



**CLARA BARTON**  
INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW COMPETITION  
**10TH ANNIVERSARY**

**2022-2023**  
**APPLICATION**  
**PACKET**



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Dear Applicants,

On behalf of the American Red Cross IHL Program and the Clara Barton IHL Competition Committee, thank you for your interest in both the Competition and International Humanitarian Law. This year marks the 10th Anniversary of CBC and we are truly fortunate to have such a talented group of passionate young professionals standing ready to tackle the challenges that lie ahead.

Although each of you has taken a different path to this point, we are unified in our effort to broaden our knowledge about International Humanitarian Law by putting its principles into action. This Competition may be a simulation, but know that you are part of a new vanguard of professionals who will carry forward the flame of IHL, ensuring that its critical protections are respected for years to come.

I wish each of you the best of luck as you navigate this application.

Warm regards,

Thomas L. Harper  
Senior Legal Advisor, IHL  
American Red Cross



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## **APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS**

The Clara Barton Competition is open to students currently pursuing Juris Doctor (J.D.), Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.), or Master of Laws (LL.M.) degrees at law schools in North, Central, and South America, as well as students attending U.S. military academies. Students from outside these geographical areas may apply, pursuant to the discretion of the Competition Committee. Questions regarding eligibility for the Competition shall be directed to the Committee at [clarabartonihl@redcross.org](mailto:clarabartonihl@redcross.org).

The Competition will take place March 17-19, 2023 in-person at the American Red Cross National Headquarters in Washington, D.C. The application deadline is Friday, November 18, 2022 at 11:59 PM (Eastern US Time).

Lodging for student team members from teams traveling from outside the DC area will be provided by The Competition Committee for the length of the competition. All interested teams are required to submit the following:

### **Team Composition:**

Teams are composed of no more than three members. No person who has competed in a previous year is allowed to compete again. A team may elect to designate one alternate team member who can join the team if a member becomes unavailable before the event. Teams should notify the Competition Committee of any changes to team composition as soon as possible prior to the Competition.

### **Application to Complete:**

All teams must submit a complete application packet prior to the application deadline to be considered. The application questions must be completed by at least one member of the team. Applications will be evaluated based on the criteria stated in the competition rules.

### **Statement of Interest:**

The statement of interest is an opportunity to share why the team wishes to compete in the Clara Barton Competition. Your team's statement must not exceed two (2) pages, double spaced, size twelve (12) Times New Roman font, with one (1) inch margins. The statement of interest will be considered along with the evaluation questions in determining which applications are accepted.

### **Evaluation Questions:**

Each team must analyze a hypothetical legal scenario contained in the background documents included in the application package and answer the two evaluation questions. The team's answers should be submitted as a separate document, with the answer to each question not exceeding 1500 words (Question 1) and 2500 words (Question 2), excluding endnotes/footnotes/in-text citations etc. The answers should be double spaced, size twelve (12) Times New Roman font, with

one (1) inch margins. The answers should not contain any information identifying the team's school. Citing of resources may be done in any format as long as the format selected is consistent.

### **Application and Participation Fees:**

A \$50 (\$51.50 if paying by credit card) non-refundable application fee is required for all applying teams. If a team is unable to pay this fee, it must submit the hardship waiver request (found in this application package) with their application documents explaining its good faith request for waiver of the fee. Teams that are accepted to participate in the competition will be required to submit an additional \$1,250 (\$1,287.50 if paying by credit card) participation fee.

Both fees may be paid by check or with credit card. If paid by credit card, a 3% convenience fee must be included to partially cover the cost charged by the credit card processing company.

If a team wishes to pay the application fee by credit card, please notify us at ClaraBartonIHL@redcross.org. A payment invoice will be sent to you via Square. You may then pay on their secure website using the instructions contained in the invoice.

For those wishing to pay by check, please make the check payable to the "The Clara Barton Corporation" with memo/note reading "2023 CBC". Mail your check along with a memo on institutional letterhead stating that the check is for the 2023 Clara Barton IHL Competition to:

**American Red Cross  
Attn: Thomas Harper, IHL Dept.  
430 17<sup>th</sup> Street NW  
Washington, DC 20006**

**All application materials must be submitted to the Competition Committee via email: ClaraBartonIHL@redcross.org by 11:59 PM (Eastern US Time) on November 18, 2022.**

Participation invitations will be distributed no later than Friday, December 31, 2022.

*By submitting this application package, all applicants certify that the information provided in this application package and any supporting documentation is complete and correct to the best of each applicant's knowledge and belief. Each applicant agrees to provide updated information if answers to any of the application questions should change between now and the beginning of the Competition.*





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# TEAM REGISTRATION FORM



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**REGISTRATION FORMS:**

**Academic Institution**

Name of Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Program (J.D.; LL.B; LL.M; Military): \_\_\_\_\_

**Faculty Advisors, Coaches, or Sponsors**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Relation to Team: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Relation to Team: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Relation to Team: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**PARTICIPANT INFORMATION:**

**Participant One:**

**Personal Information**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated Graduation Date (Month/Year): \_\_\_\_\_

**Education**

Name of Academic Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Degree: \_\_\_\_\_



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**Relevant IHL Course Experience**

1. Course: \_\_\_\_\_

Semester & Year: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Course: \_\_\_\_\_

Semester & Year: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Course: \_\_\_\_\_

Semester & Year: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Course: \_\_\_\_\_

Semester & Year: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Course: \_\_\_\_\_

Semester & Year: \_\_\_\_\_

**Competition Experience**

1. Semester, Year, and Competition (Moot Court, Mock Trial, ADR, etc.):

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2. Semester, Year, and Competition (Moot Court, Mock Trial, ADR, etc.):

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3. Semester, Year, and Competition (Moot Court, Mock Trial, ADR, etc.):

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**Participant Two:**

**Personal Information**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated Graduation Date (Month/Year): \_\_\_\_\_

