

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**TLB027****(Question Serial No. 1565)**Head: (100) Marine DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (1) Infrastructure, (3) Local Services, (4) Services to ShipsControlling Officer: Director of Marine (Carol YUEN)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Transport and LogisticsQuestion:

Regarding fishing vessels and industry-related vessels, please advise on:

- (a) the respective numbers of fish carriers, fishing vessels, fishing sampans (C7), outboard open sampans (P4), as well as other fishing vessels and industry-related vessels in the past 3 years (2020-21 to 2022-23); and
- (b) the respective numbers of locally-licensed vessels that were less than 10 metres and between 10 and 15 metres in length in the past 3 years (2020-21 to 2022-23), and the number of fishing vessels among them.

Asked by: Hon HO Chun-yin, Steven (LegCo internal reference no.: 38)Reply:

- (a) There are four classes of local vessels under the Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) (Certification and Licensing) Regulation (Cap. 548D). Vessels licensed as Class III vessel (i.e. fishing vessel) are further divided into four types. The detailed breakdown of various types of vessels under Class III in the past three years is as follows:

Class III Vessels - Types	2020	2021	2022
Fish carrier	26	21	19
Fishing sampan (known as C7)	1 908	1 861	1 832
Fishing vessel	1 680	1 626	1 384
Outboard open sampan (known as P4)	2 776	2 868	2 904
Total number of licensed vessels	6 390	6 376	6 139

The Marine Department does not have further breakdown on the above.

- (b) (i) The numbers of local licensed vessels with overall length less than 10 metres in the past 3 years are set out as follows:

Vessels	2020	2021	2022
Local Vessel	12 987	13 854	14 386
Class III Vessels (Fishing vessels) therein	4 578	4 619	4 630

- (ii) The numbers of local licensed vessels with overall length between 10 and 15 metres in the past 3 years are set out as follows:

Vessels	2020	2021	2022
Local Vessel	2 192	2 197	2 233
Class III Vessels (Fishing vessels) therein	344	329	312

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