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DECISION

APPROVING THE SCHEME FOR “PREVENTING ILLEGAL, UNREPORTED, AND UNREGULATED FISHING UNTIL 2025”

PRIME MINISTER

Pursuant to Law on Governmental Organization dated June 19, 2015; Law on amendments to Law on Government Organization and Law on Local Governmental Organization dated November 22, 2019;

Pursuant to the Law on Aquaculture dated November 21, 2017;

At request of Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development.

HEREBY DECIDES:

Article 1. Approving the Scheme for “Preventing illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing until 2025” as follows:

I. OBJECTIVES OF THE SCHEME

1. General objectives

Simultaneously and effectively implement regulations on aquaculture; focus on implementing regulations on preventing illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing (hereinafter referred to as “IUU fishing”); preventing, mitigating, and eliminating IUU fishing, removing “Yellow card” warning of European Commission; managing fishing and protection of fishery resources, marine ecosystems, developing Vietnamese fishing profession sustainably, assuming responsibilities, implementing international integration, improving livelihood of coastal inhabitants, ensuring national security, protecting sovereignty over the sea and islands.

2. Specific objectives

- Marking and installing tracking devices on all fishing vessels with at least 15 m in length.

- All fishing vessels with at least 15 m in length prior to leaving port must be inspected for adequate documents and equipment as per the law.
- All fishing vessels with at least 15 m in length must be monitored and supervised via Vessel monitoring system when working at sea and inspected, examined at port.
- All domestic fishing products upon being unloaded to fishing ports must be inspected and supervised as per the law.
- All foreign fishing products upon arrival at Vietnam's ports must be inspected and supervised in accordance with the Agreement on Port State Measures (PSMA) of FAO-2009.
- Prevent illegal fishing activities of Vietnamese fishing vessels and fishermen in foreign waters and prevent repetition in following years.
- Prevent, minimize, and eliminate IUU warning in order to remove "Yellow card" warning of EC.

II. TASKS AND SOLUTIONS FOR SCHEME IMPLEMENTATION

1. Communication-related tasks and solutions

a) In Vietnam

- Implement communication programs regarding the harms of IUU fishing to sustainable development of fishing activities; disseminate, train, and popularize policies, regulations of Vietnam and relevant countries regarding IUU fishing prevention for related organizations and individuals.
- Organize conferences, provide professional training and annual meetings to coordinate implementation of regulations and law on aquaculture and manage fishing occupation effectively and consistently.

b) Outside of Vietnam

- Promote diplomacy activities, communication programs, organize meetings, conferences, and press conferences to affirm Vietnam's commitments and efforts in preventing IUU fishing, developing fishing profession sustainably, responsibly and in international integration manner; prevent and promptly intercept untruthful information on IUU fishing prevention of Vietnam which prompts unhealthy competition in order to prevent the EC from removing "Yellow card" warning.
- Cooperate, exchange experience with other partners such as Australia, Norway, the United States, and Europe to organize communication and training programs which

approach entities that violate regulations on fishing based on past successful implementation in these countries.

2. Legal framework and policy-related tasks and solutions

- Develop legal framework to ensure sustainable and responsible development of fishing profession in a manner adhering to international treaties and commitments to which Vietnam is a signatory such as: PSMA, UNFSA, C188, Marine Mammal Protection Act of the United States, etc. Review and develop national standards and regulations on technical management and safety for fishing vessels (at least 24 m in length) and fishing ports (Type I, II, III).

- Develop and implement several policies regarding sustainable fishing by reducing fishing intensity, increasing fishing ban and restriction space and time to recover and regrow aquatic resources; provide assistance in converting professions and livelihood of fishermen.

3. Tasks and solutions regarding investment, upgrade, and completion of fishing infrastructures and improvement of organization, resources, and equipment at fishing ports

- Prioritize funding for investing, upgrading, and maintaining fishing infrastructures in fishing ports and asylum harbors.

- Consistently implement programs and schemes for implementing Vietnam aquaculture development strategy until 2030 and vision to 2045 and implementing the Planning of fishing ports and asylum harbors for the period of 2021 - 2030, vision to 2050 after obtaining approval from the Prime Minister.

