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ACRONYMS

EEZ	Economic Exclusive Zone
FEU	Fisheries Enforcement Unit
FoN	Friends of the Nation
GFMP	Ghana National Marine Fisheries Management Plan
GNCFC	Ghana National Canoe Fishermen’s Council
ICFG	Integrated Coastal and Fisheries Governance
IEZ	Inshore Exclusive Zone
IUU	Illegal Unreported and Unregulated Fishing
MCS	Monitoring Control and Surveillance
MOFAD	Ministry of Fisheries and Aquaculture Development
MPAs	Marine Protected Areas
MPU	Marine Police Unit
NFMP	National Marine Management Plan
SFMP	Sustainable Fisheries Management Program
URI	University of Rhode Island
USAID	United States Agency for International Development
VMS	Vessel Monitoring Systems
WR	Western Region

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I. INTRODUCTION

This report was supported by the USAID-Ghana Sustainable Fisheries Management Project (SFMP) with the aim to assess fisheries enforcement actions and the level of deterrence provided by the State. The reason being that, effective fisheries enforcement is important element for promoting responsible fishing and ensuring that fishers comply with the fishing rules and laws.

Also the key objective of SFMP is to contribute to the rebuilding of Ghana's marine fisheries stock (small pelagics) and catches through *adoption of responsible fishing practices*. Because Ghana's small pelagic species which composed mainly of *Sardinella aurita* and *Sardinella maderensis*, are the main source of animal protein for the majority of coastal populations. However, the stock has already experienced signs of collapse. Recent stock assessments of small pelagics reported that these stocks are severely overfished and that overfishing continues to exacerbate beyond the level of sustainability.

Towards contributing to the above objective, SFMP places emphasis on law enforcement activities and on shore based fisheries Monitoring Control and Surveillance (MCS) tactics. SFMP has therefore, supported the FEU and the Marine Police with vehicles, workshop materials and series of trainings to equipment them with competence-based approaches to fisheries enforcement and deterrence. SFMP also continue to engage fishing constituencies with intensive behavioral change communication campaigns to promote compliance of the fisheries laws. SFMP is strengthened prosecution chain stakeholders with series of workshops to identify prosecution challenges and resolve them. The tracking of fisheries prosecution cases is therefore one of the ways to assess the enforcement and deterrence interventions of the FEU as well as prosecution to track performance and also identify operational challenges and seek ways to address them.

This report provides an analysis of fisheries arrests and prosecution cases in Ghana from the year 2014 to 2015. The report also analyses the common infractions committed by fishing vessels including industrial, semi-industrial and artisanal canoes.

The data analyzed in this report was obtained from the Fisheries Enforcement Unit (FEU) from both Western and Eastern Command.

However, similar analysis was done in 2015 under the USAID-Ghana Sustainable Fisheries Management Project (SFMP) to prescribe baseline information on fisheries prosecution for the project. In the 2015 baseline report, the data analyzed was from 2007 to 2015 and most of the data used were obtained from the Western command. Therefore, many of the infractions analyzed in the 2015 report were from the Western and Central regions where the FEU western command operates.

This report provides deeper analysis with data from both the Western and Eastern command, in addition new fields that were not available in the 2015 baseline report have been analyzed, including observer reports and infractions beyond Ghana Waters.

II. BACKGROUND

In Ghana, the fisheries sector provides employment for about 10% of the population, it also contributes significantly to the GDP of the nation and fisheries is also a foreign exchange earner providing over \$1 billion yearly to Ghana. The fisheries industry also contributes significantly toward food security and the vast number of people engaged in the fishing industry earn incomes that improve upon their access to food, medicine, clothing and other basic necessities of life.

Importantly, fishing is a cultural heritage; it is the way of life and the basic means of existence for most families in coastal and inland fishing zones.

However, Ghana's fishery is near-crisis and recent stock assessments of small pelagics reported that the stocks are severely overfished and that overfishing continues to exacerbate beyond the level of sustainability. This is due to several factors including over-capacitation and increasing fishing efforts, also wide-spread Illegal Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) fishing activities.

Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) fishing is a major problem in the West African Region where vessels from other countries or regions are fishing in Ghana's EEZ also domestic IUU fishing by Ghanaian fishers is a concern. Both local Ghanaian fishers and industrial fishing companies are involved in illegal activities, such as transshipment, use of under-size mesh, use of explosives, chemicals, light aggregation fishing, fishing without licence, tampering of vessels monitoring systems, etc.

IUU poses major threat to the sustainability of the fishery sector in Ghana; the resulting depletion of stocks and ecosystem collapse will cause livelihood deprivation for the many communities who depend on the fishery. The result livelihood collapse and poverty has the potential to generate security problems for the coastal zone of the country.

To address the over-capacitation and increasing effort, the Ministry of Fisheries and Aquaculture Development (MOFAD) developed a National Marine Management Plan (NFMP 2015-2019). The NFMP among others proposes several measures to reduce fishing effort. Some of these measures include: reduction of fishing days of industrial and semi-industrial vessels through the introduction of close season, capping of numbers of canoe through registration and moratorium of new entrants, cancellation of license of multiple violator, etc. These and many laudable measures are proposed in the NFMP however, the implementation of these measures cannot be successful without effective enforcement and compliance. Also **voluntary compliance** and **deterrence** is needed to address the wide spread IUU fishing in Ghana.

Voluntary Compliance; includes the effort to secure the active support of resource users and their willingness to comply with the necessary legal and regulatory framework and management plans. A key component of voluntary compliance involves carrying along the users of the resource in every step in the decision making and law implementation process.

Deterrence: Involves the coercive power of the state to enforce its laws and regulations. Fisheries deterrence includes the exercise of power of arrest, prosecution, adjudication and imposition of sanctions when fisheries laws are violated. Also a key component of deterrence is the show of presence of enforcement agencies or the existence of functional structures that monitor, ensure and maintain a high possibility of arresting violators of the law.

Deterrence also complements compliances to the fisheries laws by fishers as they see law breakers punished. However, where there is low deterrence more fishers join the illegal practices as they perceived that the law breakers are over exploiting the resources at the expense of all others.

Fisheries Enforcement Unit (FEU), is the main unit responsible for fisheries enforcement in Ghana. The unit comprises of Marine Police, Ghana Navy and Fisheries Commission MCS officers. The unit has two (2) operational command post; the Western Command based in Takoradi and the Eastern Command based in Tema. Both units are managed and controlled from a central supervisor, who provide general operational directives to the unit. The FEU conducts in operations with the marine and inland Volta lake area to provide deterrence and to promote compliance of the laws.



Figure 1. Pictures of FEU Officers conducting enforcement operations at fish landing sites

III. DATA SOURCE AND LIMITATION

Data for this report were all obtained from the Fisheries Enforcement Unit (FEU) head Quarters in Tema. They were data provided by the unit and there were no means of verifying the data. Also analysis was made on the limited data provided by the FEU, therefore the limitation of the report to analyses wide range of data as desired.

The data requested from FEU were from 2013 to 2017 however, limited data was available for 2016 and 2017 data were not available. The explanation provided was that the year 2016 was an electioneering year and was characterized by low enforcement and the 2017 data was yet to be processed.

IV. CATEGORY OF DATA SOURCES

The data analyzed were collated from infractions from the following category of FEU activities:

- Sea Patrols.
- Land Patrols (Beach Combining).
- Vessel Monitoring Systems (VMS).
- Quayside Inspections.
- Fish Observer Missions.

The chart in Figure 2 below shows the various FEU activities and the number of infractions recorded for each of the activities.

