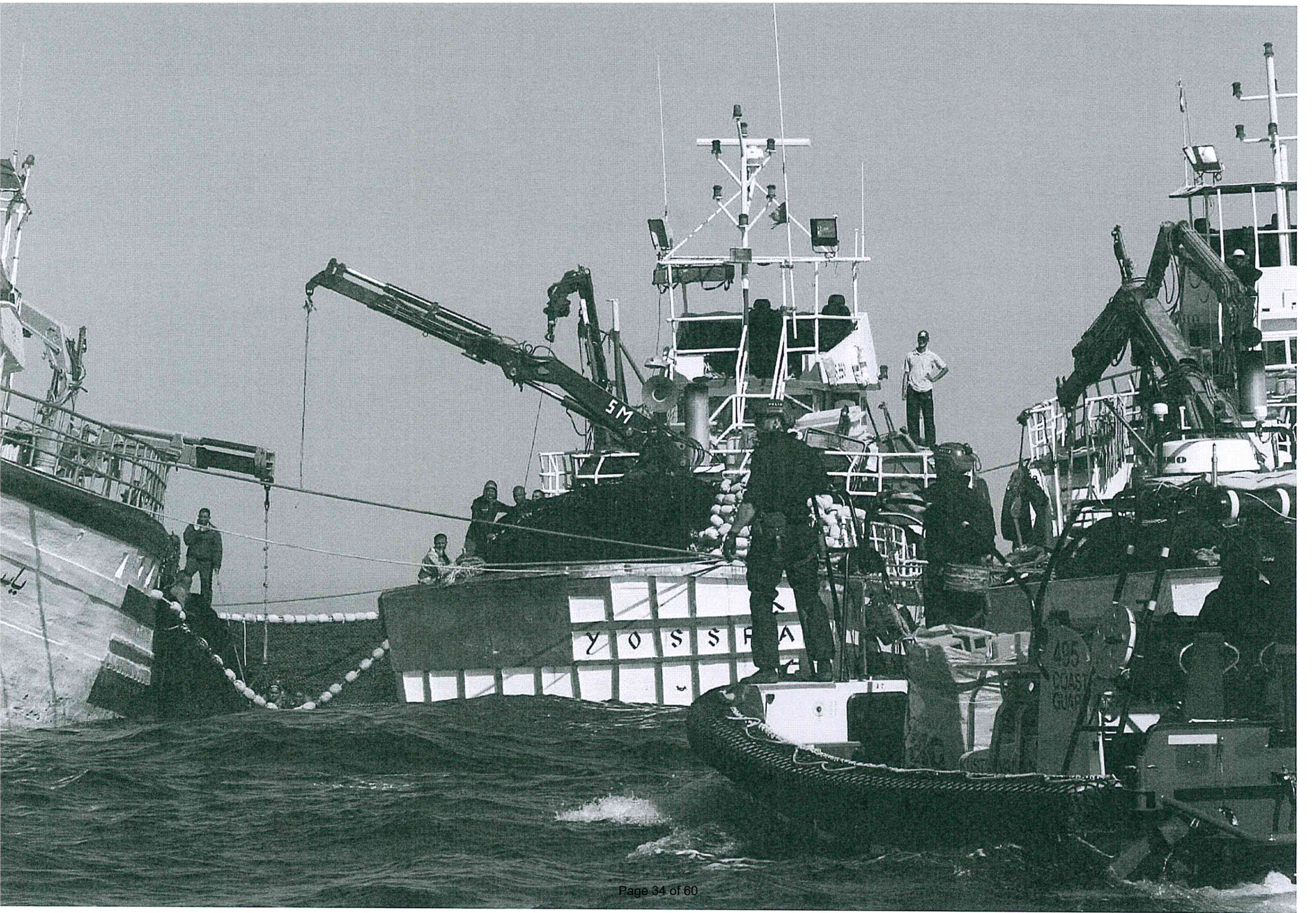
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<input type="checkbox"/> LONGLINES (LL)	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER		
<b>COMMENT(S) EVENT(S)</b>	blue hull, white stripes, white cabin Fishing for blue finned tuna  The crew informed that they had a total catch of 25 pieces of tuna And that the catch is split between all 9 of the vessels		
SIGHTING SOURCE			
AERIAL SIGHTING		X PATROL VESSEL SIGHTING	
<b>PATROL MEAN ID</b>	KBV 002 TRITON / KBV 495		
<b>OBSERVER NAME</b>	CG OFF DAVID FALK		