- Improve organization, resources, provide regular training and advanced professional training for local fishery authorities, especially in fishing ports while ensuring consistency in organizing model in fishing ports, inspection, examination, control, and penalty models for IUU fishing at fishing ports.

- Research and organize implementation of sample models regarding inspection, control, and penalties for IUU fishing at 3 fishing ports in 3 regions: Northern region (Hai Phong), Central region (Khanh Hoa), Southern region (Ca Mau) under technical support and consulting of the EC.

4. Tasks and solutions regarding improvement of capacity and effectiveness of patrol, inspection, and investigation at sea of fisheries surveillance and other relevant authorities.

- Organize preliminary conclusion, final conclusion, and assessment of cooperation between fisheries surveillance and other law enforcement forces operating at sea; increase shared patrol, inspection, and control between law enforcement forces at sea.

- Regularly provide training and professional training for law enforcement forces at sea regarding inspection, investigation, penalty, and prevention of IUU fishing.

5. Tasks and solutions regarding management of fleets, fishing intensity, monitoring, inspection, and control of fishing vessels.

a) Regarding fleet management and fishing intensity

- On the basis of planning for protection and extraction of aquatic resources, closely monitor fishing permit quota. Prevent overfishing and effectively implement regulations on prohibition areas and duration, prohibited operations in sea waters; improve joint management in protecting aquatic resources as per the law.

- Carry out pilot implementation of individual fishing quota depending on local practical situations and fishing profession characteristics.

- Organize and guide organizations and individuals to fish legally in sea waters adjoining and outside of Vietnamese sea waters in accordance with regulations and law of Vietnam, host country, and organizations overseeing fishing profession in the area.

- Channel resources in marking and installing tracking devices on all remaining fishing vessels as per the law; based on local situations, develop solutions and policies on funding the installation of Vessel monitoring system.

- Implement digital transformation, finalize National fishing database, digitalize all information, data, and professional procedures to allow thorough management of fishing activities from central to local government.

b) Monitor, inspect, and control fishing vessel activities from moment of leaving port to moment of arriving at port.

- Enhance inspection and control of fishing vessel conditions upon leaving port, especially vessels that are highly likely to commit IUU fishing; strictly prevent and take actions against unqualified fishing vessels as per the law.

- Reject docking and take actions against fishing vessels that fail to declare prior to docking, fail to submit fishing report and diary as per the law; control all fishing products loaded onto fishing ports in accordance with regulations on IUU fishing.

- Develop regulations on cooperation between relevant local governments in tightening management of local fishing vessels regularly operating beyond the province.

c) Monitor, control, and supervise fishing vessels at sea

- Upgrade and develop vessel monitoring system to ensure stable, coherent operation, sharing and connection from central to local government and relevant authorities to allow close monitoring, supervision of fishing vessels operating at sea, in which:

+ Effectively utilize and operate the available vessel management system and implement stage II of information project for fishery management.

+ Closely monitor quality of vessel management system from suppliers, ensure stable operation and connection of VMS devices to VMS as per the law; strictly take actions against violations in provision, installation, and use of VMS devices.

- Review resources, arrange, improve, establish departments for operating, and coordinating implementation of regulations on aquaculture, IUU fishing prevention of Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development to serve management, coordination, operation, and cooperation from central to local government and authorities of relevant ministries and departments.

- Establish information exchange mechanism between ship and shore, regularly broadcast warnings via coastal radio system to promptly receive and process information from relevant fishing vessels pertaining to operation of VMS devices, fishing accidents and incidents at sea, hijacked, apprehended fishing vessels, etc.

- Law enforcement forces at sea shall enhance patrol, inspection, and control on sea waters; especially in overlapping sea waters, sea waters under conflict, undetermined sea waters to promptly discover, prevent, and deal with Vietnamese fishing vessels violating foreign sea waters; extensively communicate when Vietnamese fishing vessels and fishermen are captured, apprehended by foreign authorities.

6. Tasks and solutions regarding law enforcement and penalties for IUU fishing

- List, locate, closely monitor, and manage fishing vessels suspected of operating in foreign sea waters and publicize on mass media.

- Extensively cooperate and exchange information between authorities of Ministry of National Defense, Ministry of Public Security, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, and governments of 28 coastal provinces and central-affiliated cities in order to simultaneously and consistently investigate and take actions against IUU fishing as per the law.