**Education**

Name of Academic Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Degree: \_\_\_\_\_

**Relevant IHL Course Experience**

1. Course: \_\_\_\_\_

Semester & Year: \_\_\_\_\_



2. Course: \_\_\_\_\_  
Semester & Year: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Course: \_\_\_\_\_  
Semester & Year: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Course: \_\_\_\_\_  
Semester & Year: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Course: \_\_\_\_\_  
Semester & Year: \_\_\_\_\_

### Competition Experience

1. Semester, Year, and Competition (Moot Court, Mock Trial, ADR, etc.):  
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2. Semester, Year, and Competition (Moot Court, Mock Trial, ADR, etc.):  
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3. Semester, Year, and Competition (Moot Court, Mock Trial, ADR, etc.):  
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### Participant Three:

#### Personal Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated Graduation Date (Month/Year): \_\_\_\_\_

#### Education

Name of Academic Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Degree: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Relevant IHL Course Experience

1. Course: \_\_\_\_\_  
Semester & Year: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Course: \_\_\_\_\_  
Semester & Year: \_\_\_\_\_





**3.** Course: \_\_\_\_\_  
Semester & Year: \_\_\_\_\_

**4.** Course: \_\_\_\_\_  
Semester & Year: \_\_\_\_\_

**5.** Course: \_\_\_\_\_  
Semester & Year: \_\_\_\_\_

**Competition Experience**

- 1.** Semester, Year, and Competition (Moot Court, Mock Trial, ADR, etc.):  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 2.** Semester, Year, and Competition (Moot Court, Mock Trial, ADR, etc.):  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 3.** Semester, Year, and Competition (Moot Court, Mock Trial, ADR, etc.):  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Alternate:**

**Personal Information**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Anticipated Graduation Date (Month/Year): \_\_\_\_\_

**Education**

Name of Academic Institution: \_\_\_\_\_  
Degree: \_\_\_\_\_

**Relevant IHL Course Experience**

- 1.** Course: \_\_\_\_\_  
Semester & Year: \_\_\_\_\_
- 2.** Course: \_\_\_\_\_  
Semester & Year: \_\_\_\_\_
- 3.** Course: \_\_\_\_\_  
Semester & Year: \_\_\_\_\_



4. Course: \_\_\_\_\_  
Semester & Year: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Course: \_\_\_\_\_  
Semester & Year: \_\_\_\_\_

**Competition Experience**

1. Semester, Year, and Competition (Moot Court, Mock Trial, ADR, etc.):  
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2. Semester, Year, and Competition (Moot Court, Mock Trial, ADR, etc.):  
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3. Semester, Year, and Competition (Moot Court, Mock Trial, ADR, etc.):  
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**STATEMENT OF INTEREST:**

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**HARDSHIP WAIVER REQUEST:**

The Competition Committee does not want cost issues to preclude a team from participating in the Competition. If a team is unable to pay this fee, the team may submit a request for a hardship waiver. The request for waiver must be submitted with the application documents and contain an explanation for the team’s good faith request for waiver of the fee.

**Name of applicants:**

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_

Name of institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of request: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for requesting waiver of application fee:

Signature of Faculty Sponsor

\_\_\_\_\_ (Print Name)

\_\_\_\_\_ (signature)

I have reviewed the request for waiver and support the request based on the reasons stated above.

By submitting this hardship waiver, all applicants certify that the information provided in this application and any supporting documentation is complete and correct to the best of each applicant’s knowledge and belief.

Each applicant agrees to provide updated information if answers to any of the application questions change between the date of submission and the beginning of the Competition.



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# HYPOTHETICAL PORTION



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# SCENARIO BACKGROUND

Welcome to the continent of Mingleton. The land is comprised of ten countries, including Westphalia, Floraland, Lockivo, Nortica, and Coastlandia. Several of those nations were previously united as a single state known as Shellumbria. In 1949, the state fractured following a bloody five year civil war in which all of Shellumbria's major cities fell and thousands lost their lives. An ensuing peace agreement split Shellumbria into three separate nations, including Westphalia. Floraland, situated on the eastern shoreline, traces its roots back several hundred years to a time when bands of nomadic fishing peoples established permanent settlements along its coast.

As the continent recovered from war, a new era of peace emerged as nations slowly rebuilt. With its expansive inland coal reserves, Westphalia's energy sector grew rapidly, outpacing its neighbors and helping position the nation as an industrial powerhouse. Westphalia soon emerged as a leading global energy exporter, leading to strengthened alliances with those states reliant on its exports and the coining of the phrase "Nothing moves without Westphalia."

Floraland, known across the continent as the "natural jewel of Mingleton," is a nation of rich biodiversity. From the shimmering peaks of the Iridium Mountain Range, which serve as a natural northern border with Nortico, to the expansive Gnarltree Swamp in the west, Floraland prides itself on its natural resources. Situated along one of the richest areas of ocean life on the planet, the Floraland fishing industry developed as the nation's economic engine, which provides food, countless jobs, and vital exports to the relatively small nation. As climate change and related environmental issues have increasingly affected Mingleton, Floraland has been a leading voice in conservation and environmental stewardship.

Despite several decades of peace, armed conflict again engulfed the continent in 2021. Following years of simmering tensions, war erupted between Lockivo and Coastlandia. Although the conflict was relatively short in duration, its devastating effects were felt across the continent. As a border nation and longtime ally of Lockivo, Westphalia was pulled into the fighting. Westphalia paid dearly for its involvement, as much of its energy sector, industrial advancements, and key infrastructure were destroyed in the fighting. While Floraland was not directly involved in the fighting, pollution and other toxic effects of the war spilled over its borders, threatening its fragile ecosystem.