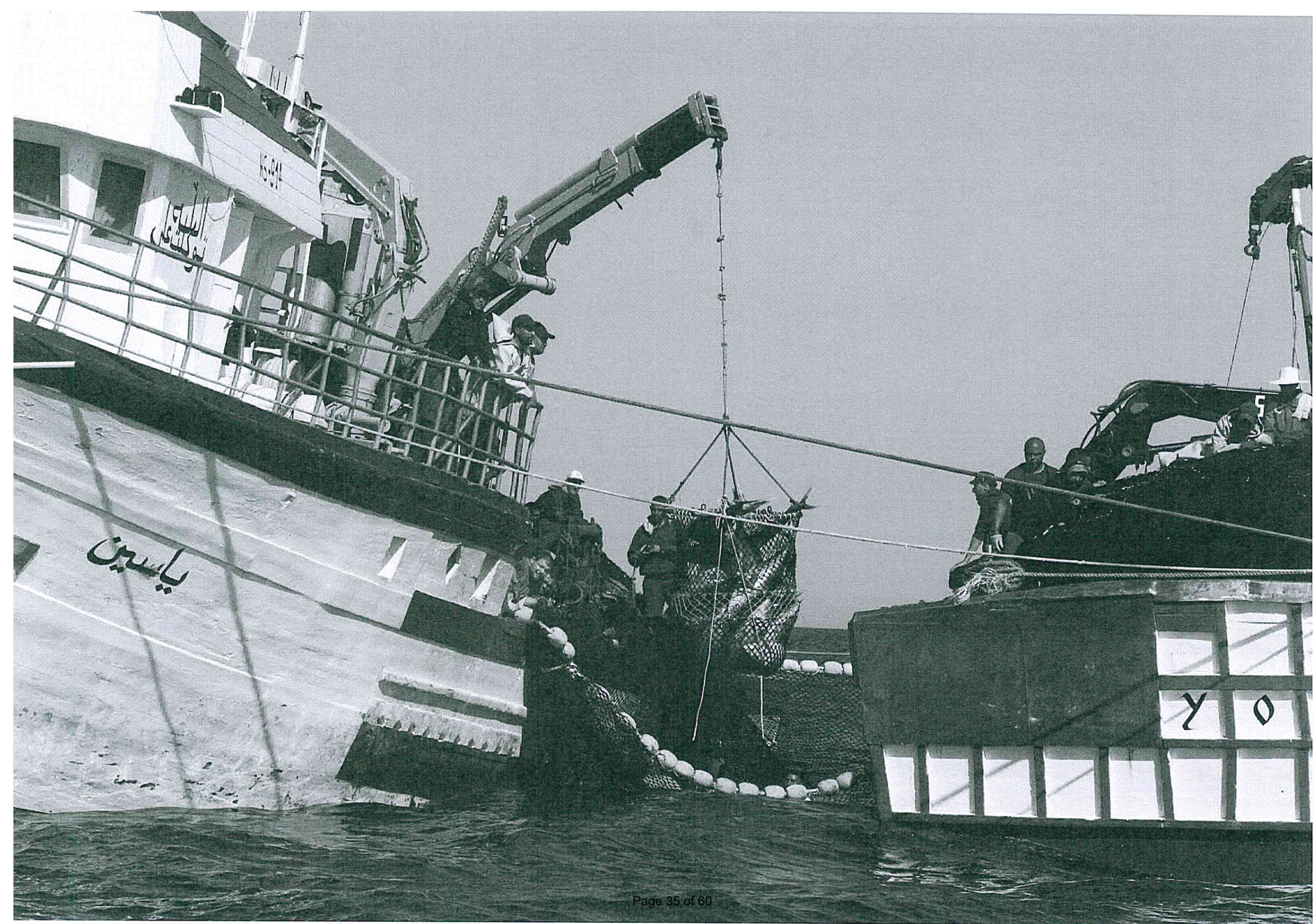
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## Document 2

### 2. Response received from Tunisia

#### LETTER OF CONCERN

**Reference:** Report of the European Union on the possible non-compliance of ICCAT conservation and management measures:

Following the observations released by the European Agency FRONTEX on the activities of transshipment at-sea and bluefin tuna catch by several vessels flying a Tunisian flag, I have the honour to attach herein our comments for each of the items expressed in the above-mentioned report.

The vessels reported by the patrol vessels are purse seiners carrying licenses to fish small tunas authorised to fish throughout the 12 months of the year.

Yassine	<b>HS 914</b>
YOSSRA	<b>HS 990</b>
HAJJ ALI 3	<b>HS 922</b>
MARIEM	<b>HS 879</b>
AMEN ALLAH	<b>HS 965</b>
AOULED ELSAHBI	<b>OZU 325</b>
HAROUN	<b>HS 1097</b>
MABROUKA	<b>HS 1074</b>
KALIL ALLAH	<b>HS 1083</b>
Golfe	<b>TG 479</b>
Hamdi	<b>HS 1139</b>
Mohamed Ali Zarzis	<b>HS1034</b>

Some of these vessels are registered in the ICCAT list, others in the GFCM list. Currently, the Tunisian Administration is updating these two records.

