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Corruption as a facilitator of illegal fishing

Insights from East Africa

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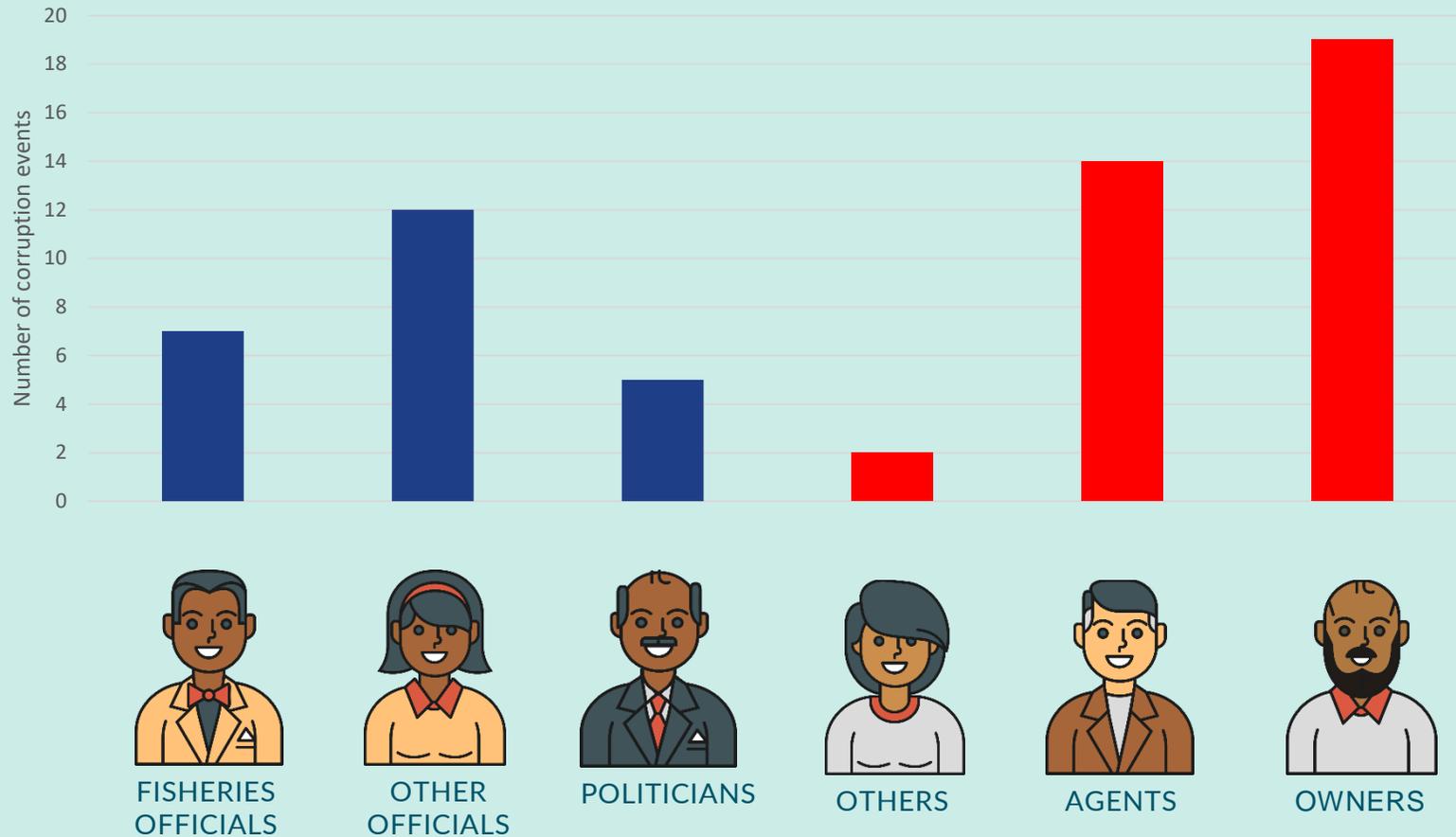
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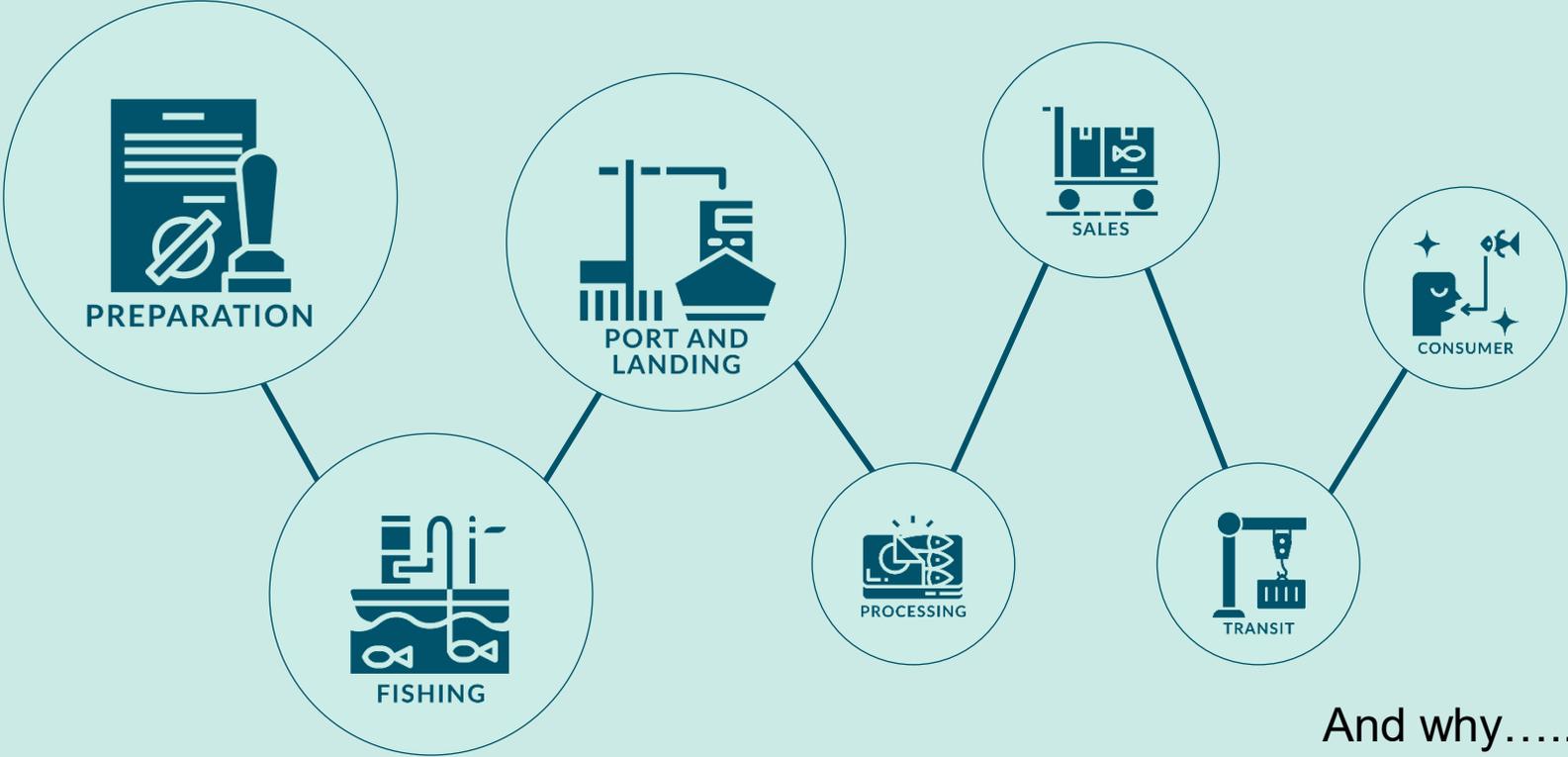
Analysis of corruption incidents

