

Press Release

TTIA's Action to Redress IUU Fishing

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1. The Thai Tuna Industry Association (TTIA) extends its full support to the Thai Government in redressing IUU fishing in accordance with the international principles enshrined in UNCLOS 1982 and FAO's Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries.
2. The Association also supports collaboration between the EU and the Thai Government in redressing IUU fishing concretely. TTIA is supportive of the Royal Ordinance on Fisheries, B.E. 2558 (A.D. 2015), Thailand's Marine Fishery Management Plan (FMP), and the National Marine Fisheries Management Policy, 2015 -2019.
3. TTIA encourages fair enforcement of the laws in order to ensure that the majority of the fishermen, especially small-scale fishermen in 22 provinces have access to more marine resources in a more sustainable manner, while enjoying higher income. This is truly regarded as an effective way to enhance the economic well-being of the majority of the country's fishermen. In particular, TTIA literally shares the Government's vision in ensuring the security and sustainability of the country's marine resources for the benefit of our posterity.
4. TTIA cooperates with various human rights organizations both at home and abroad (NGO) in educating our members and our labor to comply with Labour Relations Act. Support budget for activities such as building school, education scholarship, hiring teachers and training seminars, etc.
5. TTIA reaffirms that our members have been stringently operating their tuna businesses in a transparent manner along the line of the international principles upheld in UNCLOS 1982, and the FAO's Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries. We have additionally been collaborating with various Regional Fisheries Management Organizations (RFMOs) such as the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC), and the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC) in their anti-IUU efforts and in our support of sustainable fisheries. TTIA also stands ready to cooperate wholeheartedly with the Department of Fisheries and the EU DG-MARE in combating IUU fishing based strictly on the principles championed in UNCLOS, and by FAO, and RFMOs.