- Investigate and thoroughly, strictly take actions against organizations and individuals brokering, inciting, enabling Vietnamese fishing vessels or fishermen to operate illegally in foreign sea waters.

7. Tasks and solutions regarding traceability of fishery products

a) Monitor and control fishing quantity at fishing ports

- Apply information technology and digital transformation in traceability, ensure digitalization of professional procedures for monitoring and supervising fishery products throughout value chain in a manner suitable with domestic and international consumption demand.

- Ensure transparency of transport process of fishery products; ensure certification and confirmation of no violation of IUU fishing involved and traceability to combat trade fraud.

b) Monitor, examine, and control fishery products loaded onto Vietnam's ports from foreign countries for import, temporary import for re-export, transit, transshipment through Vietnamese territory in accordance with PSMA of FAO-2009.

- Improve legal mechanisms and procedures for inspecting, and examining in order to prevent fishery products violating IUU fishing from entering Vietnam.

- Extend international cooperation to exchange information, improve inspection, investigation, and penalty capacity for authorities to implement PSMA.

8. Tasks and solutions regarding implementation of international treaties and international cooperation

a) Joint international agreements and treaties

- Finalize documents and join the Convention No. 188 of the International Labor Organization.

- Promote negotiation and complete procedures for becoming an official member of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC), develop solutions for mobilizing support of major partners which are founding and influential members of the WCPFC in order to earn tuna fishing quota in waters under management of WCPFC when Vietnam becomes an official member.

b) International cooperation and obligations to international agreements on fisheries to which Vietnam is a signatory

- Comply with solutions for managing, preserving, and sustainably utilizing marine resources in accordance with the International Convention on Law on the Sea 1982 and United Nations Fish Stocks Agreement (UNFSA). Develop plans for implementing UNFSA.

- Organize high-ranking and technical negotiation and discussion with the EC and the United States regarding Vietnam's effort against IUU.

- Negotiate and sign agreement on establishing hotline with relevant countries and territories in order to cooperate in preventing illegal fishing activities and dealing with relevant matters at sea on the basis of amity and humanism.

- Negotiate and sign or execute agreements and conventions with island countries such as: Micronesia, Palau, etc. and other countries in the ASEAN to allow Vietnam's fishing vessels to operate in their waters. Research cooperation potential in fishery sector with members of the European Union, thereby take advantage of cooperation and investment in Vietnam's fishery market to mobilize the EC to remove the "Yellow card" warning against Vietnam.

- Participate in multilateral cooperation forums, international fishery management organizations, and bilateral fishery cooperation with other countries. Exchange and learn experience of countries that successfully removed EC's "Yellow card" warning.

- Cooperate with regional fishery management organizations as a member, observer, or non-member cooperating country to effectively implement MCS solutions and regulations while implementing certification if possible in fishing activities.

- Positively, responsibly, effectively, and transparently cooperate with relevant countries, regional and international fishery organizations in exchanging, processing information relating to IUU fishing, and implementing policies, solutions for preventing and eliminating IUU fishing products in accordance with international commitments and treaties to which Vietnam is a signatory.

III. PRIORITY TASKS AND PROJECTS

1. Project for information, communication, and training for implementation of the Law on Fishery and prevention of IUU fishing in Vietnam and other countries.

2. Investment and upgrade of fishing ports, facilities, equipment, and resources in order to manage and control fishing vessels, ensure traceability of fishery products starting from fishing ports, and prevent IUU fishing.

3. Pilot project and duplication of sample model for sustainable fishery control at 3 fishing ports in 3 regions: Northern region (Hai Phong), Central region (Khanh Hoa), Southern region (Ca Mau).

4. Project for improving, establishing departments for operating, and coordinating implementation of regulations on aquaculture, IUU fishing prevention of Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development to serve management, coordination, operation, and cooperation from central to local government and authorities of relevant ministries and departments.

5. Project for developing joint management system with integrated fishery database to serve management, coordination, operation, and traceability of fishing vessels and fishing quantity.

6. Project for improving capacity, providing professional training for fisheries surveillance forces and fishery inspectors regarding patrol, control, examination, and penalties against regulations on fishery.

