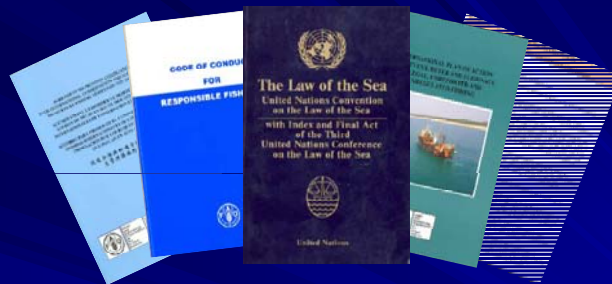




The Development of a Comprehensive Global Record of Fishing Vessels, Refrigerated Transport Vessels and Supply Vessels
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IUU FISHING



Despite a range of instruments and associated measures – IUU fishing continues to be a serious problem . . . US\$10–23 Billion annually

Why have these instruments failed to achieve their intended potential?

- They operate in an information vacuum;
- States can ignore or merely pay lip-service to important provisions without fear of being held accountable; and
- Sanctions for non-performance have been weak.

Why have a 'Global Record'

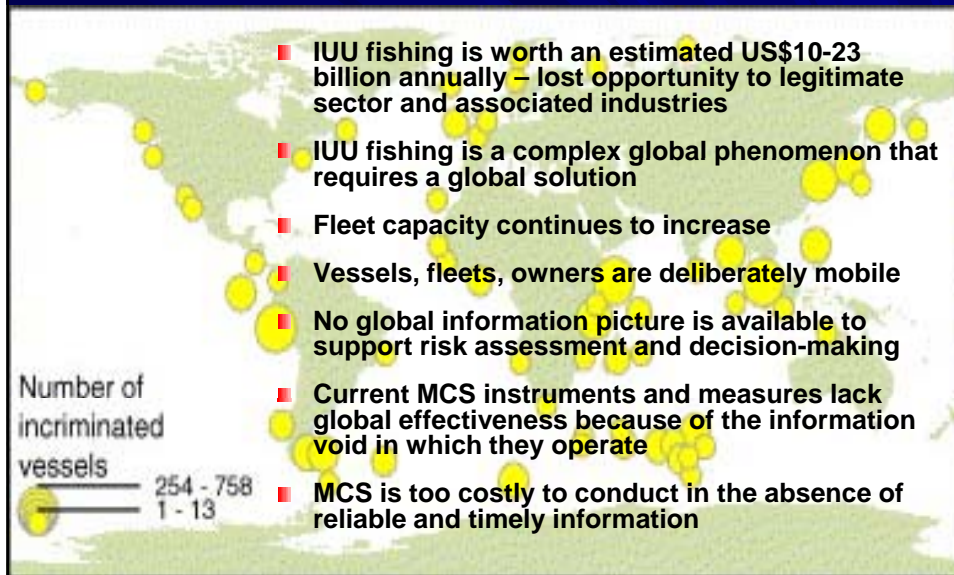