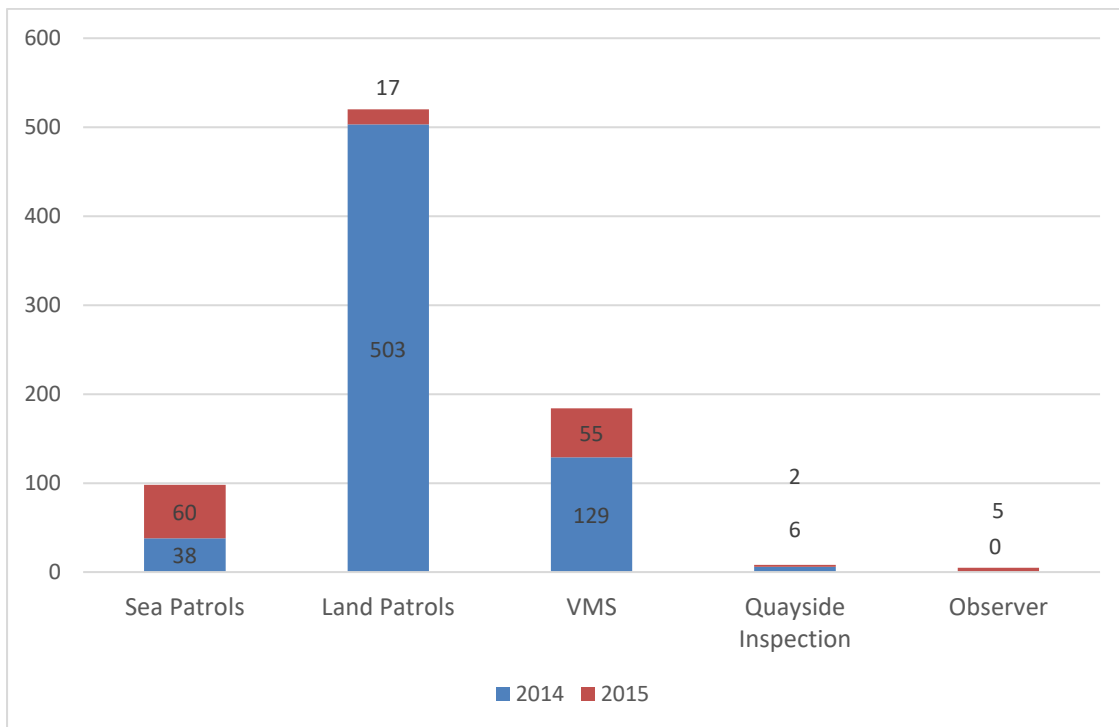


Figure 2. A chart showing the categories of data source for the infractions for the years 2014 and 2015

V. ANALYSES

The analyses focused on cases handled from the years 2013 and 2017; and were conducted along the following lines:

- Category of Infraction / Violation.
- Vessel Types and Origin.
- Case Settlement and Fine Status.
- Comparative Analysis by year of arrest.
- Rate of compliance.

Category of Infractions/ Violation

Per the records accessed, the common infractions/ violation were as follows;

- Fishing without license.
- Fishing with light.
- Fishing illegally in foreign waters.
- Use of undersized mesh nets.
- Illegal Transshipment.
- Fishing in IZE (30m depth).

Table 1 below shows the category of infractions and the percentage also Fig 3. Also shows the chart with infractions.

Table 1. Table of Fisheries Infractions

Infraction	No.	
Fishing without license	2	3%
Canoe fishing light	44	56%
Fishing illegally in foreign waters	8	10%
Undersized mesh nets	14	18%
Illegal Transshipment	6	8%
Fishing in 30m depth	4	5%
Total	78	

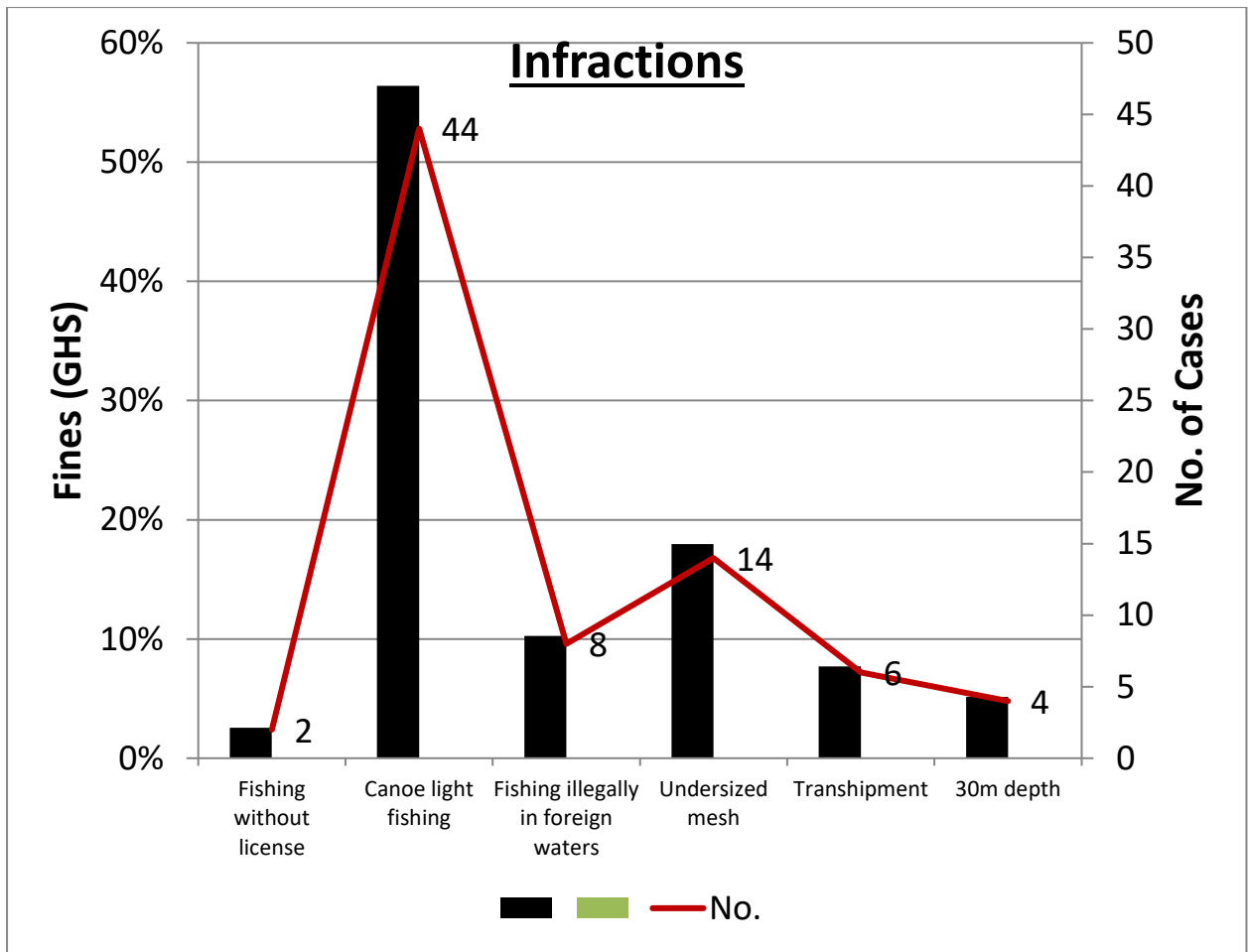


Figure 3. A chart showing common infractions with number of cases

From the table above light fishing by canoes recorded the highest infraction with about 56% of the cases. The high number of light fishing by canoes could be explained by the high number of land patrol (beach Combining) performed by the FEU within the period as indicated in Figure 2.

The next level of infractions was the use of undersize mesh nets recording about 18% of the total infractions recorded.

Fishing in foreign waters without the required license, Transshipment, illegal fishing in 30m depth (IEZ) and fishing without license follow with 10%, 8%, 5% and 3% respectively.

Infractions and Fines Paid

Table 2 and Figure 3 below shows the infractions and fines paid for the category of infractions recorded.

Table 2. Infractions and fines paid

Infraction	No.	Fine	Paid	
Fishing without license	2	13,135	6,600	50.25
Canoe light fishing	44	142,165	23,365	16.44
Fishing illegally in foreign waters	8	1,812,850	944,600	52.11
Undersized mesh	14	797,219	524,849	65.83
Transshipment	6	431,915	222,810	51.59
30m depth	4	1,064,895	1,034,895	97.18
Total	78	4,262,179	2,757,119	64.69

