

National Legislation Regarding IUU Fishing

PANAMA



Law 16 (chapters on maritime regulation) (1975)

Law 14 (approves CITES) (1977)

Execution Degree 63 (protects aquatic mammals from tuna fishing) (1988)

Law 24 (Wildlife Law, amended 2005) (1995)

Law 38 (ratifies 1982 UNCLOS) (1995)

Law 7, 41, and 75: creation of the Environmental Ministry, the National Environment Authority-ANAM and implements the Dolphin Protection Agreement (1998)

Law 9, 44: Prohibits shark finning in territorial waters and creates authority for Panamanian aquatic resources (2006)

Law 14: Penal Code, includes environmental offenses (2007)

Law 64: Agreement for Implementations of UNCLOS on Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks (2008)

Executive Decree No. 162: regulates fishing vessel licensing and compliance with VMS standards (2013)

Law 43: Ratifies FAO Agreement on Port State Measures (2016)

Law 204: Regulates fish and aquaculture in Panamanian waters (2021)

COSTA RICA



Law 6267: establishes rules for foreign vessels fishing in Costa Rican waters (1978)

Law 7384: creates the Costa Rican Fisheries and Aquaculture Institute (INCOPECA) (modified 2019) (1994)

Law 7554: Organic Law of the Environment (1995)

Law 6042: Law of the Maritime Terrestrial Zone (1997)

Law 7788: Biodiversity Law (1998)

Law 8000: creates the National Coast Guard Service (2000)

Law 8436: Law on Fisheries and Aquaculture (2005)

Multiple decrees and resolutions governing fishing in particular regions and of particular species.

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Sources: Organization of American States (OAS); United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO); national governments.