



## Homeland Security Investigations Commercial Fraud Unit



# ILLEGAL, UNREPORTED, AND UNREGULATED FISHING (IUUF) PROGRAM

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The Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) Commercial Fraud Unit (CFU) manages the illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing (IUUF) program. This program involves investigations of illegally caught fisheries and forced labor/human rights violations in the industry.



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HSI's **IUUF Program's** initiatives focus on investigations regarding the illegal sourcing and trade of fisheries. Illegal, unregulated, and unreported fishing (IUUF) is a major contributor to global overfishing, threatening food security, maritime livelihoods, and fisheries sustainability. H.R.774 - Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing Enforcement Act of 2015, as well as other statutes, provide enforcement mandates to combat illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing and achieve sustainable fisheries. HSI utilizes its customs authorities to conduct investigations of IUUF to support national and international prosecutions and provide evidence to guide future policy and management of fisheries.

The Maritime Security and Fisheries Enforcement (SAFE) Act provides a whole-of-government approach to counter IUU fishing and related threats to maritime security. HSI is a member of the Interagency Working Group to strengthen maritime security and combat IUU fishing established under the SAFE Act. The working group brings together twenty-one agencies for an integrated, federal government-wide response to IUU fishing globally. The group's chair and deputy chair positions rotate among NOAA, the U.S. Department of State, and the U.S. Coast Guard.

Combating IUU fishing is a top priority for the United States, and communication, collaboration and strategic coordination will be key in bringing about tangible results. The efforts of the U.S. Interagency Working Group on IUU Fishing now sit at the heart of our government's coordination on tackling IUU fishing practices and setting the conditions where IUU fishing is neither accepted nor commonplace in the future.