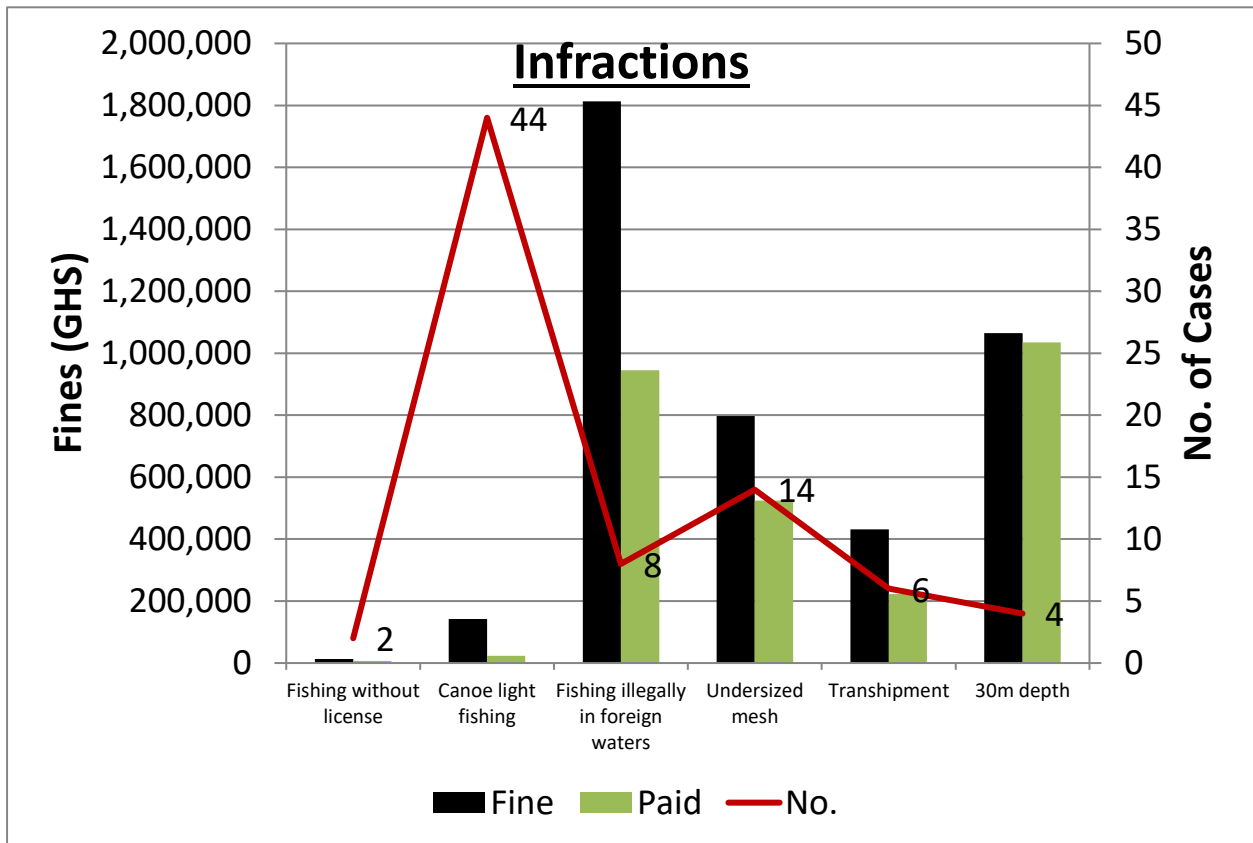


Figure 4. The fines and payments made

Table 2 and Figure 3 above shows that about 64.69% of fines imposed were paid at the time of this analysis. However, the outstanding 35.31% representing an amount of GHS 1,505,060.00 had not been paid.

The data in Annexes 1 and 2 are analyzed in the charts below in Figures 4,5,6,7 and 8.

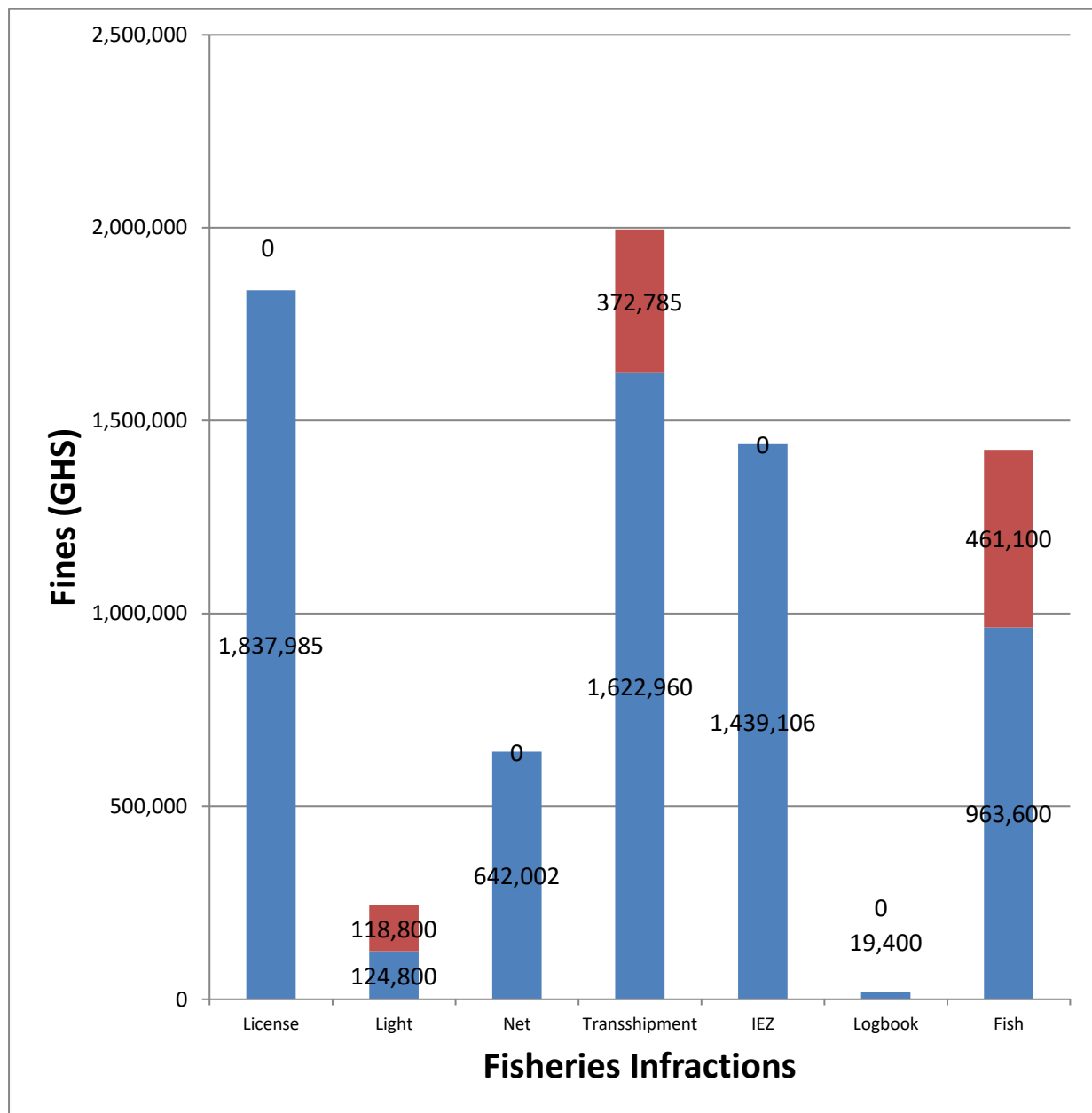


Figure 5. A chart showing fisheries infractions and the level of fines and includes what is paid and the remaining not paid

The chart in Figure 5 above shows that illegal transshipment attracted the highest fine of GHS 1,995,745.00 of which GHS 1,622.960 has been paid and a total of GHS 372,785.00 is yet to be paid. The infraction with the second highest fine was fishing without license and this attracted a total fine of GHS 1,837,985.00. The next infraction recorded was fishing in the IEZ and that attracted a fine of GHS 1,439,106.00. Other infractions recorded were juvenile fish, small mesh size nets, light fishing and improper logbook recordings.

Figure 6 above shows total fine paid and the remainder from 2013, 2014 to 2015. From the data there are outstanding fines not paid at the time of this analysis.

