



International Network for Cooperation and
Coordination of Fisheries Related Monitoring,
Control And Surveillance Activities

The International MCS Network

An arrangement of national organizations/institutions **in charge of fisheries-related MCS activities**, which have been authorized by their countries, to coordinate and cooperate in order to prevent, deter and eliminate IUU fishing.



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MCS Network Goals and Objectives

Strengthen MCS worldwide to reduce illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing

Improve the efficiency and effectiveness of fisheries related MCS activities through:

- Enhanced Cooperation
 - Coordination
- Information Collection
- Information Exchange

Participation

No costs to members other than to support each state's own, self-determined, level of participation

No obligations to members other than to support objectives of the Network through participation within nation's respective capacity. Build capacity.



Immediate Access to
Information to Aid
Investigations

Participation In The
Network Does Not Confer
Additional MCS Authority



New Members July 2004 – January 2006

Bahamas

Cayman Islands

Federated States of Micronesia

Maldives

Papua New Guinea

Tanzania

United Arab Emirates

Vietnam

Burkina Faso

El Salvador

Kenya

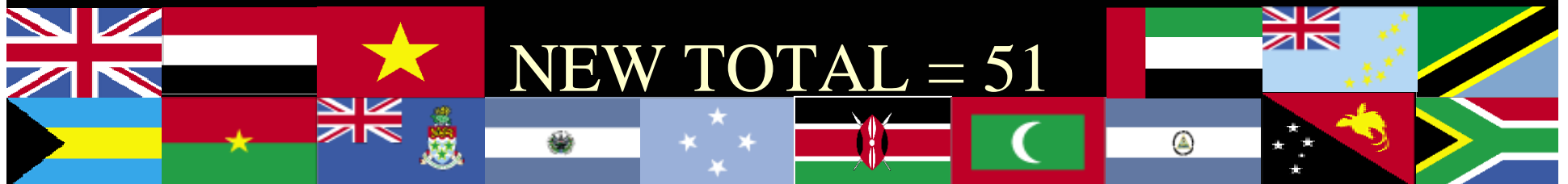
Nicaragua

South Africa

Tuvalu

United Kingdom

Yemen





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Recognizing the interest in providing for the long term development of sustainable marine resources around the world, and recognizing the benefits of coordination and cooperation in fisheries-related monitoring, control and surveillance (MCS) activities, the country participants in the International Conference on Monitoring, Control and Fishing Surveillance (Santiago, Chile, January 2000) indicated their intention to create an international network for the coordination of fisheries-related enforcement.

The International MCS Network is an arrangement between national organizations with responsibility for fisheries-related MCS activities. These organizations have been authorized by their nations to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of their activities through enhanced cooperation, coordination, and information collection and exchange among organizations responsible for fisheries-related MCS.

The details of the operations of MCS Net are outlined in the [Technical Terms of Reference](#). The terms outline the MCS Net's objectives and functions, organization, protocol for information exchange and information requirements.

Types of Information on Website

IUU National Plan of
Action



Ship Register



Compliance
Scoreboard



Regulatory Report



EEZ Map



MCS NEWS



PRESS RELEASE



TWO INDICTED FOR ILLEGAL DEALINGS IN CHILEAN SEABASS

The United States announced today that on September 27, 2005, a federal grand jury in Miami, Florida, returned an Indictment charging defendants, **Antonio Vidal Pego**, a Spanish national, and **Fadilur, S.A.**, a Uruguayan corporation, with importing and conspiring to sell illegally possessed toothfish, commonly known as Chilean seabass. Each defendant was also charged with false labeling and obstructing justice.

MCS NEWS

SOUTH AFRICA APPREHENDS CHINESE VESSEL

On WEDNESDAY, 14 DECEMBER 2005: The Victoria Mxenge, escorted the Da Yuan Yu #139 a fishing vessel registered in the Peoples Republic of China to Port Elizabeth harbour after it was apprehended earlier that day. The South African Air Force helicopter air lifted two Departmental Fishery Control Officers and deployed them on the Da Yuan Yu #139 to carry out the apprehension.



Department of Environmental
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Republic of South Africa



MCS NEWS

DNA TEST TRACKS SHARK CASE

With genetic tests similar to those used by criminal investigators, federal law enforcement agents are identifying fins taken from imperiled great white sharks by illegal traffickers. In late 2003, agents from NOAA confiscated about one ton of dried shark fins that a New York City seafood dealer was planning to ship to Asian markets. The operation is outlined in an article in the January edition of the Journal of Conservation Genetics.

Genetic profiling reveals illegal international trade in fins of great white shark, *Carcharodon carcharias*

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Conservation Genetics, 10 January 2006



Accomplishments



Global Fisheries
Enforcement Training
Workshop

Kuala Lumpur,
Malaysia 18-22 July
2005

Global Fisheries Enforcement Training Workshop



130 Representatives from over 40 countries attended

Global Fisheries Enforcement Training Workshop

seizures

differing legal systems

vessel monitoring systems

investigating crime syndicates

port State measures

computer forensics

new MCS innovations

site visits



Opportunities for Collaboration?

MCS Network Contact Information in Handout

