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## **Research fishing in Division 58.4.1 SSRU C - information submitted by the Republic of Korea**

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION AND THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

The Republic of Korea has provided the attached letter for circulation to all Members of the Commission.

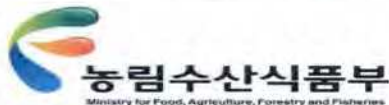
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Dear Mr. Wright,

I am writing to give you an update, as a follow up to the letter sent on February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2013, on additional information regarding the *F/V No.3 Insung*'s situation in Division 58.4.1 SSRU E research block B. The vessel arrived at 58.4.1 E-a at around 04:00(UTC), February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013 and tried to proceed to the designated point, but only to fail due to a lot of thick floating ice.

As of February 17, 2013, the vessel has been waiting around the area for 11 days. According sea ice maps and weather charts, the currents are very slow around 58.4.1 E-a, and winds blew unfavorably (westwards on 7-8, eastwards on 9, westwards on 10-12 and eastwards on 13-15) to move floating ice away.

Under such circumstance, they reported us that it seems to be very difficult for the vessel to advance to the designated point for its research. In addition, there are safety hazards around the area such as floating ice pieces that may affect the vessel's safety. Considering all these, the Korean government concluded that it would be better for the vessel to move to the next point (Division 58.4.1 C) and hereby notifies this to the Secretariat.

To verify the vessel's hardship, the Korean government requested the vessel to provide radar information, relevant photo evidence and the picture of floating ice. This supporting evidence has been attached to this letter for your reference.

It would be appreciated if you could circulate this letter to all Members of the Commission.

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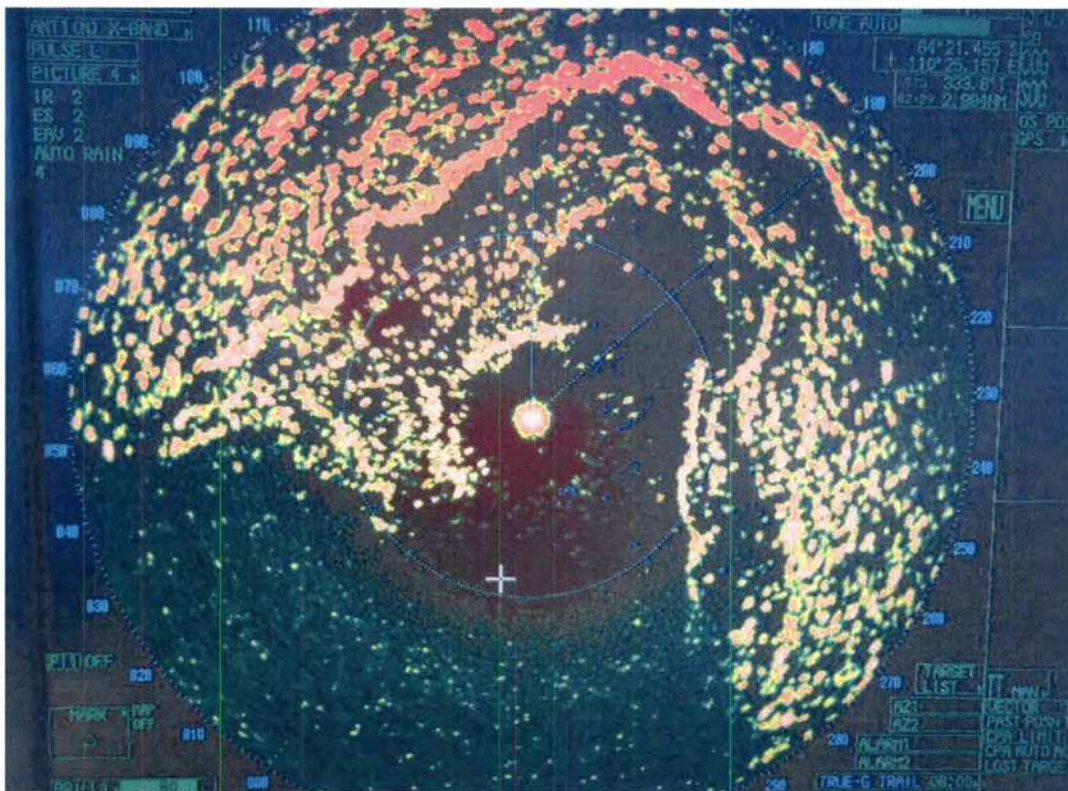
Attachment : Relevant evidence photos



Attachment 1 : Condition for floating ice



Attachment 1 : Iceberg condition display from RADAR



58.4.1 E-a SEA ICE MAP.