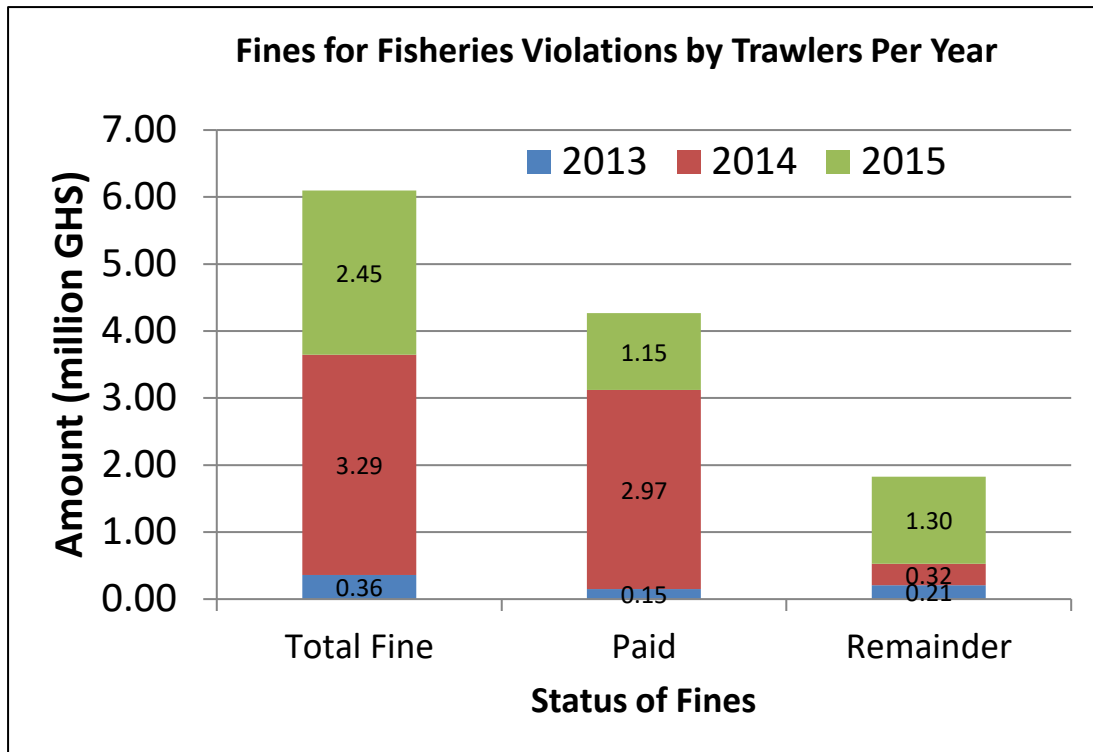


Figure 6 A chart showing the fines for infractions/ violation by Trawlers per year

Figure 7 shows that the number of infractions by canoes in the year 2014 were 533 as compared with 67 infractions in 2015. Also trawlers had 140 and 70 infractions in 2014 and 2015 respectively.

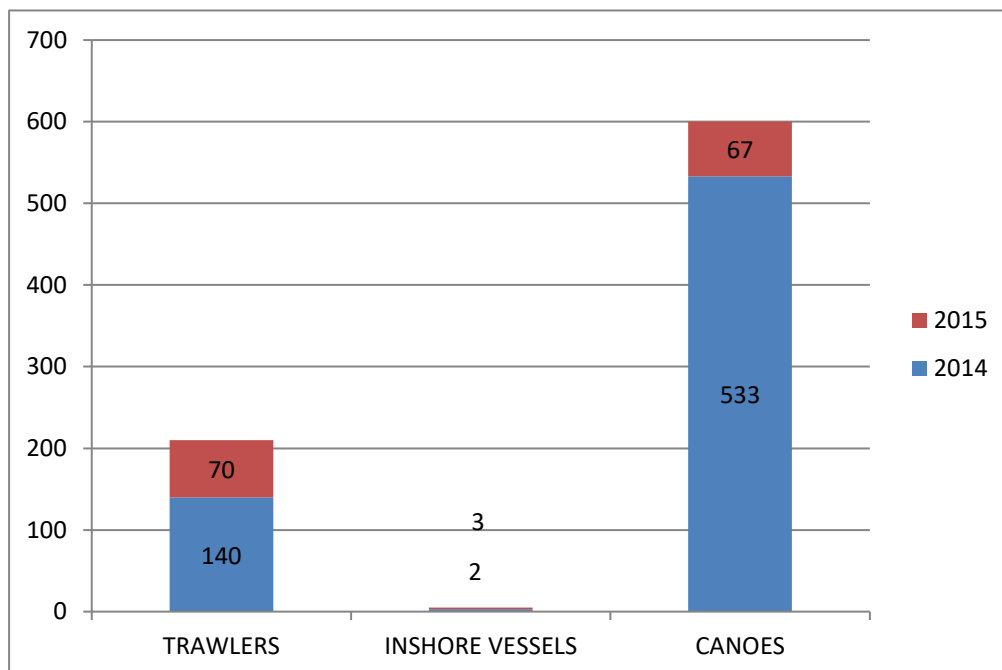


Figure 7. A chart showing the infraction by trawlers, inshore and canoes in 2014 and 2015

Figures 8 and 9, shows the number of times Vessels commits an offense/ violation from 2013, 2014 to 2015. This data is very useful for the implementation of the National Fisheries Management Plan (NFMP 2015 -2019) which proposes that fishing license of multiple violators should be cancelled.