7. Joint patrol between fishery law enforcement forces to prevent and take actions against violation of IUU fishing.

8. International cooperation, negotiation, signing, and participation in conventions and agreements on fishery and prevention of IUU fishing.

(Details on priority tasks and projects are mentioned under Appendix attached hereto)

IV. FUNDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION

Diversify mobilized funding sources and effectively utilize resources to implement the Scheme.

1. Annual state budget (expenditure on developing, investing in infrastructures, recurrent expenditure) according to applicable state budget decentralization.

2. Expenditure integrated in public investment programs, projects, and schemes for the period of 2021 - 2030.

3. Expenditure mobilized from foreign donors, international organizations, enterprises, organizations, individuals in Vietnam, in other countries, and other legitimate expenses.

4. Other funding sources according to regulations and law.

Article 2. Organizing implementation

Based on the Scheme, central relevant ministries and departments and People's Committees of 28 coastal provinces and central-affiliated cities shall focus on developing plans for implementation and allocating funding in order to effectively implement the Scheme and meet the determined objectives.

Specific responsibilities of ministries and agencies are regulated as follows:

1. Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development shall

a) take charge and cooperate with central relevant ministries and departments and People's Committees of 28 coastal provinces and central-affiliated cities and relevant authorities in organizing implementation of the Scheme; examine and assess

implementation of the Scheme, report implementation results to the Prime Minister and National Steering Committee for IUU fishing before December 15 each year.

b) take charge and cooperate with Ministry of Information and Communications, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of National Defense, Ministry of Public Security, and People's Committees of 28 coastal provinces and central-affiliated cities in developing plans, programs, contents, and organizing implementation of tasks, solutions regarding information, communication, media, and legal training in and outside of Vietnam in order to affirm political efforts and determination of Vietnam to eliminate IUU fishing and remove "Yellow card" warning.

c) continue to review and improve regulations, legal framework, international standards and regulations, technical and economic norms; develop policies, strategies, objectives, programs, plans, and solutions regarding protection of aquatic resources and fishing activities to sustainably develop fishery and relevant documents to join and fully implement obligations and commitments of Vietnam in international treaties and conventions to which Vietnam is a signatory. Increase implementation of international cooperation in fisheries and prevention of IUU fishing between Vietnam and other countries, fishery organizations in the region and around the world.

d) review resources, arrange, improve, establish departments for operating, and coordinating implementation of regulations on aquaculture, IUU fishing prevention of Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development to serve management, coordination, operation, and cooperation from central to local government and authorities of relevant ministries and departments.

dd) Take charge and cooperate with central relevant ministries and departments and 28 coastal provinces and central-affiliated cities in implementing, upgrading, improving fishery infrastructures; ensuring that modern fishery management information system is digitalized and integrated on a single common software for management at the central fishery authority and shared, connected to 28 coastal provinces and central-affiliated cities and relevant authorities; for the time being, prioritize major fishery centers and designated fishing ports. Carry out pilot implementation of fishery control models under support and counseling of EC; assess effectiveness and duplicate in all 28 coastal provinces and central-affiliated cities.

e) prioritize funding and improvement of fisheries surveillance forces, improve state management capacity in fishery, increase investigation, inspection, and control across all sea waters to manage operation of fishing vessels.

g) take charge and cooperate with Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Transport, and relevant entities in organizing implementation of the PSMA, inspect fishery products and ingredients imported to Vietnam's sea ports as per the law.

h) regularly inspect and guide local governments in implementing IUU fishing prevention task and implementing the Law on Fishery. Promptly report contents, solutions, and

conditions necessary for effective implementation of IUU fishing prevention and removal of “Yellow card” warning to the Government, Prime Minister, and the National Steering Committee for IUU fishing prevention.