No	Investigation	Vessel type	States involved	Penalty/sanctions	Illegal fishing	Related illegalities	Associated crime
1	FISH-i Africa's first success	Purse seiner	South Korea, Liberia, Mozambique, Kenya, Mauritius, Tanzania, Seychelles	Dongwon – the owner – fined USD 1 million			
2	Fake licensing uncovered	Longliners	Tanzania, Seychelles, Kenya	Junior official arrested, warrant for agents' arrest issued			
3	IUU listed vessels de-flagged	Longliners	Tanzania, Kenya	Vessels de-flagged			
4	Fugitives from justice	Longliners	Kenya, South Africa, Tanzania, Kenya, Indonesia	Vessel confiscated but escaped from arrest			
5	Mysterious operations on the Somali coast	Trawler and longliner	Kenya, Oman, Somalia, Yemen, South Korea	Arrested and fined USD 1.5 million in Somalia, detailed in Kenya but no charges laid			
6	Piracy, poaching and people smuggling?	Longliner	Kenya, Somalia, Tanzania	No sanctions, vessels de-registered by two countries			
7	Rogues and ghost?	Trawler	Somalia, Kenya, Belize	Owner fined USD 65,000 for illegal fishing			
8	Regional and international cooperation nets illegal fishing vessel	Mixed	China, Indonesia, Mozambique, Madagascar, Cambodia, Togo	Captain and owner fined - boat, gear, and fish onboard confiscated			
9	The Somali Seven	Trawlers and a reefer	Cambodia, Taiwan, Thailand, Somalia, Maldives, Djibouti, Honduras, Moldova, Iran, Singapore	Two vessels detained, one vessel catch confiscated and captain facing charges in Thailand			
10	Buah Naga No. 1 inspection leads to shark-finning convictions	Longliner	Tanzania, Malaysia	21 years imprisonment or a fine of USD 433,000 for captain, owner and agent, vessel impounded			

