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Two years ago, Chinese authorities implemented a satellite positioning system for factory ships (either longline or purse seiners), which freeze and prepare on the spot fish like tuna.

As part of this CLS had already equipped 100 Chinese vessels with Argos tracking beacons. Now, CLS is equipping 100 further vessels.

They fish in the ten most sensitive fishing areas, including Guinea, Guinea-Bissau and Sierra Leone. This regulation also applies to tuna longliners and vessels fishing for squid in the Pacific. In addition, it includes the fishing vessels exploiting the seas of the Indian Ocean, trawlers and herring fishermen in the northwest Pacific and finally trawlers fishing in the international waters of the Atlantic.

CLS is processing data from these vessels, enabling the Chinese authorities to:

- locate them wherever they are at all times
- ensure that they are following good fishing practice and complying with regulations.
- receive messages on shore, such as alerts when one of the vessels enters or leaves a pre-defined area.

20.000 tracking beacons

worldwide

5.000 of these beacons fitted on fishing vessels

330 staff

areas of operation

sustainable resource management

environmental monitoring

maritime safety

location collection of data

ocean observation



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