It should be noted that the Tunisian purse seiners that fish small tunas can carry out the activity in a group. This fishing method (joint fishing) is mainly practised in remote landing ports and this is due to cost-efficiency.

Thus, the partial quantities of each unit are transshipped in a single unit which carries out the transfer operation to the landing port.

The survey carried out by the regional services concerned has shown that the above-mentioned vessels have participated in the catch operation during the concerned period (4-5 and 6 June 2017) whereby five vessels have landed 129,5 t of tuna, mainly small tunas and 4 bluefin tuna (89 fish of an average weight of 45 kg).

It should be reminded that since 2016, Tunisia has reserved 2% of its quota to by-catch.

## Document 3

1. **EU: a follow-up to the allegation, including a letter and, as attachment, four ICCAT inspection reports [n° 3420, 3427, 3429 and 3438] and associated statements made by the EU-Maltese authorities for three inspection reports.**



**EUROPEAN COMMISSION**  
INTERNATIONAL OCEAN GOVERNANCE AND SUSTAINABLE FISHERIES  
Directorate B: International Ocean Governance and Sustainable Fisheries  
**THE DIRECTOR**

Brussels,  
MARE B2/XV (2017)

Mr Driss MESKI  
Executive Secretary to ICCAT  
Corazón de María, 8  
E - 28002 MADRID

**Subject:           Reporting of compliance information under Recommendation [08-09]. Follow-up of our letter of 11 July and additional compliance information collected**

Dear Mr Meski,

We have received from you (your mail of 1 August 2017) the answer provided by the Tunisian authorities to our letter ARES (2017) 3491517 of 11 July 2017. After analysis of the answer received, we considered that some additional information is needed, considering that several vessels involved in the joint fishing operation were not included in the ICCAT list of authorised vessels for 2017 and their fishing activities would therefore not appear to have been legal.

The Tunisian authorities have declared that their purse-seiners are traditionally working in groups when fishing for little tunas. However, it is not clear from the information available which catches of Bluefin tuna have been assigned to registered and non-registered vessels and if the vessel(s) chosen for the transport of the fish to the port was an authorised vessel or not. From the photographs attached to our letter of 11<sup>th</sup> July it is clear that catches transhipped correspond exclusively to Bluefin tuna specimens, notwithstanding the fact that transshipment at sea of this species is explicitly banned by ICCAT regulations in force. Furthermore, the legality of the catches made when registered and non-registered vessels are sharing their catches is open to question and it is not clear if those catches have been duly recorded in the logbooks. The fact that some vessels of the group engaged in "joint fishing operations" are not registered could, de facto, make the whole joint fishing operation illegal.

By the same token and in line with the provisions of ICCAT Recommendation [08-09] regarding the reporting of possible non-compliance with ICCAT Conservation and Management Measures, the European Union would like to bring to your attention some additional elements concerning the detection of possible illegal activities by several Tunisian fishing vessels.

On the 7 July 2017, the EU patrol vessel P51 boarded 3 Tunisian fishing vessels operating in international waters about 33 nautical miles South West of Malta ("Nourelhedi"; "El Baraka" and "Nadal El Horra"). Those 3 vessels were found not being in compliance with ICCAT rules in force.

Additionally another Tunisian vessel "Tun-Hmaida" was inspected on 23 June 2017 by the Maltese FPV-P52 and, as recorded in the inspection report, obstructed the inspection, which is considered a serious violation of the Scheme of Joint International Inspection of ICCAT, under which the Maltese patrol vessels was operating.

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## ICCAT INSPECTION REPORTS

Not on ICCAT Vessel 2017 list.  
Not on G-FCM

REPORT OF INSPECTION N° 3420

## 1. Inspector(s)

Inspector's witness

1.1 Name.. MARK GAUCI PISCOPE Name.. JUSTIN P. OLICINO  
1.2 Nationality.. MLT Nationality.. MLT  
1.3 Contracting Parties.. EU MLT Contracting Parties.. EU MLT  
1.4 ICCAT Identity Card number.. 0662/2017 ICCAT Identity Card number.. 73/2017

## 2. Vessel carrying the Inspector

2.1 Name and Registration .. P51  
2.2 Flag.. MALTA

## 3. Vessel inspected

3.1 Name and Registration.. NADAL NIDALEL HORRA MO 1067  
3.2 Flag.. TUN  
3.3 Captain (Name and address).....  
3.4 Ship owner (Name and address).....  
3.5 ICCAT Record number.. N/A  
3.6 Type of vessel.. PS

## 4. Position

4.1 As determined by the inspector: Lat. 35° 31' N Long. 013° 41.76'  
4.2 As determined by the captain of the fishing vessel: Lat. .... Long. ....  
4.3 Time (GMT) when position was recorded: 10:00 UTC

5. Date (dd/mm/yyyy) 07/07/2017

## 6. Time

6.1 On arrival on board 10:00 UTC  
6.2 Of departure from the vessel 11:00

## 7. Fishing gear on board

Purse seine ☒ Pole & Line (Baitboat) ☐  
Long line ☐ Trolling lines ☐  
Other (specify) .....  
Towing cage(s) Yes ☒ Number of cages: .....

