

Uruguay

Crew welfare and the port records that can reveal what happened offshore.

From arrival and medical treatment to wages, repatriation and remedy.

Deaths and disappearances need individual files

ITF's regional study collects crew-death and disappearance records across multiple flags. A port connection does not establish that a death happened there or that every case was homicide. [S07](#)

A voyage linked to a later import restriction

The Zhen Fa 7 file connects crew-abuse reporting involving the South American fishing grounds and Montevideo with a U.S. import order issued in May 2025. The administrative measure is not a criminal verdict. [S42](#), [S45](#)

Support can be lawful and still be informative

Carrier, fuel and port-service records help reconstruct voyages and opportunities for inspection. A commercial relationship alone does not establish knowing assistance in abuse. [S05](#)

What to investigate next

1. Seek public arrival, death-registration, investigation and repatriation outcomes without publishing private witness or medical details.
2. Follow wage claims and compensation through payment, not just an order or demand.
3. Link port calls to stable vessel identifiers and dated operators rather than similar ship names.

Montevideo is a point for investigating access to help and accountability. Crew

nationality, vessel flag and jurisdiction of an incident remain separate fields.

Connected files

- [The people behind the port records](#)
- [Zhen Fa 7: from crew-abuse reporting to a U.S. import hold](#)
- [The ships that keep a fleet at sea](#)
- [A vessel, a death record, an unresolved labor trail](#)

Original sources

1. **S07 · International Transport Workers' Federation**
[Labour exploitation in distant water fishing vessels registered with the SPRFMO](#)
Methodology and pp. 5, 16-17
2. **S42 · U.S. Customs and Border Protection**
[CSMS 65176258: Withhold Release Order on Seafood Harvested by Zhen Fa 7](#)
Effective date, reasonable-indication standard and importer challenge procedures
3. **S45 · The Outlaw Ocean Project**
[A Fleet Prone to Captive Labor and Plunder](#)
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4. **S05 · C4ADS; Sara Nix**
[Keeping the Lights On: Uncovering the Networks Enabling the Distant Water Squid Fleet](#)
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