

# NPFC 2023-2024

# PANAMA

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# WORKING TOGETHER TO COMPLY WITH RFMOS



**Panama participates in 8 RFMOs**



**Road Map in order to assure compliance of Panama's Fleet**



**Circular with new regulations**



**Meeting with operators and managers**



**Establish open channel of communication with the technical team of Panama and Owner/ Operators**

# CURRENT STATUS OF PANAMA BEFORE THE RFMOS

Status	RFMOs
<b>Contracting Party</b>	<b>ICCAT-International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tuna</b> <b>IATTC-Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission</b> <b>SPRFMO-South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organisation</b>
<b>Cooperating Non-Contracting Party</b>	<b>NPFC-The North Pacific Fisheries Commission</b> <b>WCPFC-The Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission</b> <b>NEAFC-North-East Atlantic Fisheries Commission</b>
<b>Non Party</b>	<b>IOTC-Indian Ocean Tuna Commission</b> <b>CCSBT Commission for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna</b>
<b>Acceding State</b>	<b>CCAMLR-Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources</b>

# PARTICIPATION OF PANAMA



**Panama**



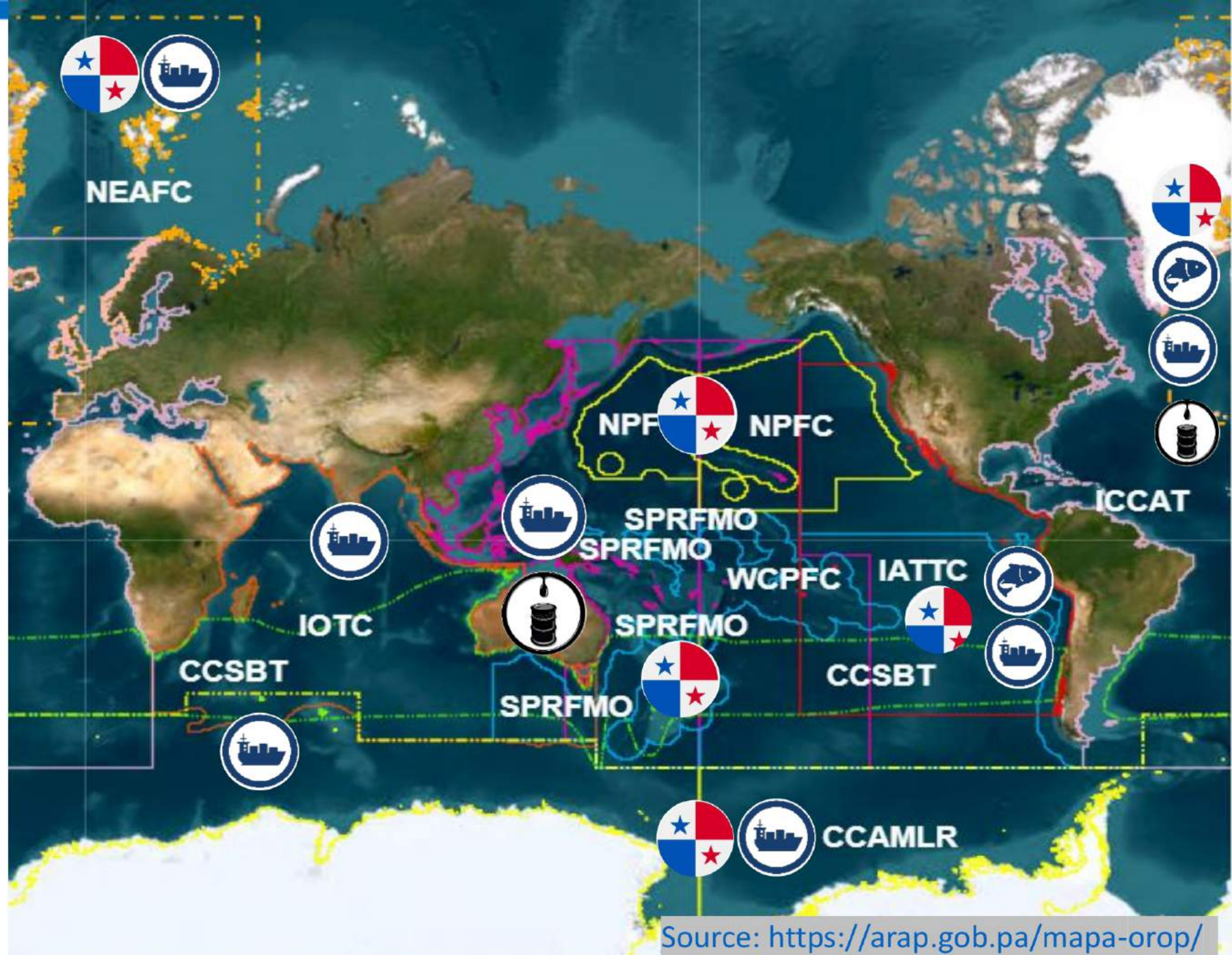
**Catching vessels**



**Fish Carriers**



**Bunkering  
vessels**



# Commitments of Panama to RFMOs



**Comply with all Conservation and Management Measures established by RFMOs.**



**Meetings participation**



**Compliance reporting**



**Financial contributions**



**Contribution of statistical information to scientific committees**



**Monitoring, Control and Surveillance (MCS) mechanisms**

# NPFC GENERAL INFORMATION

## Convention on the Conservation and Management of High Seas Fisheries Resources in the North Pacific Ocean:



### OBJECTIVE

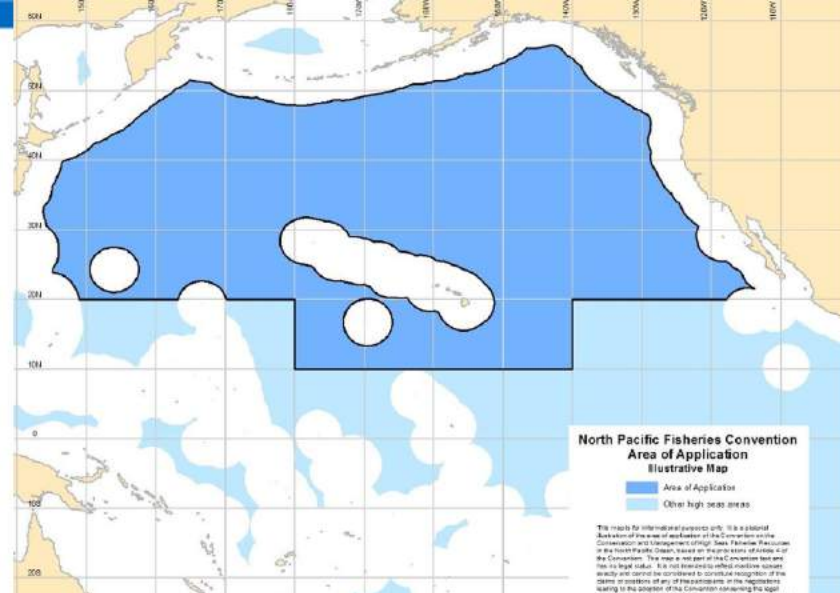
Ensure long-term conservation and sustainable use of the fisheries resources in the Convention Area while protecting the marine ecosystems of the North Pacific Ocean.

Area of application based on the provisions of Article 4 of the Convention.



### PRIORITY SPECIES

- North Pacific armorhead *Pentaceros wheeleri*,
- Splendid alfonsino *Beryx splendens*,
- Pacific saury *Cololabis saira*,
- Neon flying squid *Ommastrephes bartramii*,
- Japanese flying squid *Todarodes pacificus*,
- Chub mackerel *Scomber japonicus*,
- Blue (spotted) mackerel *Scomber australasicus*,
- Japanese sardine *Sardinops melanostictus*.



