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Ms. Jungre Riley Kim, Chair
Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC)
Government Complex Sejong, 94, Dasom 2-Ro,
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Dear Ms. Kim,

We, the Korea IUU coalition - Advocates for Public Interest Law (APIL), Citizens' Institute for Environmental Studies (CIES), Environmental Justice Foundation (EJF), and Korean Federation for Environmental Movement (KFEM) - share the concerns along with other signees around the world, a total of 31 organizations, and address issues in the report entitled "A Briefing on Longxing 629" regarding:

- Deaths of four Indonesian crew members onboard;
- Alleged breaches of WCPFC Conservation and Management Measures (CMMs) in relation to intentional shark catch/finning, whale bycatch, and unreported transshipment; and
- Alleged violation of the Resolution on Labour Standards for Crew on Fishing Vessels

We'd like to call upon the Commission to:

- Thoroughly examine the issues raised in the report;
- Take action to prevent the recurrence of such incidents;
- Consider listing Longxing 629 on the WCPFC IUU (Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated) Vessel List;
- Consider integrating Resolution on Labour Standards for Crew on Fishing Vessels 2018-01 into a legally binding Conservation and Management Measure

Therefore, we urge you to ensure that the Longxing 629 case is properly discussed among Members, Cooperating Non-members and Participating Territories (CCMs) not only in advance of but also during the Technical and Compliance Committee (TCC) and the Commission meetings. We urge CCMs to take strong action to ensure such cases do not recur. The failure to take strong action would set a negative precedent and undermine international efforts to combat IUU fishing activities and related human rights abuses.

We would appreciate your efforts to share the information contained in our report with CCMs for constructive discussions prior to and during meetings. We look forward to WCPFC's leadership in taking action to end IUU fishing activities and associated human rights abuses. We stand ready to answer any questions arising from our briefing and assist with your efforts to further gather information on this case.

Sincerely,

Signees:

			
<p>Advocates for Public Interest Law (APIIL)</p>	<p>Animal Welfare Awareness, Research and Education (AWARE)</p>	<p>Citizens' Institute for Environmental Studies (CIES)</p>	<p>Companion-Lawyers for Public Interests</p>
			
<p>Destructive Fishing Watch Indonesia (DFW Indonesia)</p>	<p>Environmental Justice Foundataion (EJF)</p>	<p>Friends of Earth Japan (FoE Japan)</p>	<p>Friends of the Earth Asia Pacific</p>
			
<p>Greenpeace Southeast Asia</p>	<p>Hot Pink Dolphins</p>	<p>Human Rights Now</p>	<p>International Pole and Line Foundation (IPNLF)</p>
			
<p>Korea Animal Rights Advocates (KARA)</p>	<p>Korea Federation for Environmental Movement (KFEM)</p>	<p>Malaysian Inshore Fishermen Association for Education and Welfare (JARING)</p>	<p>Migration & Human Rights Institute</p>
			
<p>Pacific Asia Resource Center (PARC)</p>	<p>Pergerakan Pelaut Indonesia (PPI)</p>	<p>PRÓ-SQUALUS</p>	<p>Sahabat Alam Malaysia (Friends of the Earth Malaysia)</p>
			
<p>Sea Shepherd Korea</p>	<p>Serikat Buruh Migran Indonesia (SBMI)</p>	<p>Serikat Pekerja Perikanan Indonesia (SPPI)</p>	<p>Serve the People Association (SPA)</p>
			
<p>Shark Allies</p>	<p>Shark Project International</p>	<p>Sharks Educational Institute (SEI)</p>	<p>Taiwan Association for Human Rights</p>
			
<p>Taiwan International Workers' Association (TIWA)</p>	<p>The International Union of Food, Agricultural, Hotel, Restaurant, Catering, Tobacco and Allied Workers' Associations (IUF)</p>	<p>Yilan Migrant Fishermen Union (YMFU)</p>	