8. Statement of photographs taken with description of subjects:

vessel  
Deployed Net, Sardinia in fish hold boat, large steel hooks with blood  
BFT in hold, blood on bulwark, Net with large mesh

9. List of documents inspected and comments:

9.1 Log book Yes ☒ No Infringement ☒ Yes No

9.2 BCD Yes ☒ No Infringement ☒ Yes No

9.3 Transfer / transhipment declaration

Yes ☒ No Infringement ☒ Yes No

9.4 Other (specify) Not on ICCAT vessel list 2017

No Documentation

Not on GFCM vessel list 2017

10. Results of the inspection of the fish on board:

10.1 Species observed on board

SPECIES	Sardine	1 BFT		
TOTAL CATCH (kg)	Boat	est 25kg		
INFORMATION				
SOURCE	Inspection	Inspection		
PRODUCT TYPE	FR whole	WH without belly		
SAMPLE INSPECTED	N/A			
% UNDER MIN SIZE	N/A	Yes		

10.2 Species declared to be in the cage/s

Transfer document No..... Date of first transfer ..... Farm of Destination.....

Catching vessel name.....

ICCAT No.....

Cage No ..... Specie..... Individuals No..... Weight (kg).....

11. Infringements of ICCAT conservation and management measures observed (description of infringement with mention of legal reference, and if serious violation(s) have been detected, please complete the attached sheet)

1111 vessel, Not on ICCAT list, Not on GFCM list.

Actively fishing Net deployed during closed season

BFT on board one

No observer on board



SERIOUS VIOLATIONS OBSERVED

Vessel name: <u>NADAL EL HORRA</u>
Vessel flag: <u>MO 1067</u>
ICCAT number: <u>Not Registered</u>

- ☒ fishing without a license, permit or authorization issued by the flag CPC;
- ☒ failure to maintain sufficient records of catch and catch-related data in accordance with the Commission's reporting requirements or significant misreporting of such catch and/or catch-related data;
- ☒ fishing in a closed area; MED Central
- ☒ fishing during a closed season;
- ☒ intentional taking or retention of species in contravention of any applicable conservation and management measure adopted by the ICCAT;
- ☒ significant violation of catch limits or quotas in force pursuant to the ICCAT rules;
  - ☐ use of prohibited fishing gear;
  - ☐ falsification or intentional concealment of the markings, identity or registration of a fishing vessel;
  - ☐ concealment, tampering with or disposal of evidence relating to investigation of a violation;
- ☒ multiple violations which taken together constitute a serious disregard of measures in force pursuant to the ICCAT;
  - ☐ assault, resistance, intimidation, sexual harassment, interference with, or undue obstruction or delay of an authorized inspector or observer;
  - ☐ intentional tampering with or disabling the vessel monitoring system;
  - ☐ fishing with assistance of spotter planes;
  - ☐ interference with the satellite monitoring system and/or operates without VMS system;
  - ☐ transfer activity without transfer declaration;
  - ☐ other (specify)

Inspector's signature **Mark Gauci Piscopo**  
**Trainee Fisheries Protection Officer**

Witness' signature

Date 07/07/2018

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*Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture*

7th July 2017

Mission: JPD ICCAT Sea Mission  
Patrol Vessel: P51 (AFM)  
Inspectors: MLT  
Target Vessels: TUN Flagged Purse Seiners

On 7<sup>th</sup> of July 2017 at 05:00 UTC (07:00 Bravo), ICCAT Fisheries Patrol vessel P51 received information on Tunisian Purse Seiners 33 Nm SW of Malta, From Frontex Patrol Vessel P52.

Following this information the FPV P51 made way to the area arriving at 09:45 UTC, upon arrival five (5) Purse Seiner where spotted 2 of which had their Purse Seiner net deployed.

Vessel: NADAL EL HORRA MO 1067  
Ref: ICCAT Inspection 3420

Upon arrival to the area, a fishing vessel was visible, from its silhouette, it was clear that the vessel was a purse Seiner and was retrieving its Purse net. FPV P51 made way to this vessel.

Upon arrival to the Vessel the RHIB was immediately deployed with the fisheries inspection team. The Fishing vessel by this had retrieved the net and stowed it aboard. On arrival on the starboard side of the PS vessel the Inspection team identified its self and asks the person presenting himself as Master if they could board, to which he replied positively both verbally and by using hand gestures.

At this point clear water was seen draining continuously from the deck into the sea, from the area where the net was stored.

Before boarding the Master was asked how many personal where onboard, to which he answered 17 crew. The master was request that the crew be rounded up and stay to the rear of the vessel during the inspection, to which he complied.

