



PROJECT ALIOS 2.0

Tackling illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing and related incidents

Project Alios is a law enforcement project aimed at strengthening INTERPOL member countries' ability to tackle Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) fishing and related incidents.

Phase 1 was implemented between September 2022 and February 2024 with support from the European Union (Directorate General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries).

Phase 2 aims to further enhance cooperation among participating countries with a special focus on developing countries and countries of interest to the European Union in the fight against IUU fishing.



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OBJECTIVES:

The project aims to achieve the following:

- Strengthen the capacity of our member countries to gather information and develop criminal intelligence analysis to address fisheries incidents.
- Improve multiagency cooperation to enhance the capabilities at national level to identify and prosecute fisheries cases.
- Promote international cooperation in the fight against IUU fishing.

PROJECT ACTIVITIES

The project is tailored to the needs of national authorities, centering around operational, analytical and investigative support, and building capabilities of the investigative bodies in beneficiary countries.

The main activities include:

- Regional capacity building workshop on high-risk fishing vessels

A regional capacity building workshop will be organized for the Western Indian Ocean region to support law enforcement authorities to identify high-risk fishing vessels and IUU fishing-related incidents.

- Operational Support Team (OST) Deployment

OSTs comprise INTERPOL officials with specialized forensic, analytical, investigative skills and subject matter expertise. They can be deployed to the field upon a request from national authorities to support transnational investigations.

- Regional Investigative and Analytical Case meetings (RIACM)

RIACMs will bring together representatives from national authorities in different countries to discuss fisheries cases of interest, share and analyse information and identify priority targets for joint investigations and law enforcement action.

- Analytical products

Analytical products will be disseminated to national authorities including cross checks and case analysis reports with regards to specific fisheries incidents or ongoing criminal investigations involving fisheries stakeholders.

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