Who was involved in Corruption?

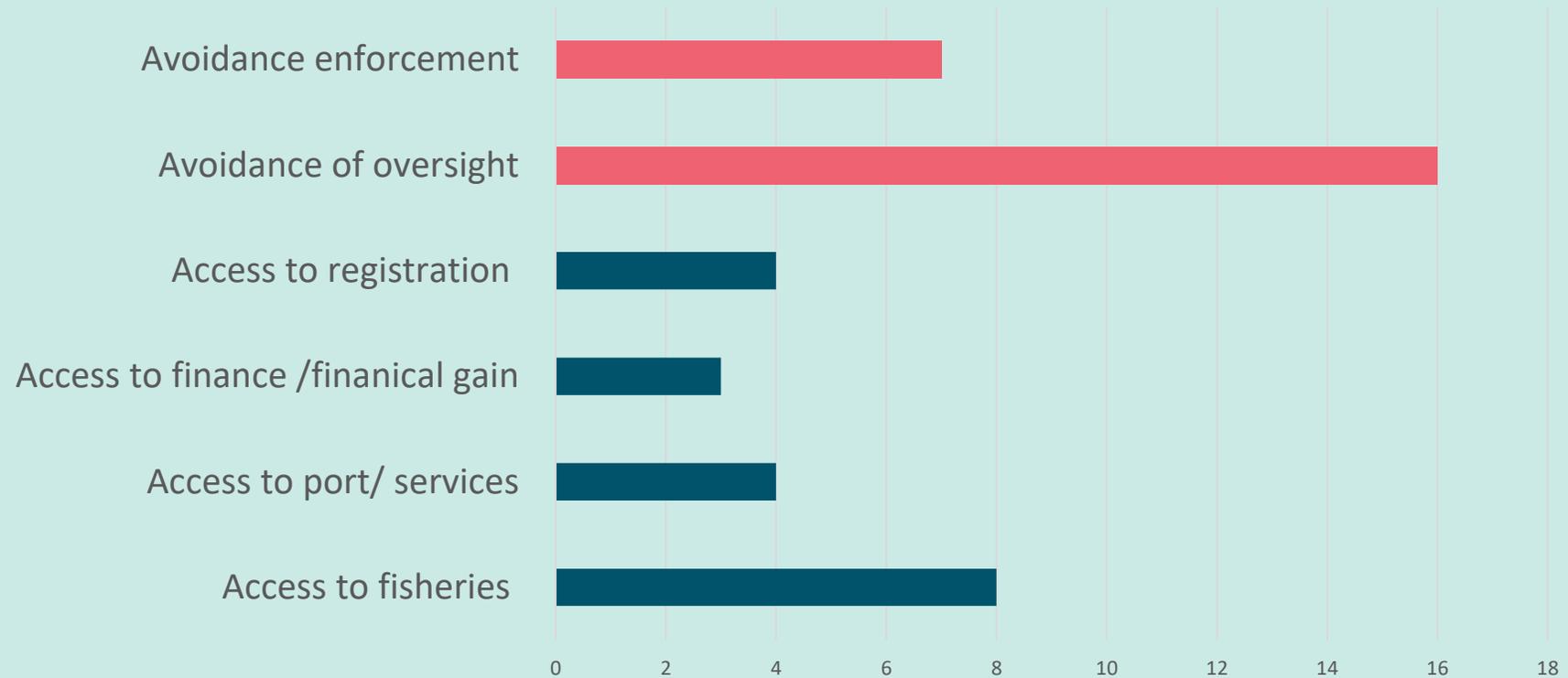


Where corruption occurred in the value chain



And why.....?

Why the corruption occurred?



Case study: the GREKO 1 and GREKO 2



GREKO 1

PUNTLAND LICENSING

Bribery (Evidence)
Abuse of functions (Evidence)



OFFLOADING IN MOMBASA

Bribery (Suspected)

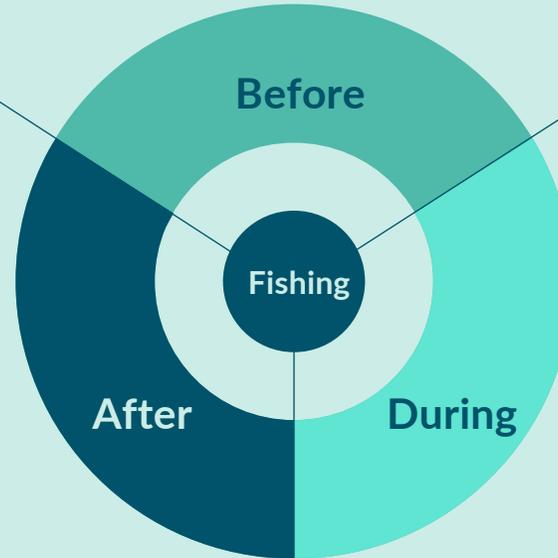
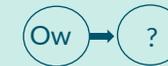


ILLEGAL FISHING IDENTIFIED

EUNAVFOR
Mombasa Port
FISH-i Africa

SOMALIA PROTECTION

Bribery (Suspected)
Corrupt network (Suspected)





MINISTRY OF FISHERIES AND MARINE RESOURCES
Office of the Minister

Ref: XWWWK&KKB/334/2016

Date: Oct 08, 2016

Said M. Jama
Deputy Minister for Fisheries & Marine Resources
Federal Government of Somalia
Mogadishu

Dear Deputy Minister,

Re: PUNTLAND FISHING LICENCES PRESENTED BY F/V GREKO 1

Reference is made to your letter (ref. WKKHB/WK0232/09/16, dated 03/09/2016), concerning the above subject. I would like to thank you for informing us of the activities of the vessel Greko 1 in the Somali waters.

Following your enquiry, we have done a thorough verification both internally and at our offices in the field and can confirm that the two Puntland fishing licenses nos.681 and 685, purportedly presented by Greko 1, were officially issued to two Yemeni dhows namely Binna 1 (n.681 on 12.10.2015) and Amoudi (n.685 on 19.10.2015) by our field officer in Bareda District to buy fish from Puntland fishermen in that area. Any Puntland fishing licences bearing the said numbers and presented by any fishing vessel other than the Yemeni dhows (i.e. Binna 1 and Amoudi) are fake and therefore, did not originate from the Puntland Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources.

We can also acknowledge that the signature appearing on the presented licences is not that of the Minister for Fisheries and Marine Resources of Puntland. Moreover, fishing licences issued by this Ministry to foreign vessels are only valid for fishing within Puntland waters.

We also made contacts with the Puntland Accountant General who confirmed to us that the cash receipts submitted along the forged licences by Greko 1 are as well fake, and that the Puntland Ministry of Finance has not received any payments from the said vessel in respect of fishing licences n.681 and 685.

In view of the above, we would advise that you detain and hand over the said vessel to us in order to take the necessary actions against it.