2. Ministry of National Defense shall

a) take charge and cooperate with relevant ministries, departments, and 28 coastal provinces and central-affiliated cities in implementing effective solutions for preventing Vietnam’s fishing vessels from violating fishing regulations in foreign sea waters; arrange border control forces in fishing ports to control fishery activities.

b) take charge and cooperate with central relevant ministries, departments, 28 coastal provinces and central-affiliated cities in inspecting and controlling all fishing vessels leaving ports for fishing as per the law; strictly prevent, take actions, and prohibit fishing vessels violating IUU fishing from leaving.

c) investigate and extensively deal with IUU fishing, especially individuals fishing in foreign sea waters and getting arrested, being met with punitive actions, or getting discovered and publicized by Vietnam’s authorities on mass media for deterrence and education purposes.

d) cooperate with Ministry of Public Security in investigating and verifying organizations and individuals brokering and enabling Vietnam’s fishing vessels and fishermen to illegally operate in foreign sea waters.

dd) take charge and cooperate with Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Ministry of Public Security, and 28 coastal provinces and central-affiliated cities in intensifying patrol and inspection for the period of 2022 - 2023 in sea waters of Vietnam adjoining or overlapping those of other countries to take actions against Vietnam's fishing vessels violating fishing regulations on foreign sea waters.

3. Ministry of Foreign Affairs shall

a) cooperate with central ministries, departments, and 28 coastal provinces and central-affiliated cities in implementing solutions for effectively lobbying and negotiating with the EC to remove “Yellow card” warning for Vietnam. Use official diplomatic channels to express Vietnam’s political effort of Vietnam in preventing and dealing with Vietnam’s fishing vessels and fishermen violating IUU fishing.

b) take charge and cooperate with central ministries and departments in advising the Government to negotiate with countries whose sea waters overlap or are not determined in order to determine legal fishing boundary of Vietnam's fishing vessels.

c) acknowledge situations, collect information and documentary evidence from countries that arrest or take punitive actions against Vietnam’s fishing vessels; promptly discuss with Vietnam’s authorities in order to take strict actions as per the law. Provide extensive

citizen protection for fishermen arrested and met with punitive actions from foreign authorities.

4. Ministry of Public Security shall

a) take charge and cooperate with relevant central ministries, departments, and 28 coastal provinces and central-affiliated cities in implementing solutions for effectively investigating and taking punitive actions against organizations and individuals brokering or enabling Vietnam's fishing vessels and fishermen to illegally operate in foreign sea waters; take strict punitive actions against violation of regulations on IUU fishing.

b) direct authorities to acknowledge policies, regulations, and solutions for preventing IUU fishing of other countries and territories, promptly advise and report to the Prime Minister to consider and direct central ministries and departments and 28 coastal provinces and central-affiliated cities to research and apply in implementation; exchange population data to oversee employment situations aboard fishing vessels.

5. Ministry of Transport shall

a) take charge and cooperate with Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development and relevant ministries in organizing inspection, not allow foreign vessels to dock or use ports if said vessels are found to import, temporarily import and re-export, transit, transship fishery products extracted by the means of IUU fishing violations in accordance with the PSMA.

b) take charge, review, develop, and improve the legal framework, policies, regulations on docking; prepare human resources, working positions, instruments and equipment to allow competent authorities to implement the PSMA and allow fishing vessels, transport vessels, transshipment vessels for fisheries and fishery products to dock to import, temporarily import and re-export, transit, and transship fisheries and fishery products into Vietnamese territory.

6. Ministry of Information and Communications shall

Take charge and cooperate with Communist Party of Vietnam's Central Committee's Publicity and Education Commission, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, relevant ministries, and local governments in shaping information for dissemination, directing press authorities, news authorities, and information systems to increase duration and quality of information and disseminate the Scheme for "Preventing IUU fishing until 2025", prioritize Vietnam's efforts in preventing IUU fishing; praise and publicize exemplary organizations and individuals in preventing IUU fishing.

7. Communist Party of Vietnam's Central Committee's Publicity and Education Commission

Request Communist Party of Vietnam's Central Committee's Publicity and Education Commission to direct central press authorities and committees of all levels to publicize regulations on fishery, especially regulations on prevention of IUU fishing to grassroots level, fishermen, and relevant organizations and individuals; promote diplomacy and fight against false statements regarding Vietnam's efforts in IUU fishing prevention.

8. Ministry of Planning and Investment shall

Report to competent authorities to allocate sufficient public investment sources for central ministries and departments and local governments to implement the Scheme for "Preventing IUU fishing until 2025", remove "Yellow card" warning, invest and upgrade fishing infrastructures, fishing ports, asylum harbors, modern and digitalized fishery management information to sustainably and responsibly develop fishery profession and implement international integration.