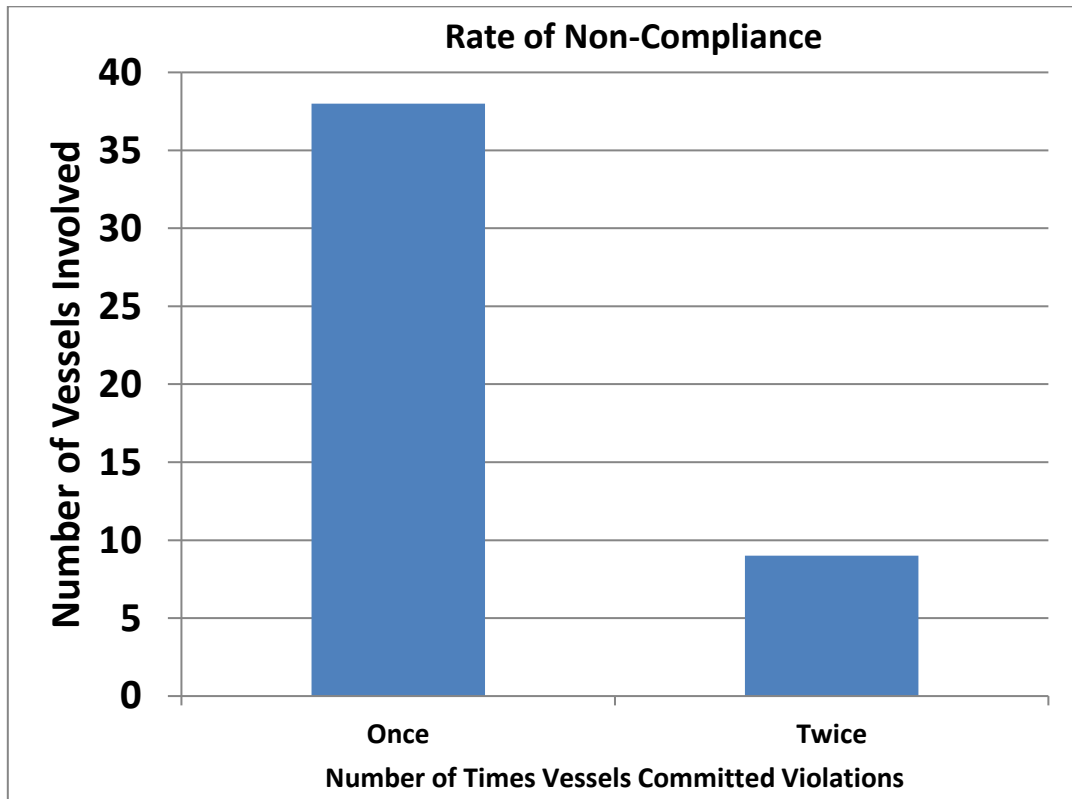


Figure 8. A chart showing the number of times vessels committed violations

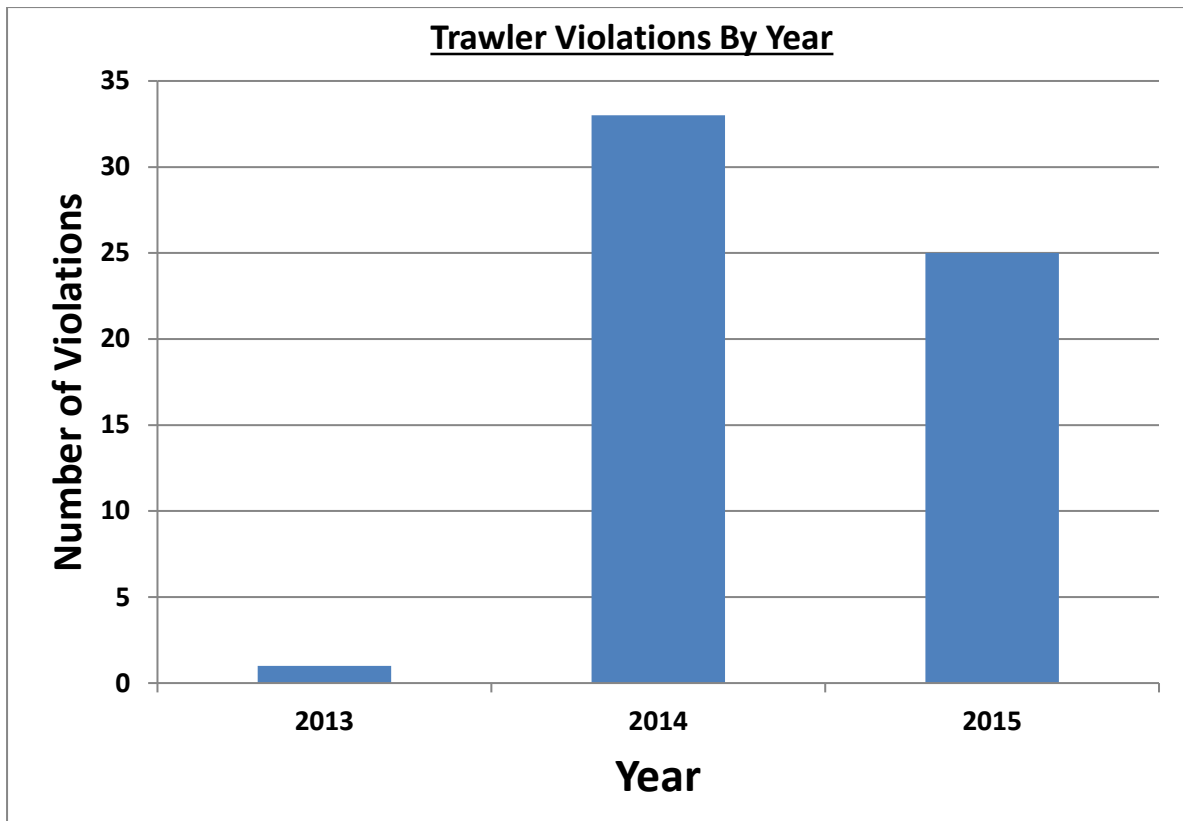


Figure 9. A chart showing Trawler Violations by Year from 2013, 2014 to 2015

Figure 10 on the next page shows the location and type of violations from 2013, 2014 to 2015.

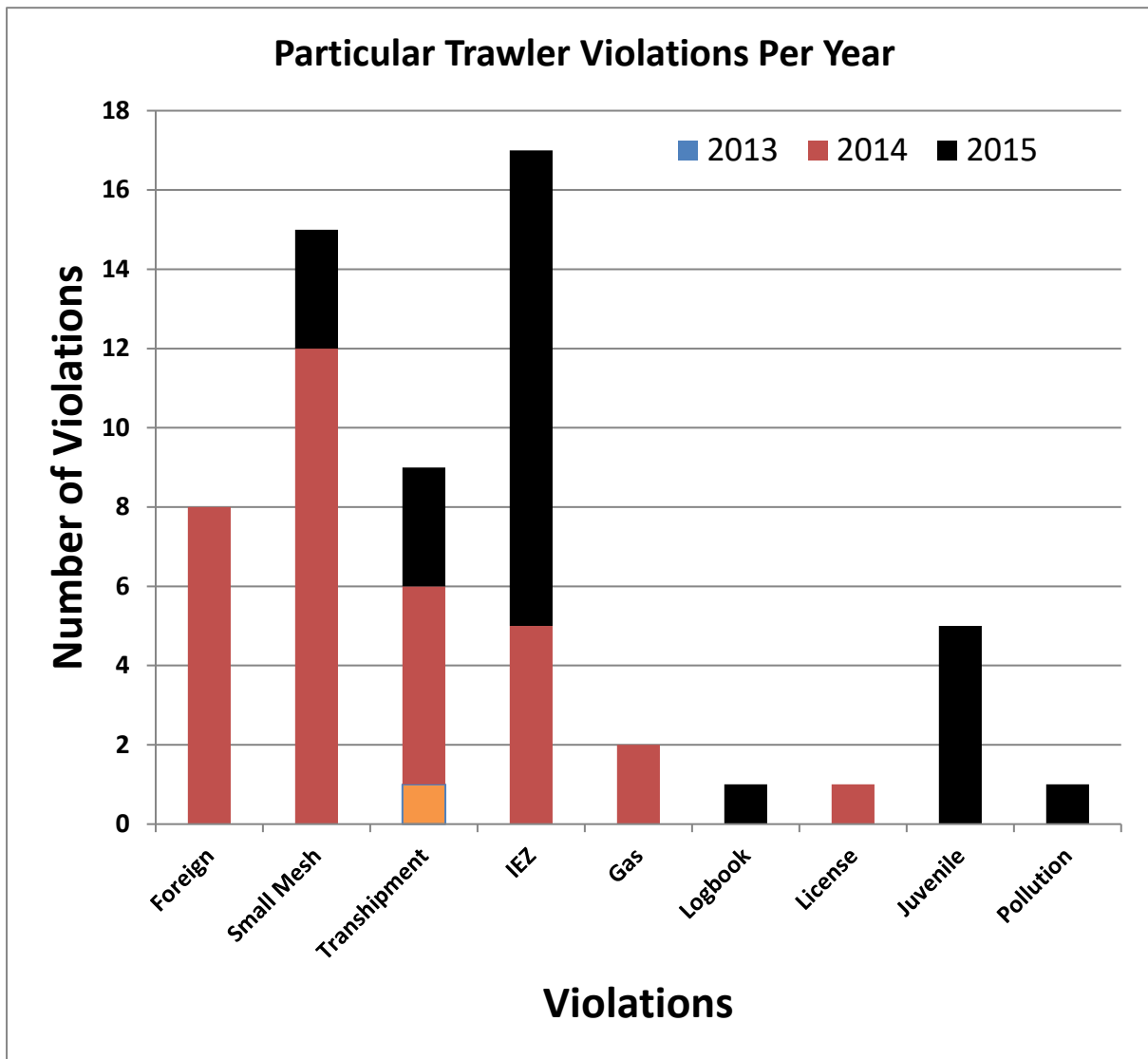


Figure 10. A chart showing the violations recorded by location and type from 2013, 2014 to 2015

VI. CONCLUSION

From the data collated it could be deduced that most the fine imposed by the settlement committee were less than the prescribed fines in the fisheries laws (Fisheries Act 625 of 2002, the Fisheries Regulations (LI 1968) of 2010) for the same offenses committed.

Also, the Fisheries Amended Act 880 was passed in December 2014 and it prescribes high finds of a minimum of I million Dollars for IUU offense such as: fishing without license, illegal Transshipment, fishing in IEZ, fishing with small Mesh size nets, etc. however, these offenses attracted very low fines from the settlement committee even for case held in 2015 when the Amended Act was in force.

The following are key examples drawn from Annexes 1 and 2.

- Trawler by name Lu Rong Yuan Yu 969, on 26th January 16, was caught for using of undersized mesh net, and was fined 6,000.00 by the settlement committee.
- Trawler by name Twin Port City 104, on 5th August 2015, was caught for improper use of Top chafers, was fined 12,153.00. by the settlement committee.
- Trawler Meng Xin 2 on 30th July 2015, was caught for Improper use of Top chafers, was fined 3,000.00. by the settlement committee.
- Trawler by name Asona, on 30th –January 2015 was caught for improper logging and lack of safe boarding and was fined 19,400.00. by the settlement committee.
- Guojin 811, on 23rd January 2015, was caught for Fishing with undersized mesh net, was fined 9,300.00. by the settlement committee.

Not only were these fines very low and below the fines prescribed in the laws but there was a high degree of inconsistency of fines for the same type of offense.

From the data analyzed it is disturbing to realize the level of inconsistency, low fines and the level of outstanding payments yet to be made. Such situation does not portray effective deterrence and demoralizes fisheries enforcement officers in their duties while strengthening recalcitrant fishers to perpetuate illegalities in the sector.

There is the need to therefore, apply proactive measures to review the work of the settlement committee and their fines to address the high suspicion of selective enforcement where only certain aspects of the laws are enforced or where fines are given without the guidance of the fisheries laws.

A fair and effective enforcement program is essential to the sustainability of the fisheries resources. Perception of fair enforcement will promote and complement compliance. Those who violate fisheries laws and regulations not only harm the resources and put the economy at risk; they are unfair to the majority of resource users that comply with the laws.

At least those who abide by the laws deserve to know and feel that violators will be dealt with as prescribed by the fisheries laws and that the standards are unnegotiable.