# CONDITIONAL RENEWAL OF CNCP STATUS OF PANAMA BEFORE THE NPFC

## 7th Meeting (COM07) - Sapporo, Japan 22-24 March 2023:

- COM07 acknowledged effort made by Panama and encourages to continue improving the monitoring, surveillance and control of its flagged vessels engaged in fishing operations in NPFC.
- In order to ensure the participation of Panama in the RFMO and benefit from this commercial activities, it is necessary to work as a team (Fleet and Authority) to maintain the required standards of compliance.

# CONDITIONS FOR PANAMA'S RENEWAL AS CNCP

- **The COM07 “agreed to renew the CNCP status of Panama from 25 March 2023 until COM08 with participatory rights limited to carrier and bunker vessels, and also agreed that any new failure by Panama to comply with the Conservation and Management Measures of adopted by the Commission, will be dealt with in accordance with Rule 10 paragraph 18 of the NPFC Rules of Procedures including considering the revocation of Panama’s CNCP status”.**
- **NPFC Rule of Procedure 10.18:**

10.18 CNCPs that fail to comply with any of the conservation and management measures adopted by the Commission shall be deemed to have undermined the effectiveness of the conservation and management measures adopted by the Commission. The Commission shall take appropriate action, which may include revocation of CNCP status and/or sanctions and penalties against such CNCPs, in accordance with the Convention and adopted conservation and management measures.



# RECURRING NON COMPLIANCE

# 2021

# 2022

# REGISTRATION AND AUTHORIZATION OF VESSELS

## MANDATORY

- **Technical Circular 052-2023**
- **Administrative resolution, adopting Letter of Compliance for NPFC (under development)**
- **Letter of Compliance will contain the most relevant obligations that must be complied, e.g.:**
  - **VMS data transmission,**
  - **Transshipment and other transfer activities,**
  - **ROP,**
  - **RFV, and**
  - **Other conditions.**
- **Entrance registry and authorization ARAP-NPFC**
- **New forms of transshipment (notifications & declarations)**

# FINAL CONSIDERATIONS

- **We are aware that our fleets participation in the Convention Area is conditioned**
- **If one vessel falls under NON COMPLIANCE, our entire fleet will be jeopardized**
- **We need to work together**
- **Clear rules and good communication**

# Q & A

**The Aquatic Resources Authority of Panama remains attentive to assist, procure and ensure compliance with RFMOs regulations.**

**In the event of any questions, please contact us at:**

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