On board the net was observed and handled; the net was soaked with water and was approx of 115mm mesh. An inspection of the fish hold revealed that there where boxes of sardine to be used as bait and 1 BFT whole without belly of aprox 25 Kg whole.

The inspection team noticed that the deck area had been washed, yet there was still blood on the bulwark and on large steel hooks (gaff).

The master was asked for the Vessels and his documentation to which he replied that all documentation was in Tunisia. Ask for the vessel name he replied and wrote NADAL EL HORRA MA 1067. The name on the vessel is "NIDA EL HORRA" while on the tender is "NADA AL HORRA". The number on the front of the Hull of the vessel is MO1067.

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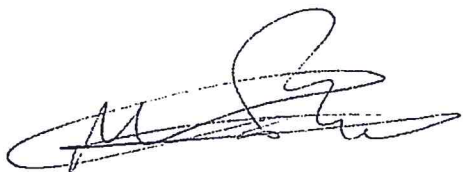
At this Point the Inspection team decided to abandon the inspection and return to the FPV P51 in order to check the ICCAT and GFCM vessel list after which the Director of Fisheries Malta was contacted. The Master was told to stand by on VHF channel 72 for further instructions.

The vessel was not found to be on the ICCAT or GFCM, 2017 lists this was confirmed by fisheries Malta

FPV P51 ordered the PS vessel to stop after it started to make way, the PS vessel replied to the FPV P 51; that it needed to give medical supplies to another vessel and proceeded to make way, P51 stayed close behind.

Instruction relied from the Department of fisheries and aquaculture via sat phone; where to report the IUU vessel and try to catch up with the other PS in the area that by this time started to scatter and head for Tunisian waters.

Following these instruction the FPV proceeded to the other vessels although some were making way at high speed.



Mark GAUCI PISCOPO DFA  
ICCAT Inspector  
ICCAT 062/2017



S/Sgt Mark TABONE AFM  
ICCAT Witness  
ICCAT 030/2014



Gnr Justin PULLICCINO AFM  
ICCAT Witness  
073/2017

## REPORT OF INSPECTION N° 3427

## 1. Inspector(s)

1.1 Name... Christopher Alfred1.2 Nationality... MLT1.3 Contracting Parties... EC MLT1.4 ICCAT Identity Card number... 0086/2017

## Inspector's witness

Name... MARK GAUCI PiscoNationality... MLTContracting Parties... EC MLTICCAT Identity Card number... 062/2017

## 2. Vessel carrying the Inspector

2.1 Name and Registration... P512.2 Flag... MLT

## 3. Vessel inspected

3.1 Name and Registration... EMBARKE DOURELHEDI MO 855 (MO) 8553.2 Flag... TUN3.3 Captain (Name and address)... No Documentation aboard

3.4 Ship owner (Name and address)...

3.5 ICCAT Record number... Not Registered3.6 Type of vessel... PS

## 4. Position

4.1 As determined by the inspector: ..... Lat. 35° 40' N Long. 13° 30' E

4.2 As determined by the captain of the fishing vessel: ..... Lat. .... Long. ....

4.3 Time (GMT) when position was recorded: 13:305. Date (dd/mm/yyyy)... 07/07/2017

## 6. Time

6.1 On arrival on board... 13:306.2 Of departure from the vessel... 13:50

## 7. Fishing gear on board

Purse seine ☒Long line ☐

Other (specify) .....

Towing cage(s) Yes ☒Pole & Line (Baitboat) ☐Trolling lines ☐Number of cages...

8. Statement of photographs taken with description of subjects:

Net, vessel

9. List of documents inspected and comments:

9.1 Log book Yes ☒ No Infringement ☒ Yes ☐ No

9.2 BCD Yes ☒ No Infringement Yes ☒ No

9.3 Transfer / transshipment declaration

Yes No Infringement Yes ☒ No

9.4 Other (specify) ..... No documentation Present aboard

10. Results of the inspection of the fish on board:

10.1 Species observed on board

SPECIES				
TOTAL CATCH (kg)				
INFORMATION SOURCE	<u>EMPTY</u>			
PRODUCT TYPE				
SAMPLE INSPECTED				
% UNDER MIN SIZE				

10.2 Species declared to be in the cage/s

Transfer document No..... Date of first transfer ..... Farm of Destination.....

Catching vessel name.....

ICCAT No.....

Cage No ..... Specie..... Individuals No..... Weight (kg).....

