



**SAFE OCEAN NETWORK**

**Building a Global Community to  
Better Combat Illegal Fishing**



# What is the Safe Ocean Network?

- \* Safe Ocean Network is a global initiative aimed at strengthening all aspects of the fight against IUU fishing: Detection, Enforcement, and Prosecution.
- \* Strengthens efforts to identify, interdict, and prosecute those engaged in illegal fishing activity, as well as the organized criminal organizations that support it, through enhanced cooperation, coordination, and information-sharing.
- \* Seeks to increase collaboration among regional and global partners from prediction of the activity through prosecution illegal fishing.



# How does it work?

- \* Strengthens monitoring, control, and surveillance (MCS) activities by integrating new and existing tools used for maritime domain awareness (MDA).
- \* Improves efficiency through better coordination and information-sharing of enforcement actions and training at sea and in port through integration with the Port State Measures Agreement (PSMA).
- \* Enhances enforcement, investigative, and prosecutorial capacity building efforts through regional and global collaboration.



# Current Status

## \* Partners:

- \* 27 Countries
- \* 4 Intergovernmental Organizations
- \* 15 Nongovernmental Organizations

## \* Collaboration Portal: All Partners Access Network (APAN) Safe Ocean Network web portal:

- \* <https://community.apan.org/wg/son/>



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# U.S. Government Support

Department of Defense (Navy)

Department of Homeland Security (Coast Guard)

Department of Justice

Department of State

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

National Aeronautical and Space Administration (NASA)

Office of the Director of National Intelligence

U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID).



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# Government Partners

Australia

Bahamas

Bangladesh

Cabo Verde

Canada

Chile

Costa Rica

European Union

France

Gabon

Ghana

Indonesia

Italy

Japan

Netherlands

New Zealand

Norway

Palau

Panama

Philippines

Portugal

Senegal

Seychelles

Spain

United Kingdom

United States of America

Vanuatu



# Partners

## \*Intergovernmental Organizations

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations  
International Monitoring, Control and Surveillance (IMCS) Network  
INTERPOL  
United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime



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# Partners

## \*Nongovernmental Organizations

Center for Advanced Defense Studies  
(C4ADS)

Consortium for Ocean Leadership

Environmental Law Institute

International Seafood Sustainability  
Foundation (ISSF)

mFish

Monterey Bay Aquarium

National Geographic Society

Oceana

Oceans 5

Pew Charitable Trusts

Secure Fisheries

Skytruth

Stimson Center

Vulcan

World Wildlife Fund





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# Current Status

\*42 projects covering detection, enforcement, and prosecution

## 2016 Safe Ocean Network Projects

-  Detection
-  Enforcement
-  Prosecution
-  Detection, Enforcement, Prosecution
-  n/a





# Port State Measures Agreement Implementation

- \* United States has committed \$900,000 to support the five-year PSMA Umbrella Capacity Development Program
- \* This will support implementation of the PSMA and complementary instruments to combat IUU fishing through a menu of options for capacity building
- \* With the U.S. funding the UN FAO will be working with five parties in the Caribbean and Central America



# Safe Ocean Network in the Region

- \* Oceans 5, the Smithsonian Institution, Wildlife Conservation Society, and Center for Marine Studies MesoAmerican Reef Initiative to implement electronic licensing, vessel tracking, and catch documentation systems in Belize and Honduras.
- \* Latin America and Caribbean Marine Protected Area (MPA) Compliance Capacity Building: The Department of State will support a project to build capacity to improve compliance in coastal MPAs in the Caribbean.



# Safe Ocean Network in the Region

- \* SeaVision, an unclassified, internet-based maritime information sharing and visualization tool that combines vessel location information from the Maritime Safety and Security Information System (MSSIS) as well as commercial data feeds in near-real time.



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# Questions