9. Ministry of Finance shall

a) Within the balance of central government budget and proposal of Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, relevant ministries and departments and local governments, prioritize allocating in annual recurrent expenditure estimates of central government budget, request competent authorities to consider, balance, and allocate funding in accordance with the Law on State Budget and guiding documents to implement the Scheme.

b) Direct General Department of Vietnam Customs to strictly cooperate with entities affiliated to Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Ministry of Transport, etc. to implement in accordance with the PSMA in order to control foreign vessels docking to import, temporarily import and re-export, transit, and transship fishery products through Vietnamese territory to show Vietnam's commitment, amity, and compliance with international regulations in IUU fishing prevention of Vietnam.

10. Ministry of Labor - War Invalids and Social Affairs shall

Take charge and cooperate with Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development in developing training program; provide guidance on adhering to employment laws in accordance with characteristics of fishery profession and international laws.

11. People's Committees of 28 coastal provinces and central-affiliated cities shall

a) organize implementation of the Scheme by integrating the Scheme with socio-economic development plans of local governments; consolidate implementation of the Scheme and send to Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development before December 15 each year.

b) improve and promote thorough communication of policies and standpoints of the Communist Party, regulations of the Government regarding sustainable fishery economy

development, prevention of IUU fishing to officials and persons effectively and regularly, grassroots levels must be the core forces primarily responsible, in charge, and mobilizing the general public to adhere to the law. Mandate responsibilities of heads of committees, local governments, increase guidance, inspection, investigation, supervision, and strict punitive actions against organizations and individuals facilitating violations or failing to fulfill assigned tasks.

c) continue to develop regulations and policies assisting fishermen to operate in accordance with regulations and law, ensure sustainable livelihood; execute projects for restoring marine ecosystem, mangrove forests, coral reef for marine species; projects for reducing number of trawlers and creating artificial coral reefs.

d) strictly cooperate with Ministry of National Defense and relevant central ministries in extensively implement solutions for preventing local fishing vessels to illegally operate in foreign sea waters.

dd) produce list, locate, monitor, closely manage and promptly prevent fishing vessels suspected of illegally operating in foreign sea waters; take strict actions against violating fishing vessels as per the law and publicize on mass media for deterrence and education purposes.

e) develop regulations on cooperation between relevant local governments in tightening management on local fishing vessels that regularly operate beyond the provinces and promptly dealing with fishing vessels committing IUU fishing.

g) rush to fully mark all fishing vessels and installing tracking devices on fishing vessels of at least 15 m in length. Extract, use, and operate VMS to monitor and supervise vessels' activities at sea as per the law. Use VMS as the basis for inspection and examination at ports for cases of IUU fishing.

h) comply with regulations on controlling fishing vessels entering and leaving ports, employees on fishing vessels, controlling quantity going through ports, certifying, verifying, and tracing fisheries, take strict actions against violations and prevent fishing vessels without VMS and marking from engaging in fishing activities. Assign fishing port authorities to investigate commercial fishing.

i) closely cooperate with Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development in implementing projects for developing joint management system integrated with fishing databases for the purpose of managing, directing, coordinating, and tracing activities of fishing vessels and fishing quantity in order to monitor, supervise, and manage fishing activities at ports.

k) publicize quota of Fishery permit in coastal area and inshore area; cooperate with Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development in managing quota of Fishery permit in offshore area. Manage building of new fishing vessels and fishery activities in fishing grounds.

l) establish local fisheries surveillance and fisheries surveillance stations at fishing ports. Organize fishing activity management as per the law; improve organization, prioritize resources, personnel, and equipment for local fishery authorities in accordance with regulations and guidance of competent authorities in order to ensure effectiveness in implementation of fishery laws.

m) invest and upgrade infrastructures of type II and type II fishing ports, and asylum harbors to prevent IUU fishing. Encourage organizations and individuals to invest and manage fishing infrastructures.

n) allocate funding to organize implementation of tasks of the Scheme which fall under responsibilities of local government budget in accordance with the Law on State Budget and relevant law provisions.