In the wake of the Coastlandia-Lockivo conflict, Floraland helped broker a tripartite agreement between itself, Coastlandia, and Lockivo to aid in the rebuilding process and help enshrine lasting environmental protections. Westphalia has aggressively worked to rebuild its energy sector following the conflict. Despite the provisions of the tripartite agreement, Westphalia has stripped away the last vestiges of its domestic environmental regulations. While this has been a boon for Westphalian industry, the country's pollution output has skyrocketed, outraging Floraland, who has borne the brunt of the negative effects. The recent discovery of a rich oil supply off Westlandia's coast has intensified concerns that Westphalia's gain may come at a catastrophic price to Floraland and the environment of Mingleton as a whole.



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MINGLETON CONTINENT: PRE-1949 SHELLUMBRIAN CIVIL WAR



MINGLETON CONTINENT: POST-1949 SHELLUMBRIAN CIVIL WAR





## Protection of Victims of Armed Conflicts

GC I-IV	Convention (I) for the Amelioration of the Condition of the Wounded and Sick in Armed Forces in the Field. Geneva, 1949. Convention (II) for the Amelioration of the Condition of Wounded, Sick and Shipwrecked Members of Armed Forces at Sea. Geneva, 1949. Convention (III) relative to the Treatment of Prisoners of War. Geneva, 1949. Convention (IV) relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War. Geneva, 1949.
AP I	Protocol Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949, and relating to the Protection of Victims of International Armed Conflicts. Geneva, 1977.
AP II	Protocol Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949, and relating to the Protection of Victims of Non-International Armed Conflicts. 1977.
AP III	Protocol Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949, and relating to the Adoption of an Additional Distinctive Emblem. Geneva, 2005.
CRC & Opt. Prot.	Convention on the Rights of the Child. New York, 1989. Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of Children in Armed Conflict. New York, 2000.

## International Organizations

UN Charter	Charter of the United Nations, San Francisco, 1945.
ICC Statute	Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. Rome, 1998.

## Rights and Duties on Land & Sea

Hague Cv. IV	Laws and Customs of War on Land, Den Haag, 1907.
Hague Cv. V	Respecting the Rights and Duties of Neutral Powers and Persons in Case of War on Land, Den Haag, 1907.
Hague Cv. XIII	Concerning the Rights and Duties of Neutral Powers in Naval War, Den Haag, 1907.

## Protection of Cultural Property

Hague Cv.	Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict. Den Haag, 1954.
Hague Prot.	Protocol to the Hague Convention of 1954 for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict, Den Haag, 1954.
Hague Prot. II	Second Protocol to the Hague Convention of 1954 for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict, Den Haag, 1999.



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## Miscellaneous

ICCPR	International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. New York, 1966.
ICESCR	International Covenant on Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights, 1966.
CAT & Opt. Prot.	Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman, or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, 1984. Optional Protocol to the Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman, or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, 2002.
Treaty Law	Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties, 1969.
Gen. Conv.	Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, 1948.
UNCLOS	U.N. Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS), 1982.

## Weapons Conventions

Gas. Prot.	Protocol for the Prohibition of the Use of Asphyxiating, Poisonous or Other Gases, and Warfare. Geneva, 1925.
ICESCR	Conv. On the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological and Toxin Weapons and on their Destruction. 1972.
CCW Prot. I Prot. II Prot. III Prot. IV Prot. Iia Prot. V	Convention on the Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects. Geneva, 1980. Protocol on non-detectable Fragments (I). Protocol on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines, Booby-traps and Other Devices (I). Protocol on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Incendiary Weapons (III). Protocol on Blinding Laser Weapons. Protocol on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines, Booby-Traps and Other Devices as amended on 3 May 1996. Protocol on Explosive Remnants of War. 2003.
CWC	Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on their Destruction. Paris 1993.
AP Mine	Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction. Oslo, 1997.
Cluster	Convention on Cluster Munitions. 2008.
UN ATT	Arms Trade Treaty 24 December 2014.

	Nortica	Westphalia	Coastlandia	Floraland	Lockivo
GC I-IV	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified
AP I	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified
AP II	Signed	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified
AP III		Ratified	Ratified		
CRC				Ratified	Ratified
Opt. Prot.				Ratified	Ratified
UN Charter	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified
ICC Statute	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified
Hague Cv. IV	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified
Hague Cv. V	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified
Hague Cv. XIII	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified
Hague Cv.	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified
Hague Prot.		Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified
Hague Prot.	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified
ICCPR	Ratified		Ratified	Ratified	Ratified
ICESCR	Ratified		Ratified	Ratified	Ratified
CAT	Signed	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified
CAT Opt. Prot.		Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified
Treaty Law	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified
UNCLOS		Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	
Gen. Conv.	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified
Gas. Prot.			Ratified	Ratified	
BWC			Ratified	Ratified	
CCW	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified
Prot. I	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified
Prot. II	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified
Prot. III	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified
Prot. IV	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified
Prot. IIa		Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified
Prot. V					Ratified
CWC	Ratified			Ratified	Ratified
AP Mine				Ratified	Ratified
Cluster	Ratified	Ratified			Ratified
UN ATT	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified





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# PROMPT ONE



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MONDAY, AUGUST 15, 2022

## PROMISES BROKEN? THE WEFLO TREATY

SPECIAL REPORT by Huertin Jones



A Floraland fishing vessel operating off the Westphalian coast.

**KALUGA, FLORALAND** - "Nearly empty again." Tomas Martin looks on with disappointment as his fishing boat hauls in another sparse catch. Scenes like this have become increasingly common for Floraland fishermen like Tomas, who claim they've been served a one-two punch in the form of increased taxes on their products in neighboring Westphalia and rapidly growing environmental threats impacting Floraland fisheries. There is a growing outcry amongst Floralandians that the once prosperous country is on the losing end of a treaty that was supposed to bring widespread prosperity to the region after the devastating recent war between nearby Lockivo and Coastlandia.

