

Deterring IUU fishing through State control over nationals: a CCAMLR perspective

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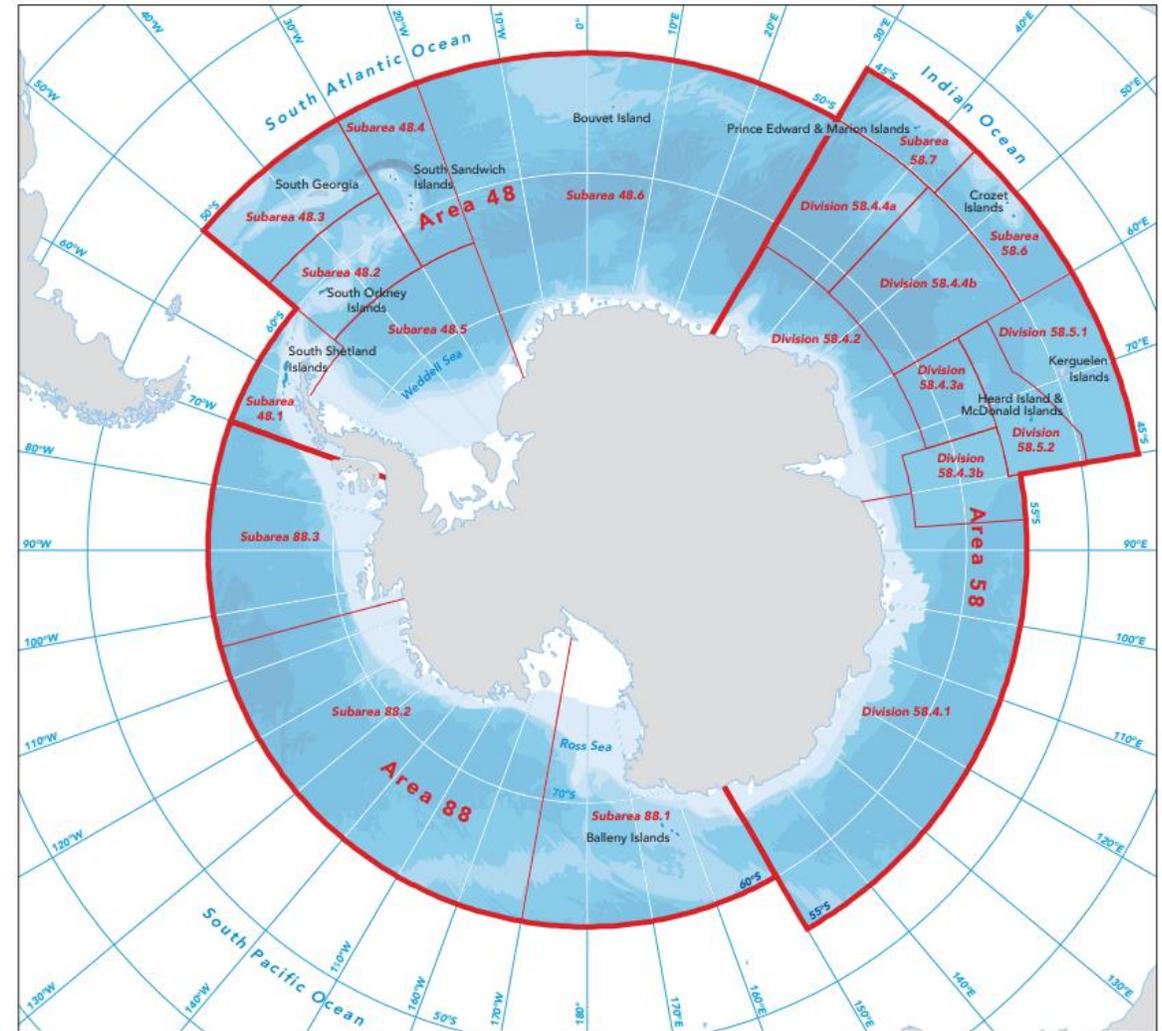


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Introduction

- The Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources ([CCAMLR](#))
- International body responsible for the conservation of marine life and ecosystems within the [Convention Area](#)



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CCAMLR and IUU

- The CCAMLR Convention Area introduces various MCS challenges
- CCAMLR has implemented a wide range of measures:
 - catch documentation scheme ([CM 10-05](#))
 - centralised VMS ([CM 10-04](#))
 - IUU vessel lists ([CM 10-06](#) and [10-07](#))
 - Flag State and Port State control measures
- Many RFMOs/RFBs recognise the importance of including a greater focus on the **responsibility** of individuals involved



The poaching vessel *Thunder* which was pursued for 110 days. Photo courtesy of *Sea Shepherd*.