ANNEX 1. VESSEL TYPE, INFRACTIONS AND STATUS OF FINES IN THE WESTERN AND EASTERN COMMANDS

NAME OF VESSEL	TYPE OF VESSEL	REGION OF OCCURRENCE	DATE OF ARREST	DATE OF ARBITRATION	INFRACTION/ OFFENSE	SETTLEMENT PROCEDURE	Status	Fine (GHS)	Paid	Variance
Clear Skies	Trawler	Greater Accra	24-Feb-12		Fishing without license	Court	Convicted	3,600	3600	0
Aka Ewie	Canoe	Western	1-Jan-13	24-Feb-13	Transshipment with Trawler	Out-of-Court	Settled	17,365	17,365	0
Meng Xin 5	Trawler	Western	1-Jan-13	24th Feb.13	Transshipment with canoe	Out-of-Court/Court	Settled	359,105	150,000	209,105
Nairusha III	Trawler	Greater Accra	3rd Aug,2014	12-Dec-14	Fishing without license	Out-of-Court	Settled	9,535	9,535	0
Luyu 902	Trawler	Greater Accra	Sept,2014	12-Dec-14	Fishing In Foreign Waters	Out-of-Court	Settled	473,250	234,333	0
Paradise 202	Trawler	Greater Accra	Sept,2014	12-Dec-14	Fishing without license in foreign waters	Out-of-Court	Settled	100,000	100,000	0
Nana Anoa 2	Trawler	Greater Accra	9th Oct,2014	10-Oct-14	Fishing in foreign waters without license	Out-of-Court	Settled	319,600	319,600	0
Meng Xin 16 -	Trawler	Greater Accra	20th Nov,2014	12-Dec-14	Carrying On Board Undersized Mesh Net	Out-of-Court	Settled	6,000	6,000	0
Paradise 201-	Trawler	Greater Accra	9th oct,2014	12-Dec-14	Fishing With Undersized Mesh Net	Out-of-Court	Settled	119,850	119,850	0
Awoyaa 7	Trawler	Greater Accra	21st july,2014	12-Sep-14	Fishing with undersized mesh net	Out-of-Court	Settled	21,500	21,500	0
Twin Port City 101	Trawler	Western			Fishing with undersized mesh net	Out-of-Court	Settled	6,809	6,809	0
Comforter II	Trawler	Western			Fishing with undersized mesh net	Out-of-Court	Settled	24,085	24,085	0
Emule 4	Trawler	Greater Accra	23rd Jul,14	12th Sept,2014	Fishing with undersized mesh net	Out-of-Court	Settled	12,600	12,600	0

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Lu Rong Yuan Yu 910	Trawler	Greater Accra	15th Sept,2014	10th Oct.2014	Use of undersized mesh net	Out-of-Court	Settled	70,615	70,615	0
Lu Rong Yuan Yu 917	Trawler	Greater Accra	24th Sept,2014	10th oct,2014	Use of undersized mesh net	Out-of-Court	Settled	133,980	133,980	0
St. Francis 2	Trawler	Greater Accra	10th Aug,2014	12th Sept,2014	Fishing with undersized mesh net	Out-of-Court	Settled	10,100	10,100	0
Twin Port City 104	Trawler	Greater Accra	15th Jul,2014	12th Sept,2014	Fishing with undersized mesh net	Out-of-Court	Settled	7,650	7,650	0
Genesis 3	Trawler	Western	1-Jan-14		Transshipment with Trawler	Out-of-Court	Settled	25,100	25,100	0
Ketewa Bia Nsua	Canoe	Western	2-Jan-14		Transshipment with Trawler	Out-of-Court	Settled	15,000	15,000	0
Ewieye Ne Asem	Canoe	Western	3-Jan-14		Transshipment with Trawler	Out-of-Court	Settled	10,000	10,000	0
Miracle Manor	Canoe	Western	4-Jan-14		Transshipment with Trawler	Out-of-Court	Settled	10,350	10,350	0
Nyame ye Kese	Canoe	Western	5-Jan-14		Transshipment with Trawler	Out-of-Court	Settled	12,360	12,360	0
Fidelis 102	Trawler	Greater Accra	20th Sept,2014	12th Dec.2014	Fishing In 30 Meter Depth	Out-of-Court	Settled	366,000	366,000	0
Fidelis 102	Trawler	Greater Accra	2-Apr-14	12-Sep-14	Fishing within 30meter depth	Out-of-Court	Settled	366,000	366,000	0
Lian run 14	Trawler		1-Apr-14	12-Sep-14				6,650	6,650	0
This Way	Canoe	Greater Accra	22nd Feb,2015	10-Apr-15	Fishing with Light	Out-of-Court	Settled	3,600	0	3,600

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Genesis	Canoe	Greater Accra	22nd Feb,2015	10-Apr-15	Fishing with Light	Out-of-Court	Settled	3,600	0	3,600
No Plan	Canoe	Greater Accra	22nd Feb,2015	10-Apr-15	Fishing with Light	Out-of-Court	Settled	3,600	0	3,600
No 9 No 10	Canoe	Greater Accra	22nd Dec,2014	23-Jan-15	Fishing with Light	Out-of-Court	Settled	600	0	600
Aaron Kaku	Canoe	Greater Accra	22nd Dec,2014	23-Jan-15	Fishing with Light	Out-of-Court	Settled	600	0	600
Agoji	Canoe	Greater Accra	22nd Feb,2015	10-Apr-15	Fishing with Light	Out-of-Court	Settled	3,600	0	3,600
Alisa Amano	Canoe	Greater Accra	22nd Dec,2014	23-Jan-15	Fishing with Light	Out-of-Court	Settled	600	0	600
Blessing	Canoe	Greater Accra	22nd Dec,2014	23-Jan-15	Fishing with Light	Out-of-Court	Settled	600	0	600
Daniel Adu	Canoe	Greater Accra	22nd Dec,2014	23-Jan-15	Fishing with Light	Out-of-Court	Settled	600	0	600
Daniel Martey	Canoe	Greater Accra	23rd Jan,15	27-Feb-15	Fishing with Light	Out-of-Court	Settled	6,000	0	6,000
Darkar Bosomprah	Canoe	Greater Accra	23rd Jan,15	27-Feb-15	Fishing with Light	Out-of-Court	Settled	6,000	0	6,000
Dumaa Joshua	Canoe	Greater Accra	23rd Jan,15	27-Feb-15	Fishing with Light	Out-of-Court	Settled	6,000	0	6,000
Dzata Bi	Canoe	Greater Accra	23rd Jan,15	27-Feb-15	Fishing with Light	Out-of-Court	Settled	6,000	0	6,000
Emmanuel Darko	Canoe	Greater Accra	22nd Dec,2014	23-Jan-15	Fishing with Light	Out-of-Court	Settled	600	0	600

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Emmanuel Okumo	Canoe	Greater Accra	22nd Dec,2014	23-Jan-15	Fishing with Light	Out-of-Court	Settled	600	0	600
Gabriel Okomo	Canoe	Greater Accra	23rd Jan,15	27-Feb-15	Fishing with Light	Out-of-Court	Settled	6,000	0	6,000
God is Great	Canoe	Greater Accra	23rd Jan,15	27-Feb-15	Fishing with Light	Out-of-Court	Settled	6,000	0	6,000
Hope	Canoe	Greater Accra	23rd Jan,15	27-Feb-15	Fishing with Light	Out-of-Court	Settled	6,000	0	6,000
Insha Allah	Canoe	Greater Accra	22nd Feb,2015	10-Apr-15	Fishing with Light	Out-of-Court	Settled	3,600	0	3,600
Joseph Quaye	Canoe	Greater Accra	22nd Dec,2014	23-Jan-15	Fishing with Light	Out-of-Court	Settled	600	0	600
Emmanuel Odoi (K20)	Canoe	Greater Accra	22nd Dec,2014	23-Jan-15	Fishing with Light	Out-of-Court	Settled	600	0	600
Kofi Atiapah	Canoe	Greater Accra	23rd Jan,15	27-Feb-15	Fishing with Light	Out-of-Court	Settled	6,000	0	6,000
Moses Akoto	Canoe	Greater Accra	23rd Jan,15	27-Feb-15	Fishing with Light	Out-of-Court	Settled	6,000	0	6,000
Nyame Ndae	Canoe	Greater Accra	22nd Dec,2014	23-Jan-15	Fishing with Light	Out-of-Court	Settled	600	0	600
Ogyeso	Canoe	Greater Accra	22nd Feb,2015	10-Apr-15	Fishing with Light	Out-of-Court	Settled	3,600	0	3,600
Otu Moses	Canoe	Greater Accra	22nd Dec,2014	23-Jan-15	Fishing with Light	Out-of-Court	Settled	600	0	600
Oyo Abenatey	Canoe	Greater Accra	23rd Jan,15	27-Feb-15	Fishing with Light	Out-of-Court	Settled	6,000	0	6,000