The Trilateral Westphalia-Lockivo-Floralandia Reconstruction Treaty, commonly known as the "WEFLO Treaty," was enacted to help the region rebuild after the bloody recent war between Lockivo and Coastlandia. An ambitious and extensive treaty, WEFLO incorporates trade, immigration and environmental protections for all three nations. Under its framework, each country enjoys a mutual suite of benefits, including preferential trade status, import quotas for certain goods and fishing rights within each other's exclusive economic zone (EEZ).

WEFLO also boasts an immigration agreement, which allows workers from less privileged nations to emigrate temporarily to Westphalia on work visas. The treaty's environmental protections were particularly critical for Floraland, which suffered greatly from the effects of the Lockivo-Coastlandia conflict despite not being directly involved in the fighting. Under the Treaty, Floraland secured the right to survey the surrounding waters of Westphalian oil rigs for pollution, as long as the vessels remain outside of Westphalian internal waters or territorial sea. In the face of significant industrial rebuilding efforts in Westphalia and elsewhere, Floralandian leaders considered this an essential provision when negotiating the Treaty.

Recently allegations have swirled that Westphalia is not holding up its end of WEFLO. The Floralandian fishing industry, which represents the vast majority of Floraland's economic power, has been a loud critic of Westphalian conduct. Floralandian fishing companies and seafood exporters have been forced to lay off droves of domestic workers due to increased tariffs being levied by Westphalia - tariffs that are prohibited under WEFLO. Even more concerning are the allegations that Westphalia is not honoring their environmental obligations under WEFLO.

During a recent livestream by Bluewave, a oceanic conservation group infamous for its sometimes violent and aggressive tactics, Director Fernanda Pereiro shared disturbing information about an alleged covert Westphalian oil production buildout-something that WEFLO was supposed to prevent. Ms. Pererio pinned responsibility for the secret buildout on the Westphalian government, accusing them of destabilizing the whole oceanic ecosystem near Floralandian shores in pursuit of profits from a newly discovered oil supply there. Ms. Pereiro cited the recent steep decline in Floralandian fishing production and alarming numbers of mass fish die-offs as evidence that devastating effects were already being felt at home. Attempts by Bluewave to survey the waters near the alleged buildout have been unsuccessful due to an aggressive campaign by the Westphalian Coast Guard.

Westphalia has also been accused of allowing its customs and border officials to levy unwarranted taxes and charges against Floraland imports and fishing vessels within its EEZ, which is flatly prohibited by WEFLO. Speaking from the Floraland Capital of Kaluga, Prime Minister Kado Peavey publicly denounced Westphalia last week, stating "Westphalia may play innocent on the global stage, but its repeated and intentional violations of WEFLO can no longer be ignored." PM Peavey emphasized Floraland's dependency on its fisheries, which account for the overwhelming percentage of its GDP, calling Westphalia's alleged violations of WEFLO a "threat to [Floraland's] very existence." He called for international support in the effort to force Westphalia to comply with its treaty obligations, but stated that Floraland will "take all necessary measures to secure [its] future."

**From:** Moore, Sy P MNA  
**Sent:** Monday, October 3, 2022 10:28 AM  
**To:** MNA Legal Advisor Central Inbox  
**Subject:** (VS) ACTION REQUIRED – FLA incoming task force analysis  
**Importance:** High

**Classification:** **VERY SECRET**

Good morning all,

Please attend to the tasks below **with urgency**.

The Westphalian Intelligence Service (WIS) finds it **VERY LIKELY** that a Floralandian naval task force (NTF) is on course towards the Westphalian coast, end destination **UNCLEAR**. The NTF **LIKELY** consists of TWO frigates and ONE mine sweeper. In addition, several civilian ships will be attached to the NTF to provide logistics support and intelligence. The civilian supply ship, JUST IN TIME, will replenish and refuel the task force. The civilian Roll-on Roll-off (RoRo) ship, DOLLY, will carry amphibious troops who will practice boarding the military vessels. Several civilian small civilian fishing vessels outfitted with antennas – **LIKELY** to support long range communication

Based on open sources, the Floralandian government claims that the NTF is a part of a Freedom of Navigation Operation (FONOP) to take place about 100 NM from the Westphalian mainland; the objective is to collect information on the Westphalian compliance with environmental standards in its oil production, ensure freedom of navigation for Floraland's fishing vessels and environmental survey ships and assess Westphalian political will and operational ability to deny freedom of navigation in its EEZ.

WIS find it **UNLIKELY** that this is the sole purpose of the task force based on the lack of notification of the FONOP with the Westphalian Ministry of Naval Affairs, as required under §113A of the Westphalian Code. Instead, WIS finds there to be **ROUGHLY EVEN ODDS** that the FONOP is a cover for a rescue mission for several detained Floralandian nationals, especially because the task force includes amphibious troops.

The Minister of Naval Affairs has called an emergency meeting in which multiple response options to the approaching NTF are to be discussed. Please prepare a memorandum **not to exceed 1,500 words** (excluding citations) on the following issues to support my brief to the Minister:

1. **Is the FONOP in compliance with UNCLOS or is element of it prohibited?**
2. **What, if anything can Westphalia do to prevent/limit the FONOP in the EEZ under UNCLOS?**
3. **Based on the current trajectory of the task force, it will pass through the Narrowton Strait, classified as an international strait under the control of Westphalia, on its way to the stated operational area. How would such a passage change the rights of either party?**

Regards,

S.P. Moore

Sy Moore  
Senior Staff Legal Advisor  
Westphalia Ministry of Naval Affairs



WESTPHALIA COAST GUARD – FORM 75G (INTERDICTION, SEIZURE, AND ARREST REPORT)

