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 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 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 8000: creates the National Coast Guard Service (2000)
- 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.