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THE
Global Record
of Fishing Vessels,
Refrigerated Transport Vessels
and Supply Vessels



How to participate



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Objective

The Global Record of Fishing Vessels, Refrigerated Transport Vessels and Supply Vessels (Global Record) is a collaborative global initiative to disseminate, through an online portal, certified data from State authorities about vessels and vessel-related activities.

The system is designed with the primary objective to combat illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing by enhancing transparency and traceability of fishing operations and products. It supports the effective implementation of international instruments such as the Agreement on Port State Measures (PSMA), facilitating vessel identification and risk-assessment.

Scope

Consider fishing vessels, refrigerated transport vessels and supply vessels that:



Conduct fishing or fishing-related activities in waters beyond national jurisdiction, or



Place their products in international markets.

To participate:

States nominate a National Focal Point (NFP) responsible for data upload



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Contact details are communicated to FAO at FI-Global-Record@fao.org



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FAO creates national user account



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FAO provides detailed instructions on data upload



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States upload data whilst retaining ownership and responsibility for its accuracy



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Five essential fields

The minimum requirement is the provision of **five essential fields**, without which a vessel cannot be uploaded into the Global Record Information System

-  Unique Vessel Identifier (UVI) or IMO Number
-  Current Flag
-  Length Overall (LOA)
-  Vessel Name
-  Gross Tonnage (GT) or Gross Registered Tonnage (GRT)

Information modules

The Global Record Information System is made up of **six information modules**:

-  **Vessel details** – the primary module including identification, registration, structural characteristics and ownership
-  **Historical information** – including previous flags, names and owners/operators
-  **Authorisations** – including type, period, area, species and gears
-  **Inspection and Surveillance** – including type, date, location, possible infringements and outcome
-  **Port Entry/Use Denials** – including place and date
-  **IUU fishing vessel Lists**

How to obtain an IMO Number

The Unique Vessel Identifier (UVI), which is the vessel's IMO Number, makes vessels traceable through their lifetime regardless of changes in flag, ownership or name and links all the modules in the Global Record Information System.

How to obtain an IMO Number:

- Vessel's owner or authorised representative applies through imonumbers.lrfairplay.com/
- The number is assigned free of charge
- Once obtained, the IMO Number has to be clearly displayed on the vessel and included in all vessel documents



Data upload mechanisms

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Data can be uploaded in six different ways:



Manual

Online form: For countries with small fleets. Data can be inputted in an online form through a user area* within the Global Record Information System. This option requires periodic manual update.

Upload file: For countries with larger fleets preferring a manual option. Templates are available to download from a user area* within the Global Record Web site.

Through APIs: For countries with large fleets with well-established vessel registers wanting to create a system-to-system connection.

Through FLUX: For countries with large fleets with well-established vessel registers willing to share data as part of a network following UN/CEFACT standards (specifically Fisheries Language for Universal eXchange, FLUX).



Automatic

Through regional record systems: Upload of selected national data from a regional system to the Global Record, upon review and authorisation by the country.

Through IHS Maritime and Trade: Upload of the five essential fields from the IHS Maritime and Trade system to the Global Record for all national vessels with IMO Numbers, upon review and authorisation by the country.

**Accessed by unique credentials provided by FAO to the NFP*

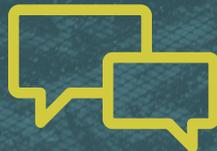




Check list:

Do you have them all?

- ✓ Nominate a National Focal Point (NFP)
- ✓ Communicate NFP details to FAO
- ✓ Ensure eligible vessels have an IMO Number
- ✓ Choose the preferred data upload mechanism
- ✓ Provide at least the five essential fields for each vessel
- ✓ Provide any additional data (optional)



Contact the Global Record team
to start participating:

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The Global Record is a tool developed to assist States in combatting illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing by effectively closing the global information gap on vessels conducting fishing and fishing-related activities. This Leaflet is intended to assist State authorities, the owners and entities responsible for the data, in contributing to a growing online system that disseminates certified, unequivocal, transparent and traceable information.

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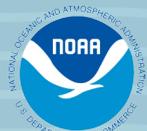
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