

The Working Conditions of Fishermen in the Context of Covid-19

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Seriousness of COVID-19



Total Confirmed : 18,185,015

Global Deaths : 691,303

Source : [Coronavirus COVID-19 Global Cases by Johns Hopkins CSSE](#) updated at 8/4/2020



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Symptoms of Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Know the symptoms of COVID-19, which can include the following:



- In spite of enormous care and precaution, COVID-19 infection began to occur even in the vessels.
- Due to the nature of the vessel's enclosed space, there is a high risk for the whole crews to be spread out to all crews.
- Currently reported more than **10 crews were infected in the Atlantic Ocean.**
- The testing for the rest of crews are in progress.

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Operation loss



- None or limited entry of the port
- Operation loss caused by 14-day's quarantine period before entry
- Operation loss from observes' forced return requests made by coastal countries

Safety issues



- Impossible to repair and maintenance vessel
- Excessive expenses incurred by the dispatch of engineers on board
- Difficult to replace the crew
- The overdue operating schedule make a high risk of safety accidents because the crew's replace is difficult
- In case of an accident, the proper medical treatment could not be taken in time due to the limited port entry (secondary damage)

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Other issues



- Difficulty of providing with ship supplies (related to sailor welfare issues)
- Unable to board helpers when transshipment and unloading (delay of work)
- Lead to job losses
- Reduced consumption of tuna leads to a drop in tuna prices and poor performance (Company)

Three-month FAD Closure



- **Atlantic FAD Closure Increases Difficulties More**
- This year's two-month FAD Closure is supposed to be expanded to three months next year

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Three-month FAD Closure

- In the face of worsening performance due to Covid-19, A three-month FAD closure (in fact, three-month Operation ban) will be additional burden for the fishing industry seriously
- Lead to food security and job losses in West Africa
- Take this into consideration, keep 2 months FAD Closure continually
- Or at least, with a three-month FAD Closure implemented, the FAD closure need to be divided into two groups (eg. one group applied from December to February, while the other group from June to August)



Thank you