11. Infringements of ICCAT conservation and management measures observed (description of infringement with mention of legal reference, and if serious violation(s) have been detected, please complete the attached sheet)

No Documentation aboard

Not Registered with ICCAT or GFCM 2017 list


12. Inspector's comments (if necessary use a complementary sheet specifying: "attachment to ICCAT report number xxxx")

vessel has NO Documentation aboard  
fish holds Empty  
Net on board PS mesh size 115mm

13. Inspector's signature



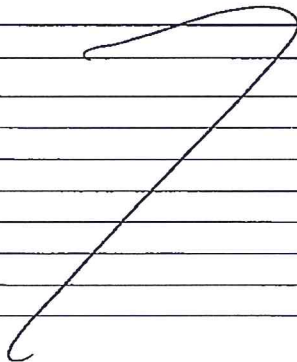
Witness' signature



14. Observer's name, comments and signature

Not on board

15. Captain's comments and signature



SERIOUS VIOLATIONS OBSERVED

Vessel name: <u>EMBARKED NOURELEDI</u>
Vessel flag: <u>MO 855</u> <u>TUN</u>
ICCAT number: <u>Not Registered</u>

☒ fishing without a license, permit or authorization issued by the flag CPC,

- ☐ failure to maintain sufficient records of catch and catch-related data in accordance with the Commission's reporting requirements or significant misreporting of such catch and/or catch-related data;
- ☐ fishing in a closed area;
- ☐ fishing during a closed season;
- ☐ intentional taking or retention of species in contravention of any applicable conservation and management measure adopted by the ICCAT;
- ☐ significant violation of catch limits or quotas in force pursuant to the ICCAT rules;
- ☐ use of prohibited fishing gear;
- ☐ falsification or intentional concealment of the markings, identity or registration of a fishing vessel;
- ☐ concealment, tampering with or disposal of evidence relating to investigation of a violation;
- ☐ multiple violations which taken together constitute a serious disregard of measures in force pursuant to the ICCAT;
- ☐ assault, resistance, intimidation, sexual harassment, interference with, or undue obstruction or delay of an authorized inspector or observer;
- ☐ intentional tampering with or disabling the vessel monitoring system;
- ☐ fishing with assistance of spotter planes;
- ☐ interference with the satellite monitoring system and/or operates without VMS system;
- ☐ transfer activity without transfer declaration;

☒ other (specify) No documentation or observer on board

Inspector's signature



Witness' signature



Date

7/7/2017

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*Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture*

7th July 2017

Mission: JPD ICCAT Sea Mission  
Patrol Vessel: P51 (AFM)  
Inspectors: MLT  
Target Vessels: TUN Flagged Purse Seiners

On 7<sup>th</sup> of July 2017 at 05:00 UTC (07:00 Bravo), ICCAT Fisheries Patrol vessel P51 received information on Tunisian Purse Seiners 33 Nm SW of Malta, From Frontex Patrol Vessel P52.

Following this information the FPV P51 made way to the area arriving at 09:45 UTC, upon arrive five (5) Purse Seiner where spotted 2 of which had their Purse Seiner net deployed.

Vessel: EMBARKED NOURELHEDI MO 855

Ref: ICCAT Inspection

Upon arrival to the Vessel with RHIB the person identifying himself as master was asked if the ICCAT inspection team could board, to which he replied positively both verbally and by using hand gestures, The Master was asked how many were onboard to which he answered 15 crew. The master was requested that the crew stay to one side of the vessel during the inspection, to which he complied.

On board, the net was observed and handled; This was of a large mesh of around 115mm mesh.

The master was asked for the Vessels and his documentation to which he replied that all documentation was in Tunisia. The fish hold was found to be empty save for some sardine bait

At this Point the Inspector team decided to abandon the inspection and return to the FPV P51 in order to check the ICCAT and GFCM vessel list.

The vessel was not found to be on the ICCAT or GFCM, 2017. All PS fishing vessel in the area continued to the direction of Tunisian water.

Instruction relayed from the Department of fisheries and aquaculture via sat phone; where to report the IUU vessel and try to catch up with the other PS in the area which by this had continued to head for Tunisian waters.

At this Point the Inspection team completed the inspection and returned to the FPV P51 in order to check the ICCAT and GFCM vessel lists. The vessel was not found to be on the ICCAT or GFCM, 2017 lists.

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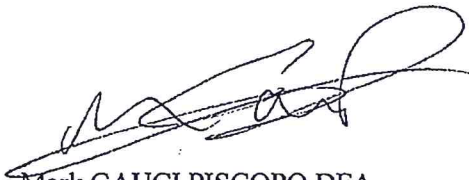
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Not on ICCAT vessel list.

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ICCAT INSPECTION REPORTS

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MO 798 as 'FERDAOUS' on GFCM  
REPORT OF INSPECTION N° 3429

1. Inspector(s)

1.1 Name... ADAM SAMMUR  
1.2 Nationality... MLT  
1.3 Contracting Parties... EU MLT  
1.4 ICCAT Identity Card number.....