12. Departments, local governments, relevant associations, organizations, and individuals shall

a) cooperate with Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development and relevant authorities in organizing effective implementation of the Scheme.

b) cooperate with Vietnam Association of Seafood Exporters and Producers, fishery enterprises, and the Government in mobilizing fishery enterprises to reject seafood products originating from IUU fishing. Cooperate with the authorities in providing information and taking actions against fishery enterprises operating illegally, legitimizing documents, or tolerating IUU fishing.

c) Vietnam Fisheries Society shall encourage members to adequately comply with regulations on prevention of IUU fishing; commend persons with good deeds.

d) relevant ministries and departments, People's Committees of 28 coastal provinces and central-affiliated cities and relevant associations, organizations, individuals (Youth Union, Vietnam Women's Union, Vietnam Farmer's Union, etc.) shall improve communication and dissemination towards committee levels, local governments, individuals, and families owning fishing vessels, captains, fishermen, and providers of fishing logistic services, etc. for strict compliance with regulations on fisheries and prevention of IUU fishing; prompt discovery and denunciation of IUU fishing.

dd) allocate central government budget and other legal funding sources to organize implementation of tasks under the Scheme as per the law.

Article 3. Entry into force

This Decision comes into effect from the date of signing.

Article 4. Responsibilities for implementation

Ministers, heads of ministerial agencies, heads of Governmental agencies, Chairpersons of People’s Committees of 28 coastal provinces and central-affiliated cities, relevant agencies, organizations, entities and individuals are responsible for the implementation of this Decision./.

**PP. PRIME MINISTER
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APPENDIX

LIST OF PRIORITY TASKS AND PROJECTS IN THE SCHEME
(Attached to Decision No. 1077/QĐ-TTg dated September 14, 2022 of the Prime Minister)

No.	Task, project	Presiding entity	Cooperating entity	Implementation period	Expected funding (Billion VND)	Funding sources
1	Project for information, communication, and training for implementation of the Law on Fishery and prevention of IUU fishing in Vietnam and other countries.	Ministry of Information and Communications, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, People’s Committees of coastal provinces and cities	Ministry of Foreign Affairs, VASEP, Vietnam Fisheries Society, enterprises	2022 - 2025	20	- For project for investing, upgrading fishing port system: state budget sources invested in essential infrastructures
2	Investment and upgrade of fishing ports, facilities, equipment, and	Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development; People’s	Relevant ministries and departments	2022 - 2025	1.100	- For logistics work items at ports: funding sources

	resources in order to manage and control fishing vessels, ensure traceability of fishery products starting from fishing ports, and prevent IUU fishing.	Committees of coastal provinces and cities				mobilized from enterprises and private sector involvement r - For other tasks and projects: state budget funding sources.
3	Pilot project and duplication of sample model for sustainable fishery control at 3 fishing ports in 3 regions: Northern region (Hai Phong), Central region (Khanh Hoa), Southern region (Ca Mau).	Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development	People's Committees of coastal provinces and cities	2022 - 2025	30	
4	Project for improving, establishing departments for operating, and coordinating implementation of regulations on aquaculture, IUU fishing prevention of Ministry of Agriculture and Rural	Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development	People's Committees of coastal provinces and cities	2022 - 2025	10	

	Development to serve management, coordination, operation, and cooperation from central to local government and authorities of relevant ministries and departments.				
5	Project for developing joint management system with integrated fishery database to serve management, coordination, operation, and traceability of fishing vessels and fishing quantity.	Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development	People's Committees of coastal provinces and cities	2022 - 2025	20
6	Project for improving capacity, providing professional training for fisheries surveillance forces and fishery inspectors regarding patrol, control, examination, and penalties against	Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development	People's Committees of coastal provinces and cities, Ministry of National Defense, Ministry of Public Security	2022 - 2025	10

	regulations on fishery.				
7	Joint patrol between fishery law enforcement forces to prevent and take actions against violation of IUU fishing.	Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development; Ministry of National Defense, Ministry of Public Security	People's Committees of coastal provinces and cities	2022 - 2025	50
8	International cooperation, negotiation, signing, and participation in conventions and agreements on fishery and prevention of IUU fishing.	Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development	Ministry of Foreign Affairs	2022 - 2023	10
Total funding:					1.250

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