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Small No 4	Canoe	Greater Accra	23rd Jan,15	27-Feb-15	Fishing with Light	Out-of-Court	Settled	6,000	0	6,000
Tema Ashiaman	Canoe	Greater Accra	23rd Jan,15	27-Feb-15	Fishing with Light	Out-of-Court	Settled	6,000	0	6,000
Tetteh Kpopah	Canoe	. Greater Accra	22nd Dec,2014	23-Jan-15	Fishing with Light	Out-of-Court	Settled	600	0	600
Emmanuel Akpafo	Canoe	Greater Accra	22nd Dec,2014	23-Jan-15	Fishing with Light	Out-of-Court	Settled	600	600	0
Abebre Moses	Canoe	Greater Accra	22nd Dec,2014	23-Jan-15	Fishing with Light	Out-of-Court	Settled	600	600	0
Jordan Amartey	Canoe	Greater Accra	22nd Dec,2014	23-Jan-15	Fishing with Light	Out-of-Court	Settled	600	600	0
Kwaku Amanuvor	Canoe	Greater Accra	22nd Dec,2014	23-Jan-15	Fishing with Light	Out-of-Court	Settled	600	600	0
Razak Ashie	Canoe	Greater Accra	22nd Dec,2014	23-Jan-15	Fishing with Light	Out-of-Court	Settled	600	600	0
Kofi Bondzie	Canoe	Greater Accra	22nd Dec,2014	23-Jan-15	Fishing with Light	Out-of-Court	Settled	600	600	0
Samuel Amarh	Canoe	Greater Accra	22nd Dec,2014	23-Jan-15	Fishing with Light	Out-of-Court	Settled	600	600	0
Tetteh Agyeman	Canoe	Greater Accra	22nd Dec,2014	23-Jan-15	Fishing with Light	Out-of-Court	Settled	600	600	0
Emmanuel Tetteh Sarpong	Canoe	Greater Accra	22nd Dec,2014	23-Jan-15	Fishing with Light	Out-of-Court	Settled	600	600	0
Kabu Abebre	Canoe	Greater Accra	22nd Dec,2014	23-Jan-15	Fishing with Light	Out-of-Court	Settled	600	600	0

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Tetteh Osabutey	Canoe	Greater Accra	23rd Jan,15	27-Feb-15	Fishing with Light	Out-of-Court	Settled	6,000	0	6,000
Torbgor Isaiah	Canoe	Greater Accra	22nd Dec,2014	23-Jan-15	Fishing with Light	Out-of-Court	Settled	600	0	600
Yellow SiSi	Canoe	Greater Accra	23rd Jan,15	27-Feb-15	Fishing with Light	Out-of-Court	Settled	6,000	0	6,000
Yohane Abonosi	Canoe	Greater Accra	23rd Jan,15	27-Feb-15	Fishing with Light	Out-of-Court	Settled	6,000	0	6,000
Adom Reefer	Canoe	Greater Accra	22 nd April,15	14-Aug-15	Fishing with Light	Out-of-Court	Settled	1,000	0	1,000
Spinner	Canoe	Greater Accra	22-Apr-15	14-Aug-15	Fishing with Light	Out-of-Court	Settled	1,000	0	1,000
Azonto	Canoe	Greater Accra	22-Apr-15	14-Aug-15	Fishing with Light	Out-of-Court	Settled	1,000	0	1,000
Azonto	Canoe	Greater Accra	22-Apr-15	14-Aug-15	Fishing with Light	Out-of-Court	Settled	1,000	0	1,000
Rejected Stone	Canoe	Greater Accra	22-Apr-15	14-Aug-15	Fishing with Light	Out-of-Court	Settled	1,000	0	1,000
Pure Water	Canoe	Greater Accra	22-Apr-15	14-Aug-15	Fishing with Light	Out-of-Court	Settled	1,000	0	1,000
Eye tsele de	Canoe	Greater Accra	22-Apr-15	14-Aug-15	Fishing with Light	Out-of-Court	Settled	1,000	0	1,000
Emmanuel	Canoe	Greater Accra	22-Apr-15	14-Aug-15	Fishing with Light	Out-of-Court	Settled	1,000	0	1,000
Emmanuel	Canoe	Greater Accra	22-Apr-15	14-Aug-15	Fishing with Light	Out-of-Court	Settled	1,000	0	1,000
Shegete	Canoe	Greater Accra	22-Apr-15	14-Aug-15	Fishing with Light	Out-of-Court	Settled	1,000	0	1,000
Ghana Boys	Canoe	Greater Accra	22-Apr-15	14-Aug-15	Fishing with Light	Out-of-Court	Settled	1,000	0	1,000
Father	Canoe	Greater Accra	22-Apr-15	14-Aug-15	Fishing with Light	Out-of-Court	Settled	1,000	0	1,000
No Shaking	Canoe	Greater Accra	22-Apr-15	14-Aug-15	Fishing with Light	Out-of-Court	Settled	1,000	0	1,000

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No Shaking	Canoe	Greater Accra	22-Apr-15	14-Aug-15	Fishing with Light	Out-of-Court	Settled	1,000	0	1,000
No Shaking	Canoe	Greater Accra	22-Apr-15	14-Aug-15	Fishing with Light	Out-of-Court	Settled	1,000	0	1,000
O.D.O No 2	Canoe	Greater Accra	22-Apr-15	14-Aug-15	Fishing with Light	Out-of-Court	Settled	1,000	0	1,000
Man U	Canoe	Greater Accra	15-Oct-15	23-Oct-15	Fishing with Light	Out-of-Court	Settled	1,000	500	500
Abidjan	Canoe	Greater Accra	15-Oct-15	23-Oct-15	Fishing with Light	Out-of-Court	Settled	1,000	500	500
Lu Rong Yuan Yu 916	Trawler	Greater Accra	20th Sept,2014	10-Apr-15	Fishing in Cote D'Ivoire without license	Out-of-Court	Settled	150,000	150,000	0
Lu Rong Yuan Yu 917	Trawler	Greater Accra	20th Sept,2014	10-Apr-15	Fishing in Cote D'Ivoire without license	Out-of-Court	Settled	150,000	150,000	0
Lu Rong Yuan Yu 919	Trawler	Greater Accra	20th Sept,2015	15-May-15	Fishing in Cote D'Ivoire without license	Out-of-Court	Settled	150,000	150,000	0
Lu Rong Yuan Yu 926	Trawler	Greater Accra	20th Sept,2014	10-Apr-15	Fishing in Cote D'Ivoire without license	Out-of-Court	Settled	150,000	150,000	0
Awoyaa 7	Trawler	Greater Accra	21st july,2014	24-Mar-15	Fishing in foreign waters without license	Out-of-Court	Settled	320,000	320,000	0
Guojin 811	Trawler	Greater Accra	17th Nov,2014	23rd Jan,2015	Fishing With Undersized Mesh Net	Out-of-Court	Settled	9,300	9,300	0
Jin Hai 606	Trawler	Greater Accra	27th Marh,15	15th May,2015	Use under meshed size - net	Out-of-Court	Settled	59,295	59,295	0

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Lian run 15	Trawler	Greater Accra	19th sept,14	10th oct,2015	Fishing with undersized mesh	Out of court	Settled	49,065	49,065	0
Awoyaa 8	Trawler	Western			Fishing In 30 Meter Depth	Out-of-Court	Settled	104,385	104,385	0
Kosocus II	Trawler	Greater Accra	16th Dec,14	23rd Jan,2015	Fishing within 30meter depth	Out-of-Court	Settled	228,510	228,510	0
Dalian 2	Trawler	Greater Accra	3-Apr-15	14-Aug-15	Fishing within 30meter depth	Out-of-Court	Settled	120,000	55,000	65,000
Lu Rong Yuan Yu 956	Trawler	Greater Accra		18-Dec-15	Transshipment with canoe	Out of Court	Settled	380,000	0	380,000
Hai Lu Feng 1	Trawler	Greater Accra	15/09/15	18-Dec-15	Transshipment with canoe	Out of court	Settled	380,000	0	380,000
Adum	Trawler	Greater Accra		9-Sep-15	Dumping of engine oil	Out of court	Pending			0
St. Francis 2	Trawler	Greater Accra	10-Sep-14	15-May-15	Gas pipeline	Out of court	Pardoned			0
Meng Xin 1	Trawler	Greater Accra	23-Sep-14	15-May-15	Gas pipeline	Out of court	Pardoned			0
Blue Sea 3	Trawler	Greater Accra	3-Nov-14	15-May-15	Fishing within 30meter depth	Out of court	Pardoned			0
Luyu 902	Trawler	Western	5-Jan-15	5-Mar-15	Fishing with undersized meh net	Out of court	Settled	46,000	46,000	0
Asona	Trawler	Western	30-Jan-15	6-Feb-15	Improper logging, lack of safe boarding	Out of court	Settled	19,400	19,400	0
Lu Rong Yuan Yu 959	Trawler	Western	11-Apr-15	22-Apr-15	Undersized fish	Out of court	Settled	200,000	200,000	0

