

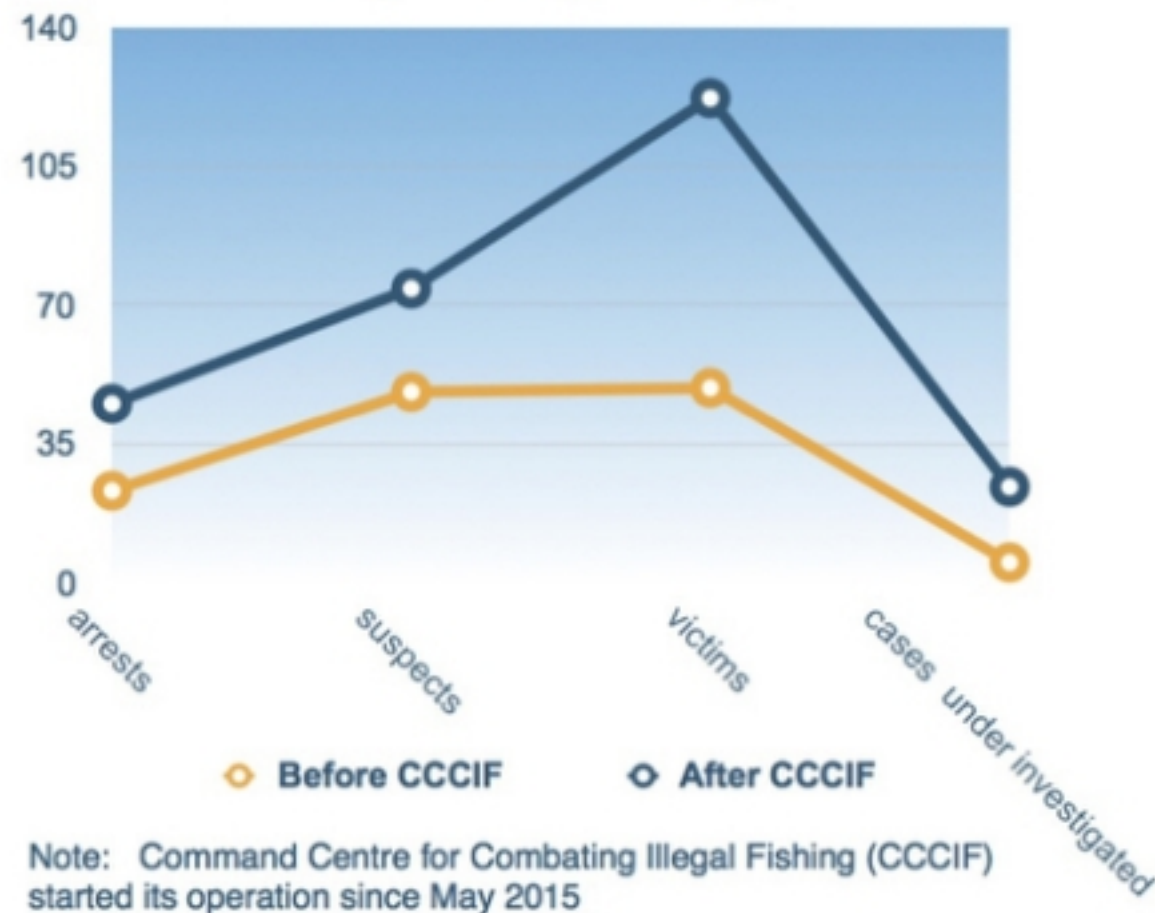
THAILAND'S PROGRESS IN COMBATING IUU FISHING

" For a Sustainable Thai Fishery "

LAW ENFORCEMENT

- 8,398 fishing vessels operating in Thai waters were inspected by relevant authorities. 524 violations were found and legal action taken accordingly.
- 53 Thai-flagged vessels operating outside Thai waters were inspected. 27 Vessels were found to have violated the law, with legal action taken against them accordingly.
- A 180-day temporary ban on transshipment at sea has been imposed to prevent transshipment of IUU fish and illegal labour by Thai-flagged vessels.
- Over 35,000 foreign workers in the fisheries sector have registered to get work permits which entitle them to legal protection.
- The Cabinet approved two additional measures aiming to boost worker's rights. One is to set minimum age of worker in fishing industry at 18, while the other will expedite judicial process of human trafficking cases.
- 150 seafood processing factories were inspected. 80 cases were prosecuted on several charges. 17 factories were closed or suspended.

Thailand's improvement in Law Enforcement against Illegal Fishing



RESTRUCTURING OF LEGAL FRAMEWORK

- The Royal Ordinance on Fisheries B.E. 2558 (2015), effective since 14 November 2015, lays down various mechanisms necessary to eliminate illegal fishing and to promote sustainable fishing industry.
- It is being vigorously enforced by multiple agencies and 28 port-in-port-out (PiPo) Centres.

DEVELOPMENT OF KEY SYSTEMS

- Vessel Monitoring systems (VMS) have been installed in 93.7 percent of fishing vessels of 60 gross tonnage or more, leading to more effective monitoring and detecting of vessels that engage in illegal fishing.
- Traceability system, comprising more effective inspection of imported fishery products and improved catch certification scheme, will enable officers to prevent IUU products from entering the seafood supply chain.

ASSISTANCE

- 1,398 of Thai fishing seamen, 54 of whom are victims of trafficking, have returned to Thailand with assistance of the government.
- Zoning distinguishing commercial and artisanal fishing vessels will be introduced to protect small-scale local fishermen and their livelihoods.
- 70 percent of 873 affected fishing vessels that have submitted their requests have been granted financial assistance.

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

- MoUs on fisheries and labour have been signed or in process of negotiation with 13 countries.
- Various international organisation have recognised Thailand's genuine commitment and extended their support in our fight against illegal fishing.

STATISTICS:

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Number of newly established port-in-port-out centres

93.7%

Percentage of fishing vessels that have installed Vessel Monitoring System

35,000

Newly registered foreign workers in fishing industry

18

Minimum age of workers in fishing industry

13

Number of countries that Thailand has signed MoU on Labour/Fisheries with or in the negotiating process

8,398

Fishing Vessels operating in Thai waters that have been inspected by the authority

1,398

Thai fishing seamen that have returned to Thailand with help of the authority

"Thailand is committed to combat illegal fishing and to preserve the marine resources for our future generations."

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