Your assistance and consideration in this matter will be highly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Abdinur Elmi Mohamud
Minister for Fisheries & Marine Resources



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GREKO 1

PUNTLAND LICENSING

Bribery (Evidence)
Abuse of functions (Evidence)



OFFLOADING IN MOMBASA

Bribery (Suspected)



DON'T BUY THE FISH

Bribery or kickback (Suspected)
Abuse of functions (Suspected)



Before

Fishing

After

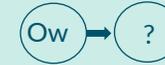
During

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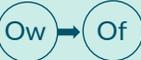




GREKO 2

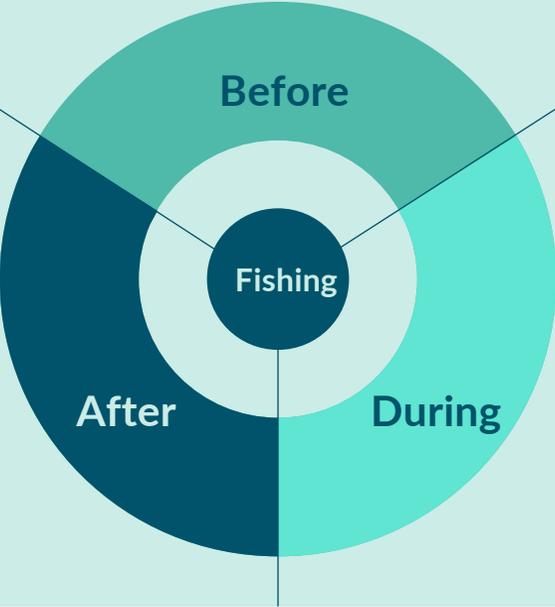
SUSPECTED SCRAPPAGE

Kickback (Suspected)
Abuse of functions (Suspected)



FISHERIES RELATED ILLEGALITY IDENTIFIED

Photo revealed identity



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INTERNATIONAL MERCHANT MARINE REGISTRY OF BELIZE
 "IMMARBE"
 REGISTRATION OF MERCHANT SHIPS ACT, 1989
 PERMANENT PATENT OF NAVIGATION

NAME OF VESSEL
GREKO 1

CALL LETTERS
V3TJ4

REGISTRATION N°
011311831

NAME AND ADDRESS OF OWNERS
MARE FISHING CO SA
Adr Building, 13th Floor, Samuel Lewis Avenue, Obarrio, Panama City, Panama

DESCRIPTION OF VESSEL				
TYPE OF VESSEL	MATERIAL OF THE HULL	GROSS TONNAGE	NET TONNAGE	UNDER DECK
Fishing (Fishing Vessel)	Steel	193.00	58.00

No. DECKS	No. MASTS	No. BRIDGES	No. FUNNELS	NAME OF BUILDERS	YEAR BUILT
1	0	1	2	Bharati Shipyard-Ratnagiri	1990

LENGTH	BREADTH	DEPTH	TYPE OF ENGINES	NAME OF ENGINES MAKERS	SPEED
24.78 Meters	7.70 Meters	4.50 Meters	1 Diesel Engine 624 HP	Caterpillar 3412 TA	10.00 Knots

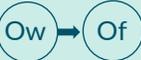


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GREKO 2

SUSPECTED SCRAPPAGE

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Abuse of functions (Suspected)



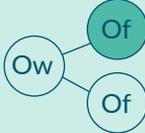
REFLAGGING TO ZANZIBAR

Bribery (Suspected)
Abuse of functions (Suspected)



