

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**TLB039****(Question Serial No. 0975)**Head: (100) Marine DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (1) Infrastructure, (3) Local Services, (4) Services to ShipsControlling Officer: Director of Marine (Mr S.F. WONG)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 (2021-22 to 2023-24); 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 (2021-22 to 2023-24), and the number of fishing vessels among them.

Asked by: Hon HO Chun-yin, Steven (LegCo internal reference no.: 28)Reply:

- (a) There are 4 classes of local vessels under the Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) (Certification and Licensing) Regulation (Cap. 548D). Vessels licensed as Class III vessels (i.e. fishing vessels) are further divided into 4 types. The detailed breakdown of various types of vessels under Class III in the past 3 years is as follows:

Class III Vessels - Types	2021	2022	2023
Fish carrier	21	19	23
Fishing sampan (known as C7)	1 861	1 832	1 829
Fishing vessel	1 626	1 384	1 486
Outboard open sampan (known as P4)	2 868	2 904	2 922
Total number of licensed vessels	6 376	6 139	6 260

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

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

Vessels	2021	2022	2023
Local vessels	13 854	14 386	14 550
Class III vessels (fishing vessels) therein	4 619	4 630	4 633

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

Vessels	2021	2022	2023
Local vessels	2 197	2 233	2 270
Class III vessels (fishing vessels) therein	329	312	310

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