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Beyond the vessel

- Vessel is just an asset
- Dig deeper
- Call for States to take greater control of their nationals to deter any support or engagement in IUU fishing activities



The IUU-listed vessel *STS-50*. Photo courtesy of *Sea Shepherd*.



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Conservation Measure 10-08

- CCAMLR Contracting Parties have the responsibility across many different roles (Flag State, Port State...) – to take action
- [Conservation Measure 10-08](#): Unique to CCAMLR
 - *Paragraph 1: "...Contracting Parties shall take appropriate measures...*
 - i. to verify if any of their nationals...are engaged in the activities*
 - ii. to verify if any of their nationals...are responsible for, benefiting from, supporting or engaging in the activities described above (e.g. as operators, effective beneficiaries, owners, logistics and service providers, including insurance providers and other financial service providers);*
 - iii. take appropriate action in response...*



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Partnerships and collaboration

- CCAMLR partners with various organisations to facilitate information sharing



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- Forums such as the GFETW present valuable opportunities
- Partnerships may help facilitate analytical and MCS capacity building support to developing States:
 - Pool resources
- Non-Contracting Parties

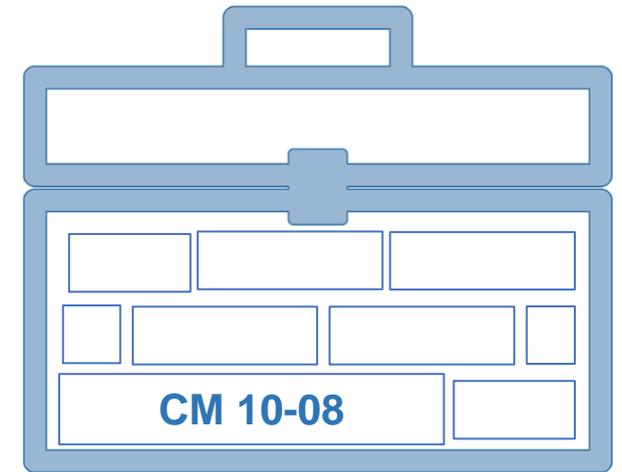


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Application as an MCS tool

- [CM 10-08](#) sets out a framework, but is just one tool in the toolbox
 - Vessel registries, IUU lists, information sharing initiatives, PSMA, catch documentation schemes
- States should empower investigative/enforcement authorities – operational response
- Transparency: understand and act



Case Study: Operation Sparrow

- Following detection of 4 vessels suspected of illegally poaching Patagonian toothfish in 2015, Spain launched “[Operation Sparrow](#)”
- Core of the network was Spanish, fines imposed
- Mutual assistance and international collaboration
- Without data, actions unachievable
- Further established rules which prohibit nationals from being involved in IUU fishing activities



Spanish port (Vigo) where two IUU fishing vessels were seized under Operation Sparrow II in 2015. Operation Sparrow. Photo courtesy of MAGRAMA.



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Lessons learned

- Combating IUU fishing requires the commitment, involvement and action of all stakeholders
 - CM 10-08 is one tool, requiring Contracting Parties to act
- Designed not to substitute Flag State jurisdiction, but rather to complement it
- Transparency and information sharing essential, but States must act, or this information may as well be redundant



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From words to actions

- Highlights the response from Contracting Parties to calls for greater control of individuals subject to their jurisdictions to deter their support of or engagement in IUU fishing activities
- Beyond vessels, beyond masters – shell companies, owners, operators, insurance providers
- Move from words, to actions



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