



CALLING ALL SEAFARERS!

DO YOU KNOW THESE FLAGS?



Palau



Sierra Leone



Cook Islands



Togo

DO YOU KNOW WHAT THEY MEAN FOR CREW?

- These flags are putting the seafarers' pay, conditions and safety at risk.
- They endanger our marine environment.
- They take money from shipowners to register vessels that other flags wouldn't touch.
- Many of their vessels are substandard and should not be trading.

In just three years, Cook Islands, Palau, Sierra Leone and Togo saw:

- ! More than **30 cases of abandonment**, with many crew left without pay, food, water, or a way to get home
- ! **\$5.5m USD in unpaid wages**, that the ITF had to recover on behalf of crew from their ships
- ! Over **5,000 deficiencies or detentions** issued by authorities against their ships

THESE FLAGS ARE DRIVING DOWN SEAFARERS' WAGES AND CONDITIONS

ITF has listed them as Flags of Convenience (FOCs) and launched a new campaign to scrap substandard shipping in the Mediterranean Sea.

SUPPORT THE ITF CAMPAIGN TO SCRAP SUBSTANDARD SHIPPING IN THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA

Targeting the Mediterranean Sea's four worst flags and removing their substandard ships.

ITF Inspectors will be conducting rigorous inspections of all ships registered to these flags:



WE NEED YOUR HELP

1. Support ITF

Inspectors to board and inspect your vessel so they can:

- **listen** to you (privately, away from the Master) and ask you about what has been happening on board
- **make sure** that you are safe on board, with the provisions you're entitled to
- **help** you to recover any owned wages and entitlements

2. Help hold shipowners to account

- Report any contract, MLC or labour rights violations to msoc@itf.org.uk
- Join your national ITF-affiliated seafarers' union

3. Be part of the campaign online

- Show your support by taking photos with your shipmates and share them online
- Show us examples of substandard ships registered to these four flags, such as rust
- On Twitter, Facebook and Instagram use these tags:
#weareitf
#ITFseafarers
#FOC

**WILL YOU STAND WITH US FOR SEAFARERS?
LET'S CLEAN UP THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA!**