Ship Name:	<b>Rainbow Fighter</b>	Recognized Org:	<b>Bluewave</b>
Ship Type:	<b>Converted Fishing Vessel</b>	Recognized Security Organization (RSO)	
Flag:	<b>Floraland</b>	Recognized Org (RO) Related:	<b>Not Class Related</b>
IMO Number:	<b>3224849</b>	Relevant Certificates:	
Date of Action:	<b>10/01/2022</b>	Organization Related to Detention	
Action Taken:	<b>Detention</b>		
Port:	<b>Y PUVtksqp.'Y gur j crk</b>		
Unit:	<b>Sector 34B-1</b>	Ship Management:	<u>Owners, Operators, or Managers</u> <b>Unknown</b>  <u>Charterers</u> N/A
Deficiencies:	<u>Code – Category</u>  <b>19400 – National Security</b> <b>19400.03 – Suspicion of Espionage</b>	<u>Description</u>  <b>At approximately 0200J TUa remotely operated aerial vehicle carrying what appeared to be a camera was observed about 25 NM from the Westphalian mainland, close to the Upper Westonia oil'field. Upon closer inspection, WCGC Defender observes two armed pax on deck of the Rainbow Fighter. One pax positively identified as Bruno Volk, a designated terrorist.</b>  <b>The vessel did not respond to radio communication asking for identification. Further, the vessel did not respond to radio or light communication signalling WCGC Defender's intention to board. On approach, the vessel immediately altered course to avoid boarding, and WCGC Defender followed in pursuit and conducted a National Defense Security boarding of the Rainbow Fighter IAW WCG Manual CG-352 II-6.</b>  <b>The Rainbow Fighter was detained. FIVE Floralandian nationals and ONE Lockivoan national were arrested and camera equipment and weapons were confiscated. One pax identified herself as Fernanda Pereiro, the director of Bluwave. The rest refused to identify themselves apart from claiming to be working for Bluewave, either as crew members on the Rainbow Fighter, camera drone operator or hired security contractors.</b>	

DIGITAL FORENSIC EXAMINER NOTE:

Messages Dtd: 26 AUG 2022

Recovered from: WhatsApp



## **14 WESTPHALIA CODE § 113A – Establishment & Conduct of Certain Oceanic Zones**

The Government of Westphalia declares:

- (1) The breadth of the territorial sea of Westphalia shall be twelve nautical miles. This provision applies to all territories of Westphalia, including the Westphalian mainland and its coastal islands.
- (2) The breadth of the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of Westphalia shall be 200 nautical miles.
- (3) No foreign vessels and no foreign aircraft may enter Westphalia's territorial sea and the air space above it without the permission of the Westphalian Ministry of Naval Affairs.
- (4) No foreign vessels for military use and no foreign aircraft may enter Westphalia's territorial sea and the air space above it without the permission of the Westphalian Ministry of Naval Affairs. The Westphalian Ministry of Naval Affairs must be notified of any military exercise in its EEZ at least 72 hours prior to the beginning of the exercise.



# ANNOUNCEMENT OF INDICTMENTS

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***The Westphalian grand jury alleges Fernanda Pereiro and four accomplices were conducting unlawful espionage activities.***

SOLLEU CITY: Westphalia Federal Attorney Tierney Clovis announced today that a Westphalian grand jury charged Fernanda Pereiro of Kaluga, Floraland and four Floralandian accomplices with two crimes: espionage and conspiracy to commit espionage against the State.

The grand jury specifically alleges that Pereiro and her accomplices conspired to and did, in fact, unlawfully and surreptitiously gather secret information concerning sensitive Westphalian government facilities, with the intent to transfer such secrets to the Floraland government.

The grand jury alleges that Pereiro carried out this operation using a disguised vessel under the cover of darkness with assistance from armed members of the Floraland government.

If convicted, the defendants face up to life imprisonment. The public is reminded that an indictment contains only charges and is not evidence of guilt. A defendant is presumed innocent and is entitled to a fair trial at which the government has the burden of proving guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

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 **Fernanda Pereiro** ✓  
@BluewaveFP

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Unprecedented weather catastrophes & a damaged ecosystem will be the new normal if we don't take urgent action to stop fossil fuel-driven climate change. Rapidly expanding Westphalian oil production = a big part of the problem. What good is WEFLO for Floraland if others flout it?



7:15 PM · Jul 24, 2022 · Twitter for iPhone

203 Retweets 51 Quote Tweets 7K Likes



 **Fernanda Pereiro** ✓  
@BluewaveFP

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Westphalian oil rigs fuel climate change and are killing off Floraland ocean life. Large swaths of the Dunant-plankton are being wiped out by their drilling. Our fisheries are already suffering--we must DO SOMETHING or the mass die-offs like this in Port Thorpe will = the norm!



9:36 AM · Aug 7, 2022 · Twitter for iPhone

2.5K Retweets 660 Quote Tweets 20.4K Likes





Fernanda Pereiro   
@BluewaveFP



Another week = more mass marine die-offs, more Dunant plankton wiped out, & more unspeakable environmental damage, all while Westphalia opens up more oil rigs and continues choking our home. This is environmental terrorism.

12:36 AM · Aug 16, 2022 · Twitter for iPhone

**53.4K** Retweets   **22.2K** Quote Tweets   **110.7K** Likes



Fernanda Pereiro   
@BluewaveFP



We can no longer stand by as Westphalia demolishes our environment and threatens our very lives with their greed. This isn't just a Floralanian issue, it's a global issue.

If they refuse to hear our words, let them hear our actions in loud unison.

9:51 PM · Aug 21, 2022 · Twitter for iPhone

**40.3K** Retweets   **11.3K** Quote Tweets   **196.9K** Likes







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INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW COMPETITION  
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# PROMPT TWO



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Humanitarian Law

**From:** Caleen, Dedra <dedra.caleen@westphalia.gov>  
**To:** ASC Legal Counsel Inbox <ASCcounselinbox@westphalia.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 14, 2022 7:17 AM WCT  
**Subject:** ACTION NEEDED! - Briefing preparation re: Escalation with Floraland

Team,

Good morning, everyone. The violent developments with Floraland this past weekend have sounded major alarm bells with the Committee and the Nation as a whole. No doubt you all saw the Chairwoman announce a public hearing on the matter yesterday evening, along with a separate classified briefing. Both hearings will take place back-to-back next week on **November 22<sup>nd</sup>**. The Chairwoman alerted me that the Committee will be focusing on a few specific International Humanitarian Law (IHL) issues during the hearing.

