Global Fishing Watch has been working with country and organisation partners to use the Carrier Vessel Portal and our data on transshipment activity to support the monitoring of carrier vessels and transshipment. Watch this demonstration by Charlie Kilgour for details on how it works and how to get involved.

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About Global Fishing Watch Carrier Vessel Portal

Transshipment is a vital part of the global fishing industry, but it often takes place far out at sea, making it challenging for authorities to determine whether the catch being transferred is both legal and verifiable.

To improve the understanding and management of transshipment, Global Fishing Watch partnered with The Pew Charitable Trusts to develop Global Fishing Watch Carrier Vessels, an innovative technology portal that harnesses transparency to bring greater monitoring and analysis of this activity to all those who need it, and for free. The two organizations developed the carrier vessel portal to help policymakers and fisheries managers better comprehend the activities of carrier vessels that take on catch from commercial fishing vessels and deliver it to ports worldwide for processing. The portal provides a valuable tool for managers that seek to verify transshipment activities, which can help reduce opportunities for unauthorized transfers of fish products and also identify when such activities are not being adequately reported.

The portal uses publicly available data from 2017 through the present to identify potential vessel encounters and loitering events. Updated with new data monthly, it synthesizes fishing registry information to create a picture of potential authorizations for both carrier and fishing vessels involved in transshipment activity.

As the first-of-its-kind comprehensive transshipment monitoring tool, the carrier vessel portal is utilizing vessel transparency to help inform management and policy efforts across the fishing sector.

Carrier Vessel Portal Links

FAQs

Tutorial Videos - Video 1 | Video 2

Blog: Transshipment Monitoring Portal Brings Transparency to Fishing Industry