Inspector's witness

Name... CHRISTOPHER ATTARD  
Nationality... MLT  
Contracting Parties... EU MLT  
ICCAT Identity Card number... EU MLT 0086/2017

2. Vessel carrying the Inspector

2.1 Name and Registration... PS1  
2.2 Flag... MLT

3. Vessel inspected

3.1 Name and Registration... EL BARAKIA MO 798  
3.2 Flag... TUNISIA  
3.3 Captain (Name and address)... HATAM GHAGHEM  
3.4 Ship owner (Name and address)... HATAM GHAGHEM  
3.5 ICCAT Record number.....  
3.6 Type of vessel... PS

4. Position

4.1 As determined by the inspector: ..... Lat. 35°40'N Long. 013°30'E  
4.2 As determined by the captain of the fishing vessel: ..... Lat. .... Long.....  
4.3 Time (GMT) when position was recorded: .....

5. Date (dd/mm/yyyy)... 07/07/17

6. Time

6.1 On arrival on board... 12:40 (UTC)  
6.2 Of departure from the vessel... 13:05 (UTC)

7. Fishing gear on board

Purse seine ☒

Pole & Line (Baitboat) ☐

Long line ☐

Trolling lines ☐

Other (specify) .....

Towing cage(s) Yes ☒ No

Number of cages:.....

8. Statement of photographs taken with description of subjects:

FISH HOLDS , DOCUMENTS , FISHING OPERATION ,  
NETS

9. List of documents inspected and comments:

9.1 Log book Yes ☒ No Infringement Yes No

9.2 BCD Yes No N/A Infringement Yes ☒ No

9.3 Transfer / transshipment declaration

Yes ☒ No Infringement Yes ☒ No

9.4 Other (specify) .....

10. Results of the inspection of the fish on board:

10.1 Species observed on board

SPECIES	<u>SU J</u>			
TOTAL CATCH (kg)	<u>1000 KG</u>			
INFORMATION SOURCE	<u>INSPECTION</u>			
PRODUCT TYPE	<u>WH</u>			
SAMPLE INSPECTED	<u>0</u>			
% UNDER MIN SIZE	<u>N/A</u>			

10.2 Species declared to be in the cage/s

Transfer document No..... Date of first transfer ..... Farm of Destination.....

Catching vessel name.....

ICCAT No.....

Cage No ..... Specie..... Individuals No..... Weight (kg).....

11. Infractions of ICCAT conservation and management measures observed (description of infraction with mention of legal reference, and if serious violation(s) have been detected, please complete the attached sheet)

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12. Inspector's comments (if necessary use a complementary sheet specifying: "attachment to ICCAT report number xxxx")

VESSEL INSPECTED DURING FISHING OPERATION  
NO FISH CAUGHT DURING OPERATION.

FISH PRESENT IN HOLD FROM PREVIOUS  
FISHING NET SIMILAR TO TUNA BFT NET

13. Inspector's signature



Witness' signature

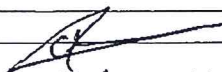


14. Observer's name, comments and signature

N/A

15. Captain's comments and signature

THE CAPTAIN STATED... THE NET MESH  
IS SMALLER THEN BFT NET 50mm



### SERIOUS VIOLATIONS OBSERVED

Vessel name: _____
Vessel flag: _____
ICCAT number: _____

- ☐ fishing without a license, permit or authorization issued by the flag CPC,
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- ☐ fishing during a closed season;
- ☐ intentional taking or retention of species in contravention of any applicable conservation and management measure adopted by the ICCAT;
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- ☐ interference with the satellite monitoring system and/or operates without VMS system;
- ☐ transfer activity without transfer declaration;
- ☐ other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Inspector's signature \_\_\_\_\_

Witness' signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



7th July 2017

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Vessel: EL BARAKA MO 798

Ref: ICCAT Inspection 3429

Following the inspection on the PS vessel NADAL EL HORRA MO 1067 and following the recommendation from the DFA, P51 proceeded to intercept and Identify the other four PS vessels in the area.

Another PS vessel with the net deployed along with the tender/skiff was observed. Upon arrival at the Vessels location the Rhib was immediately deployed with the fisheries inspection team.

On arrival at the stern of the PS vessel the Inspection team identified its self and instructed the person presenting himself as Master to stop hauling the net. An inspection of the deployed net did not show any sign of live or entangled fish within the net, following this observation the master was told to continue hauling the net. After the net was hauled it was seen to be empty, the net was stowed above decks on the stern. At this point the master was asked if the ICCAT inspection team could board, to which he replied positively both verbally and by using hand gestures, also stating he had skipjack onboard. The Master was asked how many personal where onboard to which he answered 24 crew. The master was request that the crew stay to the rear of the vessel during the inspection, to which he complied.

On board, the net was observed and handled; the net was soaked with water and was of a large mesh of around 115mm mesh, even though the master stated is was 50mm, the inspection team decided not to dismiss the captains statement of 50mm in the inspection report not to escalate the situation. An inspection of the fish hold did indeed reveal approx 1,000 Kg of Skipjack, a species not common in the Mediterranean. There were also boxes of sardine bait.