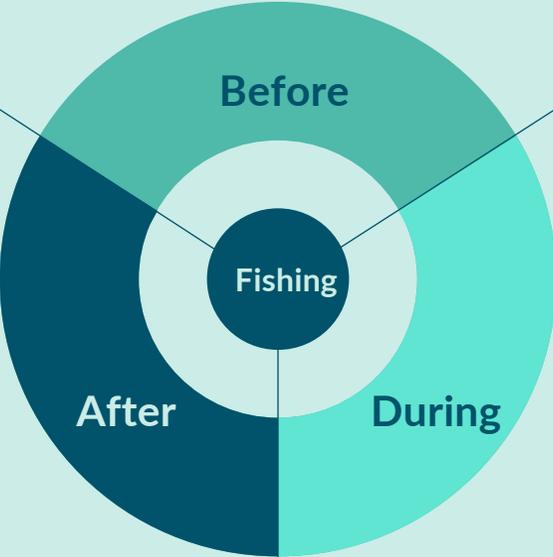
ATTEMPTS TO GET A NEW LICENCE

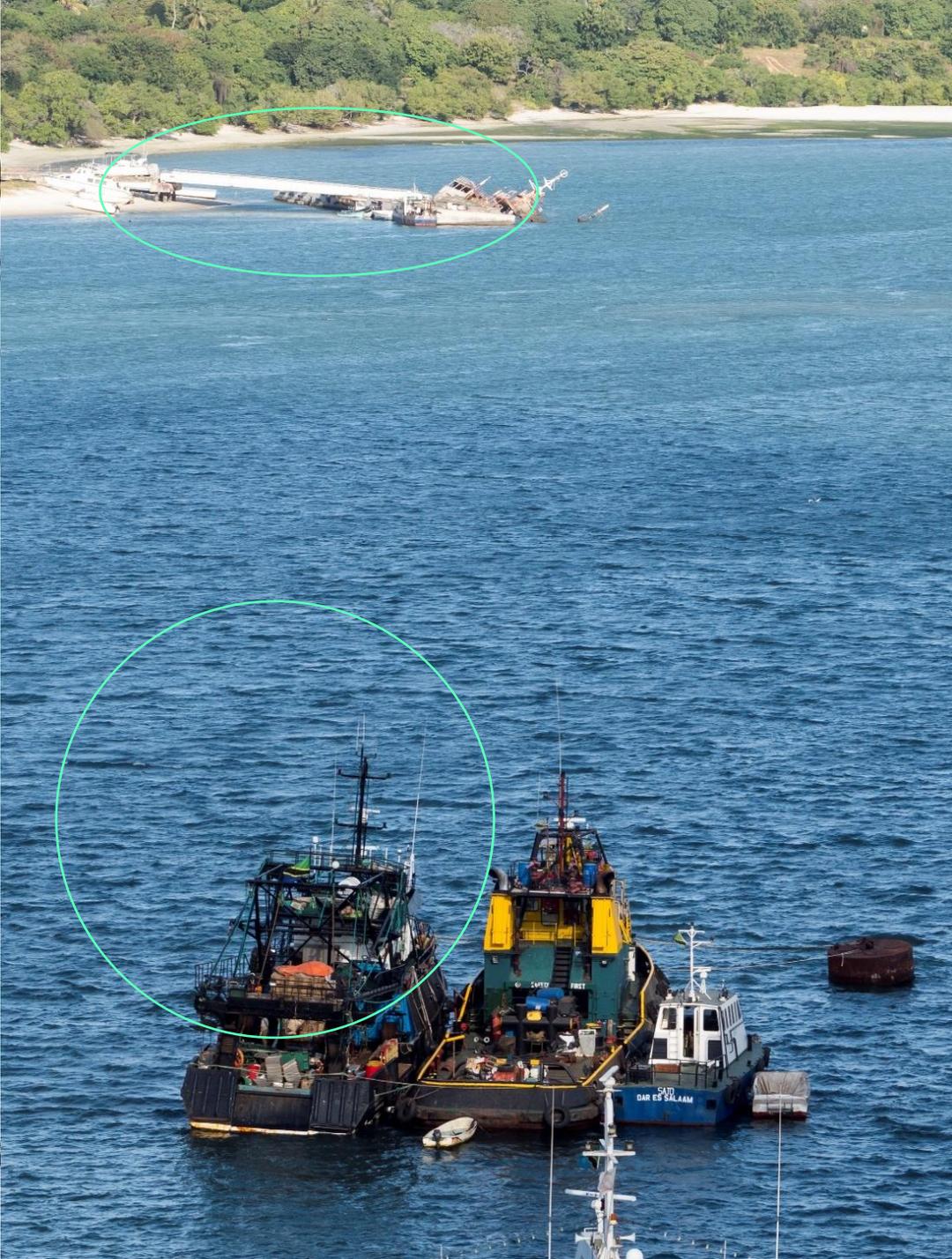
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THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA