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Jin Hai 605	Trawler	Western	12-Apr-15	23-Apr-15	Undersized fish	Out of court	Settled	213,500		213,500
Jin Hai 608	Trawler	Western	12-Apr-15	23-Apr-15	Undersized fish	Out of court	Settled	200,000	200,000	0
Comforter 1	Trawler	Western	29-Jul-15	12-Aug-15	Undersized fish; top chafers	Out of court	Settled	102,500	102,500	0
Meng Xin 2	Trawler	Western	30-Jul-15	12-Aug-15	Top chafers	Out of court	Settled	3,000	3,000	0
Emmanuel	Semi-Industrial	Western	21-May-15	26-Aug-15	Fishing without license	Out of court	Settled	6,000	6,000	0
Great Messiah	Canoe	Western	25-May-15	27-Aug-15	Unsupervised transshipment	Out of court	Settled	13,680		13,680
Twin Port City 104	Trawler	Western	5-Aug-15	8-Oct-15	Top chafers	Out of court	Settled	12,153	12,153	0
Twin Port City 105	Trawler	Western	21-Aug-15	8-Oct-15	Fishing in the IEZ	Out of court	Settled	85,825	85,825	0
Meng Xin 16	Trawler	Western	16-Apr-15	8-Oct-15	Undersized fish	Out of court	Settled	247,600		247,600
Sombo	Trawler	Western	21-Aug-15	9-Oct-15	Fishing in IEZ	Out of court	Settled	83,600	83,600	0
Bohye	Trawler	Western	2-Sep-15	9-Oct-15	Fishing in IEZ	Out of court	Settled	78,136	78,136	0
Lu Rong Yuan Yu 916	Trawler	Western	9-Nov-15	2-Dec-15	Top chafers	Out of court	Settled	50,000	50,000	0
Meng Xin 7	Trawler	Greater Accra		26-Feb-16	Transshipment with canoe	Out of court	Settled	200,000	0	200,000
Lu Rong Yuan Yu 969	Trawler	Greater Accra	26/01/16	26-Feb-16	Use of undersized mesh net	Out of court	Settled	6,000	0	6,000

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OK Fish 2	Trawler	Greater Accra	22-Mar-15	26-Feb-16	Fishing in IEZ of Cote d'Ivoire	Out of court	Settled (signed bond)			0
OK Fish 6	Trawler	Greater Accra	28-Jun-15	26-Feb-16	Fishing in IEZ of Cote d'Ivoire	Out of court	Settled (signed bond)			0
OK Fish 10	Trawler	Greater Accra	13-Jun-15	26-Feb-16	Fishing in IEZ of Cote d'Ivoire	Out of court	Settled(signed bond)			0
OK Fish 12	Trawler	Greater Accra	17-Jun-15	26-Feb-16	Fishing in IEZ of Cote d'Ivoire	Out of court	Settled(signed bond)			0
Adum	Trawler	Greater Accra	23-Jun-15	26-Feb-16	Fishing in IEZ of Cote d'Ivoire	Out of court	Settled(signed bond)			0
Asona	Trawler	Greater Accra	29-Jun-15	26-Feb-16	Fishing in IEZ of Cote d'Ivoire	Out of court	Settled			0
Sapele	Trawler	Greater Accra	24-Mar-15	26-Feb-16	Fishing in IEZ of Cote d'Ivoire	Out of court	Settled(signed bond)			0
Tormabum	Trawler	Greater Accra	26-Mar-15	26-Feb-16	Fishing in IEZ of Cote d'Ivoire	Out of court	Settled			0

ANNEX 2. CASES HEARD IN 2015

ARRESTED VESSEL	VESSEL TYPE	INFRACTION/ OFFENCE	DATE OF ARREST	DATE FINED	FINES IMPOSED BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS GHS	FINES IMPOSED REVIEWED BY MINISTER (GH¢)	FINES STATUS
Kosucos Co. Ltd (Kosucos II)	Trawler	Fishing within 30meter depth	16/12/14	23/01/15	228,510		Paid
Wanimas Complex Company Ltd (Luyu 902)	Trawler	Fishing in foreign waters without license	16/12/14	23/01/15	473,250	-	Part Paid (GH¢ 184,333 and remaining balance is GH¢ 288,666)
Asiedu Fisheries Ltd (Guojio 811)	Trawler	Fishing with undersized mesh net	17/11/14	23/01/15	9,300	-	Paid
23 Fishermen from Tema	Canoe	Engaged in light fishing at sea.	22/12/14	23/01/15	13,800 (600 each)	-	Part Paid (GH¢ 6,000 remaining balance is GH¢ 7,800)
15 Fishermen (Ningo-Prampram)	Canoe	Engaged in light fishing at sea.	23/01/15	27/02/15	90,000 (6,000 each)	-	Not paid
Cavalier Resource Ltd (Awoyaa 7)	Trawler	Fishing in foreign waters without license	3/10/2013	27/02/15	347,190	320,000	Paid

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7 Fishermen (Ada)	Canoe	Engaged in light fishing at sea.	22/02/15	10/4/2015	25,200	-	Not paid
Mystical Grace Co. Ltd. (Lu Rong Yuan Yu 917)	Trawler	Fishing in foreign waters without license	20/09/14	10/4/2015	469,000	150,000	Paid
Business Empire Ltd. (Lu Rong Yuan Yu 926)	Trawler	Fishing in foreign waters without license	20/09/14	10/4/2015	454,480	150,000	Paid
Reonq Fisheries Ltd (Lu Rong Yuan Yu 916)	Trawler	Fishing in foreign waters without license	20/09/14	10/4/2015	503,650	150,000	Paid
Connado Co. Ltd	Trawler	Fishing in foreign waters without license	20/09/14	15/05/15	460,750	150,000	Paid
(Lu Rong Yuan Yu 919)							
Tri-Dan Bruce (Jin Hai 606)	Trawler	Fishing with undersized mesh net	20/03/15	15/05/15	59,295	-	Paid
Francel V. Impex Ltd. (St Francis II)	Trawler	Fishing on gas pipe line	10/9/2014	15/05/15		-	Granted pardon by the Committee.

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Bossgie. Ltd (Meng Xin 1)	Trawler	Fishing on gas pipe line	23/09/14	15/05/15		-	Granted pardon by the Committee.
Gazimpex Co. Ltd (Blue Sea III)	Trawler	Fishing in 30 meter depth	3/11/2014	15/05/15		-	Granted pardon by the Committee.
Cactus Enterprise Ltd. (Dalian 2)	Trawler	Fishing in 30 meter depth	3/4/2015	14/08/15	210,625	Fine imposed reviewed by committee 120,000	Part paid (GH¢ 55,000 remaining balance is GH¢ 65,000)
16 Fishermen from Tema		Engaged in light fishing at sea.		14/08/15	16,000 (GH¢ 1,000 each)		Not paid
Legon Fishing Company (Ok fish 2 and 7 others)	Trawler	Fishing in the Inshore Exclusive Zone (IEZ) of Cote d' Lvoire.	Jun-15	4/9/2015			Case adjourned
2 fishermen from Kokrobitey	Canoe	Engaged in light fishing at sea.	15/10/15		2,000		Part paid(GH¢ 1,000 remaining balance is GH¢ 1,000)
Itavan Ventures (Jin Hai 605) (Takoradi)							Case adjourned
6 Fishermen (Ningo-Prampram)			2/4/2015				Case pending

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Rock Point Co. Ltd (Lu Rong Yuan Yu 956)	Trawler	Undertook illegal transshipment at sea.			380,000		Not yet (Duration of payment is from 18 th December 2015 to 18 th January 2016)
Tema Fisheries and Freezing Ltd. (Hai Lu Feng 1)	Trawler	Undertook illegal transshipment at sea.			380,000		Not yet (Duration of payment is from 18 th December 2015 to 18 th January 2016)
Nasaa Fisheries Co. Ltd. (Meng Xin 7)	Trawler	Undertook illegal transshipment at sea.					Case pending
Legon Fishing Co. Ltd. (Adum)	Trawler	Dumping of machine oil into the sea.					Case pending
GRAND TOTAL					2,701,355		