You are to prepare a memorandum addressing the questions below **no later than 11:59 PM EST November 18<sup>th</sup>**, so that it can be used by Committee members in their preparation for the hearings. Given the tight timeline for everyone involved, keep your memo to **no more than 2, 00 words (excluding citations)**. The memorandum should be addressed to me. Apart from keeping it double spaced, I do not have a preferred format for the memo but exercise judgment since your memo may get handed directly to Committee members in the interest of time. Your memo will be properly classified, so you should utilize any of the classified materials attached as you deem fit.

Committee staffers assembled the attached documents concerning the events for use in your analysis.

**Question for the Committee: Was an armed conflict triggered by any party to this situation?**

This should go without saying, but the stakes of this matter are tremendous—I'm relying on each of you to address these critical issues in a legally accurate and concise manner. Keep in mind that several of the Committee members are not attorneys, so ensure you prioritize clarity in your analysis. The Committee will be relying heavily on your IHL expertise. Thank you for your collective dedication and attention to detail.

Respectfully,

D.C.

**Dedra E. Caleen, Esq.**  
**Chief Counsel**  
**Armed Services Committee**  
**Senate of Westphalia**

November 13, 2022

## WESTPHALIA AND FLORALAND TENSIONS BOIL

By Owen Jones

THE AFFILIATED PRESS

SOLLEU CITY – Following a series of recent confrontations between Westphalian and Floralandian vessels off the coast of Westphalia, tensions have rapidly escalated. Violence erupted between a Westphalian Sequoia-class cruiser, the WWS *Nautilus* and a Floraland fishing vessel, the FV *Atlantica*. The two vessels clashed several miles off the coast of Westphalia late yesterday. The *Atlantica* was destroyed in the confrontation, while the *Nautilus* was seen limping into Westphalia Naval Station Triton with serious damage to its lower hull. The Westphalian Navy is conducting search and rescue operations in vicinity of the clash, but there are no reported survivors of the *Atlantica*. Westphalia has not disclosed whether any of its sailors were injured or killed.

Vice Admiral James Madine, Commander of the Westphalian Southern Fleet, issued a brief public statement yesterday evening, acknowledging that an investigation was underway but declining to elaborate further. Floraland reacted with fury to reports of the *Atlantica*'s destruction. Amilyn Grimsby, majority leader of the Floraland Congress, delivered a fiery late-night speech on the steps of the Floraland capital building Saturday evening. She denounced the *Atlantica*'s destruction as an “act of war” and demanded Floraland's Prime Minister, Kado Peavey, call an emergency joint legislative session to debate an immediate military response. While Prime Minister Peavey has yet to make a public statement on the matter, the Floraland Defense Ministry raised its alert level to its highest state of readiness.

*This is a developing story that will be updated as additional details become available.*

September 18, 2022

## **Sale of Floraland Naval Vessels Raises Eyebrows**

**By Mara Grant**

THE AFFILIATED PRESS

KALUGA, FLORALAND – The recent pace of Floraland navy equipment transfers to civilians has elevated concern amongst many of its neighboring nations. Sale and transfer of surplus military equipment is a common occurrence across Mingleton, however Floraland has seemingly stepped up the pace and scope of its transfers in recent weeks, particularly amongst naval vessels. Public reporting by the Floraland Bureau of Civil-Military Affairs (BCMA), which oversees the domestic arms decommissioning and transfer process, indicates that from 2015-2020 the Floraland Navy sold or transferred surplus vessels at a rate of about one ship per year, on average. The navy tripled that number in just the first three months of 2022, shortly before the BCMA unexpectedly stopped its public accounting. The BCMA also curtailed its traditional public reporting of equipment recipients around the same time without explanation.

Neither the BCMA, nor the Floraland government have offered any public comment on the matter, leading to a range of speculation. “Any time military equipment enters the civilian sphere, the public deserves to have a full accounting of the circumstances” says Dr. Zal Dinnes, Director of the Global Centre for Military Relations, a Lockivo-based thinktank. Dr. Dinnes added that the lack of transparency raises key questions about the types of vessels being transferred, the purpose for their transfer, and identity of the recipients. The recent souring in relations between Floraland and its neighbors over environmental issues has only added fuel to speculation, raising the stakes for a traditionally mundane governmental process.

With the Floraland government growing closer to certain controversial non-governmental organizations such as Bluewave, other nations are growing louder in their call for answers. During a recent hearing on international affairs, General Cassian Cappel, the Nortico Armed Forces Chief of Staff testified, “[a]s a border nation to Floraland, we absolutely need more answers about these transfers, including the types of vessels transferred, pre-transfer procedures for de-militarizing ships, and most importantly who’s receiving these vessels.” He cited a number of risks associated with lack of transparency in such a process, including the difficulty presented to Nortican naval vessels in properly identifying other ships. Without the transparency provided by the typical flow of information from BCMA and Floraland authorities, it is unclear whether accountability in this key process will be restored in the near future.

**From:** Rogers, Tony I Jr RADM WFNSF

**Sent:** Monday, October 24, 2022 8:04 AM WCT

**To:** Sato, Jun CAPT WFN (WWS Nautilian); Konstantine, Carl CAPT WFN (WWS Liberty); Tico, Jannah CAPT WFN (WWS Profundity)

**Subject:** (VS) Mission brief & Intelligence reporting

**Importance:** High

**Classification:** **VERY SECRET//NOFORN**

Commanders,

Welcome back to home waters. In advance assuming your designated patrol areas, understand the operating environment you're sailing into:

You've been provided our prior intelligence assessment concerning the conduct of a recent Floraland naval task force in vicinity of the Westphalian coastline. We assess that Floraland civilian vessels continue to provide logistics and intelligence support to the Floraland military.

