

**JOINT WORKING GROUP ON FISHING BY NON-PARTIES**

**7<sup>TH</sup> MEETING**

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**STATUS OF NINE FORMER IUU LONGLINE VESSELS**

During the meetings of the Joint Working Group on Fishing by non-Parties and the IATTC in June 2007, the case of nine vessels on the IATTC IUU Vessel List that have changed flags and names was discussed.

The vessels in question are detailed in the table below. Their inclusion in the IUU List was due to the fact that they operated in the EPO but were not included in the Regional Vessel Register and did not report their catches; two of them had no nationality, because their respective registries had been cancelled.

At the above meetings, Guatemala, to whose flag the vessels had recently moved, requested their removal from the IUU List, on the basis that the vessels would now be controlled by Guatemala and would follow the rules of the Commission. The Commission decided to grant this request, but the inclusion of the vessels on the Commission's list of authorized large longline vessels was made dependent on the Government of Guatemala submitting additional information to the Commission, in particular regarding the new owners' relationship with previous owners and operators. The Commission decided that, if the information was not provided before the next meeting of the Commission, or if the information was not fully satisfactory, the nine vessels would be automatically on the IUU List the following year.

The Government of Guatemala sent the requested information to the Secretariat; this has been distributed to the CPCs. However, in a communication dated 16 May 2008, the Guatemalan fisheries authorities informed the Secretariat that the vessels had left the national registry.

To date, the Secretariat has not received any information about the new flag of these vessels, nor about their ownership or control. The Joint Working Group may therefore wish to consider recommending to the Commission that the vessels be reinstated on the IUU List until information about their current status is received, along with some guarantee regarding their control and a commitment that they will adhere to the Commission's rules in the future. If this course of action is not followed, then the Commission needs to consider whether to add the vessels to the authorized longline list.

<b>No</b>	<b>Current name</b>	<b>Former name</b>	<b>Last flag</b>	<b>Before Guatemala flag</b>
1	<i>Maya 1</i>	<i>Chen Chieh 1</i>	Guatemala	Georgia
2	<i>Maya 11</i>	<i>Chen Chieh 11</i>	Guatemala	Georgia
3	<i>Maya 12</i>	<i>Chen Chieh 12</i>	Guatemala	Georgia
4	<i>Maya 2</i>	<i>Chen Chieh 2</i>	Guatemala	Georgia
5	<i>Maya 22</i>	<i>Chen Chieh 22</i>	Guatemala	Georgia
6	<i>Maya 31</i>	<i>Chen Chieh 31</i>	Guatemala	Georgia
7	<i>Maya 32</i>	<i>Chen Chieh 32</i>	Guatemala	Georgia
8	<i>Maya 61</i>	<i>Chen Chieh 61</i>	Guatemala	Unknown (formerly Belize)
9	<i>Maya 62</i>	<i>Chen Chieh 62</i>	Guatemala	Unknown (formerly Belize)