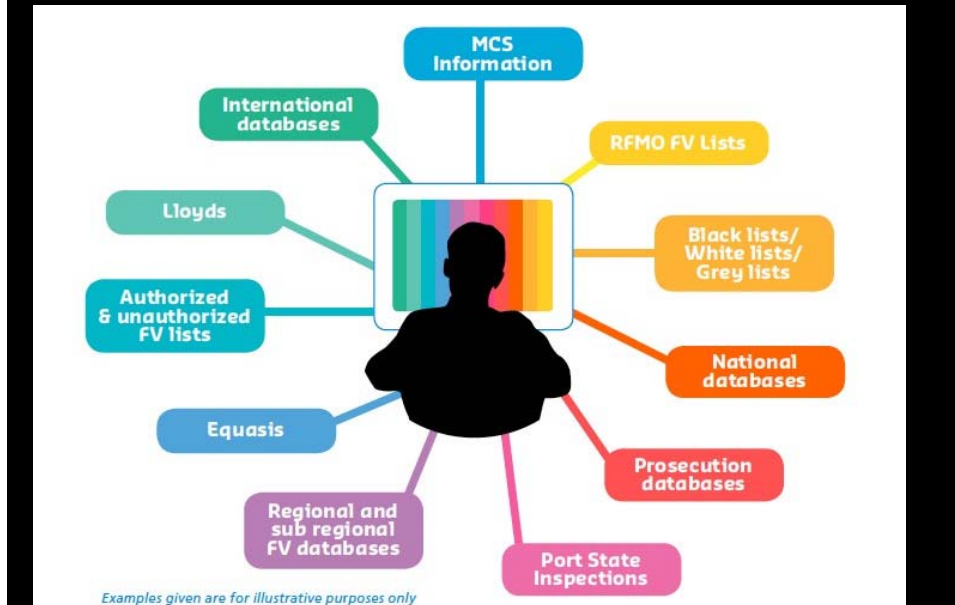
Fig. 1. Number of incriminated vessels for fishing illegally between 1980 and 2003. Source: Based on Sea Around Us IUU database; www.seaaroundus.org.

What is 'The Global Record'

A central **record** of vessel related information that can be used to:

- *identify the vessel;*
- *describe its capacity and capability;*
- *identify its owners and associated interests;*
- *identify its fishing authorizations;*
- *provide a history of its port visits and inspections;*
- *provide a history of other inspections*
- *provide a history of its infractions;*
- *provide any other relevant and available data*

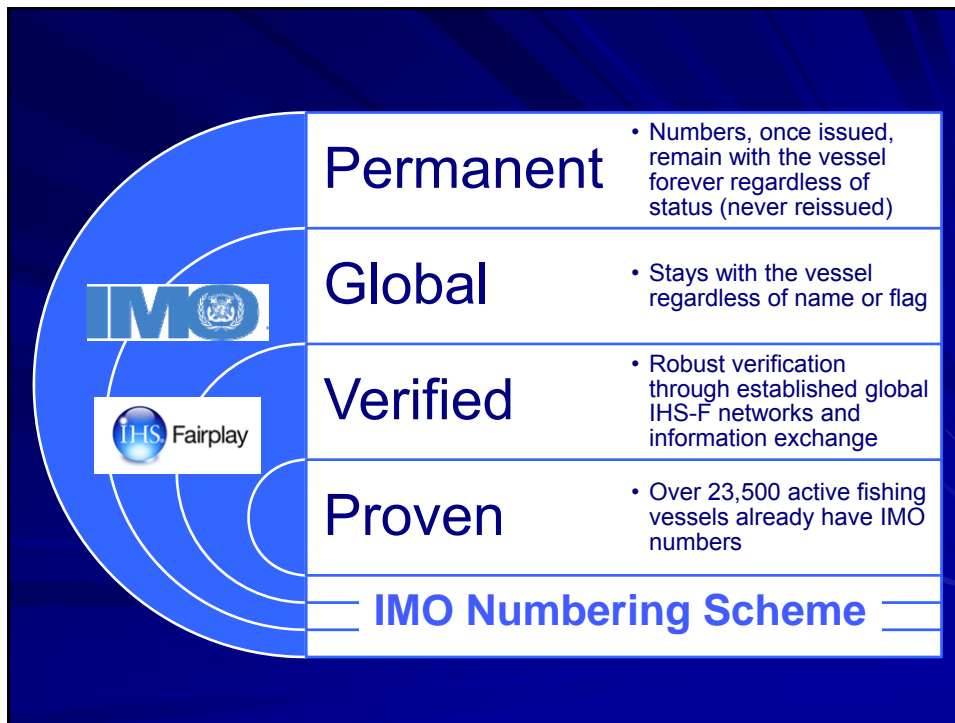
What will a Global Record look like?