We've recently seen a huge influx of Floraland commercial vessels in Westphalian waters, including near our oil rigs, to the tune of 100+ vessels observed in our waters each day. The bulk of these vessels are commercial fishing and processing vessels. Bluewave remains active in the area of operations. Vigilance is critical, as we do not know the full extent of the Floraland government's involvement in this increased traffic, including their willingness to mask military activities behind masses of civilian vessels, including disguising military vessels as civilian craft.

You will be conducting intelligence gathering and counterintelligence activities on top of your primary mission. Promptly report all findings through normal intel channels.

Good hunting.

Tony

RADM Tony I. Rogers  
Deputy Commander, Southern Fleet  
Westphalia Navy  
Naval Station Triton

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## **ELECTRONIC WARFARE MISSION SUMMARY**

**FOR COMPLETION OF THIS FORM, PERSONNEL SHALL CONFORM TO THE FOLLOWING REPORTING FORMAT:**

**LINE 1: DATE TIME GROUP**

**LINE 2: VESSEL NAME/LOCATION**

**LINE 3: MESSAGE SERIAL NUMBER**

**LINE 4: MISSION DETAILS**

**1: 1630 01NOV22**

**2: WWS NAUTILIAN/9.5 NM S OF COASTLINE; PATROL AREA FOX 7**

**3: INTSUM/060400 302**

**4: COASTAL PATROL & SURVEILLANCE MISSION 25KAA4. MULTIPLE FLORALAND FLAGGED MOTOR VESSEL AND FISHING VESSELS OBSERVED IN PA FOX 7. INTERCEPTED RADIO TRANSMISSIONS INDICATE VESSELS IN VICINITY OF PA FOX 7 ARE OBSERVING AND REPORTING WESTPHALIAN WARSHIP GRID COORDINATES, BEARINGS, AND STRENGTH. UNKNOWN ORIGIN POINT. NO KNOWN FLORALAND NAVAL VESSELS IN VICINITY OF PA FOX 7.**

**1: 0817 02NOV22**

**2: WWS NAUTILIAN/8 NM S OF WESTPHALIA COAST; PATROL AREA FOX 7**

**3: INTSUM/051999 145**

**4: COASTAL PATROL & SURVEILLANCE MISSION 25KAA4. TWO FLORALAND FLAGGED FISHING VESSELS OBSERVED IN PA FOX 7. INTERCEPTED RADIO TRANSMISSIONS REPORTING MOVEMENTS OF NAUTILIAN EVERY TWO HOURS FROM 0000 TO 0600. INBOUND TRANSMISSIONS INTERCEPTED FROM UNKNOWN SOURCE APPARENTLY ORIGINATING IN FLORALAND RELAYING COORDINATES OF WWS LIBERTY AND WWS PROFUNDITY. NO KNOWN FLORALAND NAVAL VESSELS IN VICINITY OF PA FOX 7. NO RESPONSE TRAFFIC INTERCEPTED.**

**1: 2040 03NOV22**

**2: WWS NAUTILIAN/10 NM S OF WESTPHALIA COASTLINE; PATROL AREA FOX 7**

**3: INTSUM/051602 566**

**4: COASTAL PATROL & SURVEILLANCE MISSION 25KAA4. NOTHING SIGNIFICANT TO REPORT.**



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**1: 1725 04NOV22**

**2: WWS NAUTILIAN/10.5 NM S OF WESTPHALIA COASTLINE; PATROL AREA FOX 7**

**3: INTSUM/051905 790**

**4: COASTAL PATROL & SURVEILLANCE MISSION 25KAA4. NOTHING SIGNIFICANT TO REPORT.**

**1: 1356 05NOV22**

**2: WWS NAUTILIAN/9 NM S OF WESTPHALIA COASTLINE; PATROL AREA FOX 7**

**3: INTSUM/052577 007**

**4: MULTIPLE FLORALAND FLAGGED CIVILIAN VESSELS OBSERVED IN PA FOX 7. INTERCEPTED RADIO TRANSMISSIONS BETWEEN VESSELS EXCHANGING INFORMATION CONCERNING WESTPHALIAN NAVAL FORCE MOVEMENTS. ADDITIONAL RADIO TRANSMISSIONS DISCUSSING WESTPHALIAN WARSHIP RESPONSES/TACTICS. NO FLORALAND NAVAL VESSELS OBSERVED VICINITY OF PA FOX 7. NO RESPONSE TRAFFIC INTERCEPTED.**

**1: 1035 06NOV22**

**2: WWS NAUTILIAN/9.8 NM S OF WESTPHALIA COASTLINE; PATROL AREA FOX 7**

**3: INTSUM/052180 466**

**4: MULTIPLE FLORALAND FLAGGED CIVILIAN VESSELS OBSERVED IN PA FOX 7. RADIO TRANSMISSIONS INTERCEPTED FROM FLORALAND DESTROYER FWS SWORDFISH REQUESTING INFORMATION CONCERNING WESTPHALIAN WARSHIP MOVEMENT AND LOCATIONS. RESPONSE INTERCEPTED FROM UNKNOWN SOURCE PROVIDING REQUESTED INFORMATION. NO FLORALAND WARSHIPS OBSERVED VICINITY OF PA FOX 7.**