The master was asked for documentation pertaining to the vessel the Master presented the inspection team with this documentation.

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At this Point the Inspection team completed the inspection and returned to the FPV P51 in order to check the ICCAT and GFCM vessel lists. The vessel was not found to be on the ICCAT or GFCM, 2017 lists.


Following these instruction the RHIB proceeded to one other PS vessels that remained within 50 m of this vessel during the whole inspection.



Bdr Adam SAMMUT AFM  
ICCAT Inspector  
ICCAT 20/2014



Bdr Christopher ATTARD AFM  
ICCAT Witness  
ICCAT 086/2017



Mark GAUCI PISCOPO DFA  
ICCAT Witness  
062/2017

## REPORT OF INSPECTION N° 3438

## 1. Inspector(s)

1.1 Name RODOLFO CUSCINERI1.2 Nationality MLT1.3 Contracting Parties AFM1.4 ICCAT Identity Card number 0012/2014

## Inspector's witness

Name FABIO LUIGI PALOMBELLANationality ITYContracting Parties ITALIAN COAST GUARDICCAT Identity Card number 0105/2017

## 2. Vessel carrying the Inspector

2.1 Name and Registration PROTECTOR CLASS P522.2 Flag MLT

## 3. Vessel inspected

3.1 Name and Registration HMAIDA SF 29473.2 Flag TUNISIA

3.3 Captain (Name and address) .....

3.4 Ship owner (Name and address) .....

3.5 ICCAT Record number ECU 111 ATEL 1 MLT 0008

3.6 Type of vessel .....

## 4. Position

4.1 As determined by the inspector: ..... Lat. 36°14' Long. 014°05.6'

4.2 As determined by the captain of the fishing vessel: ..... Lat. .... Long. ....

4.3 Time (GMT) when position was recorded: 13:00 UTC5. Date (dd/mm/yyyy) 23-06-2017

## 6. Time

6.1 On arrival on board 13:00 UTC

6.2 Of departure from the vessel .....

## 7. Fishing gear on board

Purse seine ☐Pole & Line (Baitboat) ☐Long line ☐Trolling lines ☐

Other (specify) .....

Towing cage(s) ☒ Yes NoNumber of cages: 1

8. Statement of photographs taken with description of subjects:

YES: CAGE, VESSEL WITH UNAUTHORIZED LADDER  
OBSERVER CARD

9. List of documents inspected and comments:

9.1 Log book Yes ☒ No Infringement Yes No

9.2 BCD Yes ☒ No Infringement Yes No

9.3 Transfer / transhipment declaration

Yes ☒ No Infringement Yes No

9.4 Other (specify) .....

10. Results of the inspection of the fish on board:

10.1 Species observed on board

SPECIES				
TOTAL CATCH (kg)				
INFORMATION SOURCE				
PRODUCT TYPE				
SAMPLE INSPECTED				
% UNDER MIN SIZE				

10.2 Species declared to be in the cage/s

Transfer document No..... Date of first transfer ..... Farm of Destination.....

Catching vessel name.....

ICCAT No.....

Cage No ..... Specie..... Individuals No..... Weight (kg).....

11. Infringements of ICCAT conservation and management measures observed (description of infringement with mention of legal reference, and if serious violation(s) have been detected, please complete the attached sheet)

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12. Inspector's comments (if necessary use a complementary sheet specifying: "*attachment to ICCAT report number xxxx*")

13. Inspector's signature

Witness' signature

14. Observer's name, comments and signature

15. Captain's comments and signature

**ICCAT REPORT NO: 3438**

**Tunisian Towing Vessel Name: HMAIDA SF2947**

On Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2016 at 0600hrs, P52 left Maritime Squadron base on a JDP-MED-BFT-SWO mission South to South West of the Maltese islands.

At around 1100hrs in position Lat 35 14.30 N Lon 014 05.60 E location 36 Nm off Filfla P52 stopped a TV named by HMAIDA with reg no SF 2947 which was towing a tuna pan contained with fish.

Upon the inspectors arrival on port side of towing vessel, the inspectors was asked to deploy pilot ladder to board vessel. The captain of the TV provided an aluminium ladder that was not SAFE to embark to board to carry out the inspection.

Immediately the inspectors informed the captain and the Tunisian observer on board named by Ms Manahel Akkari ICCAT Observer number 2007/23 with English language, which she understood clearly and acknowledged regarding the infringements mentioned below.

**Actions Taken**

Observer was informed that by not having a pilot ladder that allowed for safe access to vessel was an infringement of EU Regulations. This also hindered the inspectors from carrying out their duties and hence this is also a serious infringement.

**Infringements observed and Legal Reference:**

- No boarding ladder on board vessel as per EU Reg 404/2011 art 14
- Obstruction to conduct inspection.



Roderick Cuschieri  
MLT  
ICCAT No. 0012/2014



Fabio Palombella  
ITA  
ICCAT No. 0105/2017