The UVI

IMO Number

- Once assigned, the IMO number remains with the vessel **forever**.
- **IHS-Fairplay** is the originating source for the IMO Ship Number (UVI) and is the sole authority with responsibility for assigning and validating these numbers.
- The Numbers are issued from the global maritime database maintained by LRF and consist of a **unique seven digit number**. LRF manages this Scheme on behalf of the IMO.
- Numbers are allocated **free** of charge.
- The Scheme assigns IMO Ship Numbers to **propelled, sea-going merchant ships of 100 GT and above**, and more than **23,500** fishing vessels actually have an IMO number.
- Relevant information relating to the vessel can be linked to it using the UVI, lessening the opportunity for inaccuracy and confusion.



Reliability through the Use of UVI

“Many fishing vessels lack unique identifiers, enabling operators of IUU fishing vessels to disguise their identity by renaming vessels or by switching to a different International Radio Call Sign or flag. . . In the absence of a global vessel register and the mandatory use of IMO numbers, or a similar scheme, illegal operators will continue to disguise their vessels easily.”

IHS-F Data Requirements

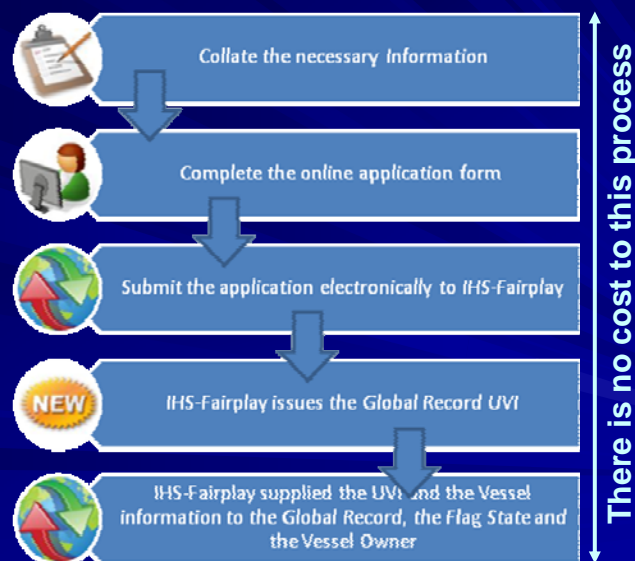
IHS-F Data Requirements for the Issue of a IHS-F (IMO) Vessel Number

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registered Owner Flag State Name of Fishing Vessel Registration Number (Fishing No.) Previous Vessel Names Port of Registry Address of Owner or Owners Previous Flag or Flags (if any) International Radio Call Sign Where and When Built Type of Vessel | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Length Moulded Depth Beam Gross Register Tonnage GT Power of Main Engine or Engines Ship Builder Nationality of Shipbuilder Parallel Flag (if applicable) Commercial Operator (if applicable: Charterer) |
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Additional IHS-F Data Requirements for the Issue of a IHS-F (IMO) Vessel Number (deferrable for 5 years)

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parent Company Registered Owner Ship Manager Bareboat / Demise Charter MMSI Number Flag State Identification Number (Official No.) Net Tonnage | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dead Weight Parallel-in Ships True Ownership Registration Details Parallel-out Ships True Owner Details Date Entered onto Flag State Register Date Ship De-registered (by the previous flag State, if applicable) |
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Obtaining a UVI and Getting onto the Global Record





Why the 'Comprehensive Global Record' needs to include transport and supply vessels

Global Record Phases

**Global Vessel Fleet
4.3 Million**

Phase 1 – Vessels \geq 100GT, 100GRT, 24m (LOA)

120-160,000 Vessels

Phase 2 – Vessels \geq 50GT, 50GRT, 18m (LOA)

120-160,000 Vessels

Phase 3 – Vessels \geq 10GT, 10GRT, 12m (LOA)

Up to 370,000 Vessels

16% of the Global Fleet

<http://www.fao.org/fishery/global-record/en>

Thank you
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