THE REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT OF ZANZIBAR
TANZANIA ZANZIBAR INTERNATIONAL REGISTER OF SHIPPING

The Maritime Transport Act, 2006
Maritime Transport (Registration and Licensing of Vessels) Regulations, 2007
Made under Regulation 48(3)(a)

SPECIAL CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRY

NOT FOR FISHING

GENERAL PARTICULARS

IMO NO.	CALL SIGN	OFFICIAL NO.	NAME OF VESSEL	HOME PORT AND DATE OF REGISTRATION	PREVIOUS HOME PORT, AND VESSEL NAME
N/A	SIM-669	100237	HUIHANG 68	ZANZIBAR 17 TH JULY, 2017	BELIZE/GREKO 2
TYPE OF SHIP	PLACE OF CONSTRUCTION	DATE OF CONSTRUCTION	NAME AND ADDRESS OF BUILDER		
FISHING VESSEL	INDIA	1990	BHARAT SHIPYARD, RANTAGIRI		

REGISTERED DIMENSIONS AND TONNAGES

Length	24.78 m	Gross tonnage	146
Maximum breadth	7.70 m	Net tonnage	98
Moulded depth amid ship	4.50 m		

Description of Voyage/purpose: SINGLE VOYAGE FOR DELIVERY FROM MOMBAS, KENYA TO ZANZIBAR, TANZANIA

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that-

- the Tanzania Zanzibar International Register of Shipping has authorised me to grant this certificate to enable the ship described above to make the voyage so described, subject to the following conditions:

- UNDER BALLAST CONDITION
- FISHING ACTIVITIES IS PROHIBITED

- to the best of my knowledge and belief the above description of the ship is correct
- the following is the name and address of the owner(s) of the ship

Name of Owner(s)	Address
TANZANIA HUIHANG SHIPPING CO., LTD	PLOT NO. 1249/11, 1 ST FLOOR, BIBI TITI MOHAMED/ MOROGORO RD., MWALIMU NYERERE PENSION TOWER, DAR ES SALAAM

- the following is the name and address of the bareboat charterer(s) of the ship:

Name of Charterer(s)	Address
SAHA COMPANY LIMITED	P. O BOX 5199, DAR ES SALAAM TANZANIA

The period of validity of this Special Certificate of Registry expires on ARRIVAL AT ZANZIBAR PORT.

Zanzibar, Tanzania

Date: 17TH JULY, 2017


SHEIKHA A. MOHAMED
For. Registrar of Ships



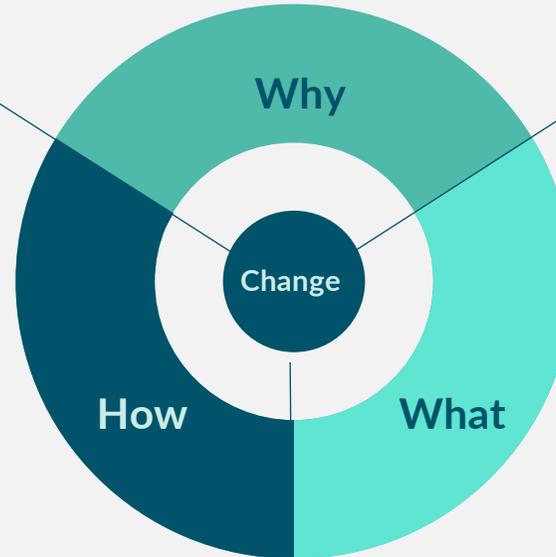
NATIONAL SOLUTIONS

CHANGE HAPPENS AT HOME

- Corruption corrupts
- Culture of kingpins grows networks
- Lack of justice provides no deterrence
- Corruption fuels IUU fishing which destroys the fisheries

BUILD CAPACITY

- Encourage compliant operators and fishers through showcasing and acknowledging good behaviour
- Support interagency committees/ task forces
- Strengthen prosecution capacity
- Develop and train in SOPs and routines
- Make open communications – for whistle blowers and share information publicly
- Invest in on-the-ground technology



FISH, FISHERIES AND FISHERS MATTER

- Awareness – compliant fisheries underpin blue growth
- Champions – as leaders
- Protection – for all
- Transparency and information sharing
- Accountability – officials, agents



