

## External Review of Taiwan's Fisheries Management System

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In October 2015, the European Union (EU) determined that Taiwan's fisheries management system had not been sufficiently effective in addressing illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing and therefore issued a yellow card warning to Taiwan. In response, the Taiwanese government introduced and implemented a series of improvement measures across several key areas, including the legal framework, monitoring, control and surveillance (MCS), seafood traceability, and international cooperation. In June 2019, the EU lifted the yellow card, recognizing the progress achieved. Subsequently, both parties further established a dedicated working group and continued to exchange views and engage in dialogue through an annual meeting mechanism.

According to available information, since 2020 the Taiwanese government has conducted annual exchanges with the EU, either through in-person or virtual meetings, to discuss the measures undertaken to combat IUU fishing and their implementation outcomes. These exchanges have also included reviews and discussions of the implementation of fisheries management policies. While the content of these bilateral government-to-government meetings is not publicly disclosed, and therefore cannot be provided, the information and photographs collected do confirm the existence and continuity of this engagement mechanism.

From a broader perspective, Taiwan's current fisheries management system incorporates an external review component through its regular dialogue and review processes with the EU. However, since publicly available results of external reviews are not accessible, monitoring and observation will continue until such information can be obtained.

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1月21日臺歐盟合作打擊IUU漁撈工作小組視訊會議



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#### (一) 持續與國際合作打擊非法漁撈

歐盟於2015年10月1日將我國列為打擊非法、未報告、不受規範 (Illegal, Unreported, Unregulated, IUU) 漁撈不合作國家警告 (黃牌) 名單後，我國即從「法律架構」、「監測、管控及監督 (MCS) 措施」、「漁產品可追溯性」及「國際合作」四大面向著手改善，臺歐盟雙方歷經3年9個月密集聯繫與諮商後，歐盟執委會於2019年6月27日決議將我國自打擊IUU漁撈黃牌名單移除。

解除我國IUU漁撈黃牌後，為持續提升在區域性合作打擊IUU漁撈行為之量能，臺歐盟成立合作打擊IUU漁撈工作小組 (Working



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Group)，每年舉行1或2次會議維持合作。該工作小組於本年5月13日召開「臺歐盟合作打擊IUU漁撈工作小組視訊會議」，就我國打擊IUU漁撈作為進行交流，另針對國際間可能涉及IUU漁撈相關事件進行討論。

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