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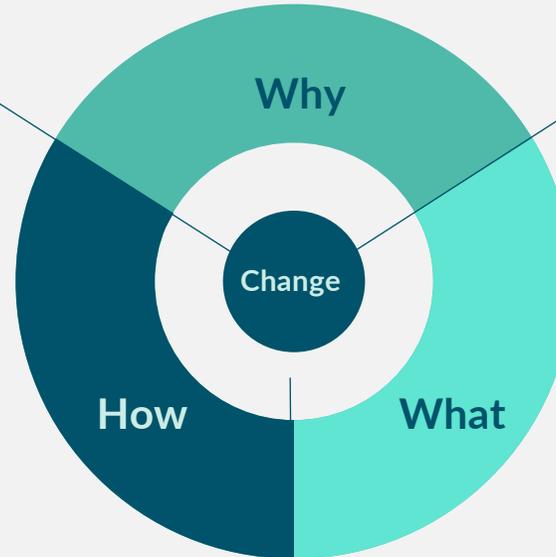
REGIONAL SOLUTIONS

TOGETHER WE ARE STRONGER

- Shared fisheries – shared corruption
- Vessels move – so intelligence must move too
- Out of sight out of mind – joined up investigations

BUILD COOPERATION

- Support fisheries led task forces/ regional centres
- Develop and implement systematic information exchange
- Support systematic checking to agreed standards – vessels, agents, operators
- Placing fisheries at the table in regional agendas and policies



INTEGRATED OPERATIONS

- Cooperation underpinned by trust
- Positive peer pressure – positive motivation
- Shared knowledge to lead to joint responses
- Regional investigations leading to prosecutions
- Fisheries authorities to bridge to national fisheries crime agencies

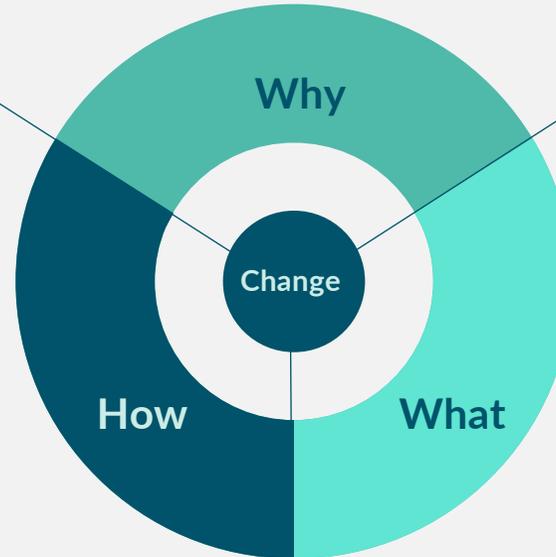
INTERNATIONAL SOLUTIONS

GLOBAL PROBLEM – GLOBAL SOLUTION

- One world – one ocean
- Fisheries value chain is global – we all eat the fish
- Transnational organised crime – global criminal networks
- One weak link – global impact, global damage

BUILD COMPATIBILITY

- Support transparency in RFMOs
- Implement fisheries instruments – PSM, flag State responsibility
- Integrate cross-sector implementation
- Expose scandals and criminals
- Apply political, diplomatic and popular pressure and recognition
- Grow global linkages – e.g. centres, task forces and initiatives
- Populate registers, records and lists (owners, companies, vessels)
- Follow through on cases – from both ends
- Improve oversight of investors and operators
- Invest long term to make it happen



NO PLACE TO HIDE

- Oceans and fisheries making a meaningful impact on SDGs
- Culture of compliance – underpinning sustainable, fair and safe fisheries
- No weak spots – flags, ports or crews ‘of convenience’
- International standards – implemented by all for all

Summary

- Work at all levels – but operate where you can contribute
- Target the weak spots – identify the problems, reverse cherry picking
- Stop corruption early – stop problem from moving along the value chain
- Promote good work – give a platform for recognition, nurture champions
- Break the chain – corruption is transnational, we can disrupt it at any point
- This is not only fisheries – we need to link across sectors
- Expose the criminals – use political, diplomatic, popular pressure
- Work together – changing the culture of corruption to a culture of compliance