**1: 1642 07NOV22**

**2: WWS NAUTILIAN/8.5 NM S OF WESTPHALIA COASTLINE; PATROL AREA FOX 7**

**3: INTSUM/052583 500**

**4: COASTAL PATROL & SURVEILLANCE MISSION 25KAA4. NOTHING SIGNIFICANT TO REPORT.**

**1: 1214 08NOV22**

**2: WWS NAUTILIAN/11 NM S OF COASTLINE; PATROL AREA FOX 7**

**3: INTSUM/121815 345**

**4: COASTAL PATROL & SURVEILLANCE MISSION 25KAA4. NOTHING SIGNIFICANT TO REPORT.**

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**1: 0710 09NOV22**

**2: WWS NAUTILIAN/7.5 NM S OF COASTLINE; PATROL AREA FOX 7**

**3: INTSUM/121517 302**

**4: MULTIPLE INCOMING AND OUTGOING TRANSMISSIONS INTERCEPTED IVO PATROL AREA FOX 7 UTILIZING APPARENT CODE WORDS. CONTEXT SUGGESTS TRANSMISSIONS CONCERN WESTPHALIAN WARSHIPS.**

**1: 2115 10NOV22**

**2: WWS NAUTILIAN/9 NM S OF COASTLINE; PATROL AREA FOX 7**

**3: INTSUM/122019 785**

**4: MULTIPLE FLORALAND FLAGGED CIVILIAN VESSELS OBSERVED IN PA FOX 7. SEVERAL TRANSMISSIONS DISCUSSING UNKNOWN VESSEL MOVEMENTS USING APPARENT CODE WORDS. MOVEMENTS SUGGEST THE TRANSMISSIONS CONCERNED NAUTILIAN BASED ON THE SPECIFIC VESSEL MOVEMENTS BEING DISCUSSED. TRANSMISSIONS DISCUSS NAUTILIAN PATROL PATTERNS AND ANTICIPATED COURSE.**

**1: 1206 11NOV22**

**2: WWS NAUTILIAN/11.3 NM S OF COASTLINE; PATROL AREA FOX 7**

**3: INTSUM/013197 041**

**4: COASTAL PATROL & SURVEILLANCE MISSION 25KAA4. NOTHING SIGNIFICANT TO REPORT.**

**1: 1535 12NOV22**

**2: WWS NAUTILIAN/8.4 NM S OF COASTLINE; PATROL AREA FOX 7**

**3: INTSUM/061920 224**

**4: COASTAL PATROL & SURVEILLANCE MISSION 25KAA4. NOTHING SIGNIFICANT TO REPORT.**

**END OF REPORT. NOTHING FOLLOWS.**

October 24, 2022

## Westphalia Counters Floraland Fishing Expansion

By Mara Grant

THE AFFILIATED PRESS



*A Floraland commercial fishing vessel operating off the coast of Westphalia.*

PORT THORPE, WESTPHALIA – Westphalian authorities are stepping up their response to the recent wave of Floraland commercial fishing vessels that have appeared throughout Westphalian waters. A spokesperson for the Westphalia Coast Guard described Floraland fishing activity as “an unprecedented and unacceptable invasion of our waters.” The relatively small WCG has quickly found itself beleaguered in recent weeks by the influx of Floraland vessels. Last week, WCG Commandant Lindy Ragan formally requested assistance from the Westphalian Navy. The Navy is expected to act quickly to fulfill Admiral Ragan’s request. Navy officials declined to comment regarding how many vessels would be dedicated to this new mission, but a spokesperson stated that the Navy would “defend Westphalia’s waters without hesitation.”

Floraland officials have been publicly dismissive of the Westphalian response. Amilyn Grimsby, majority leader of the Floraland Congress, defended the activities, stating “Floraland supports the efforts of our hardworking citizens to earn a living—the devastation of our waters by unchecked Westphalian pollution has given our people no choice but to go where the fish are. Westphalia’s decision to respond to this need with warships is imprudent and unnecessary.”

As tensions have risen between the two nations, rumors have swirled that the Floraland government is covertly coordinating with its civilian commercial vessels, including for military purposes. The Floraland military’s allegedly cozy relationship with Bluewave, a notorious environmental group, have only fueled rumors further. Although Westphalia has not publicly commented on the allegations, anonymous sources within the Westphalian intelligence community have accused Floraland of disguising some of its military vessels as civilian craft for covert operations. Floraland officials have loudly denounced the reports. Floraland PM Kado Peavey took direct aim at Westphalian intelligence, stating “If Westphalia wants to make an allegation, they should stop hiding behind the shadow of anonymity and make it on the record. I will not entertain baseless allegations made by cowards who lack the resolve to attach their name to such incendiary lies.”

**From:** Rogers, Tony I Jr RADM WFNSF  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 9, 2022 4:14 AM WCT  
**To:** Sato, Jun CAPT WFN (WWS Nautilian)  
**cc:** Konstantine, Carl CAPT WFN (WWS Liberty); Tico, Jannah CAPT WFN (WWS Profundity)  
**Subject:** (VS) Mission brief & Intelligence reporting  
**Importance:** URGENT

**Classification:** **VERY SECRET//NOFORN**

Jun,

Thanks for your EW reports from the last few days. The transmissions you intercepted don't appear to be a coincidence. Our analysts estimate with **high confidence** that numerous commercial vessels within your area of operations are actively coordinating with the Floraland Navy. Commercial vessels may be using specialized long range radio equipment supplied by their navy. There are unconfirmed reports of Floraland navy personnel aboard some commercial vessels. We also now have **strong confidence** that Floraland has executed faux transfers of naval vessels, including warships, to commercial entities as a means of disguising their military activities. Intelligence indicates some of these vessels are being interspersed within commercial formations. We're still working to determine possible intent for all this, as well as the scope and probable locations for these vessels.

You are to increase your interdiction activities and are cleared to use enhanced tactics to do so. Warning and disabling fires are authorized where necessary. Use your judgment—we want to stamp out whatever is afoot, but we don't want to ignite a war in the process. Any seizure of Floraland military equipment or detention of Floraland military personnel aboard a commercial vessel is a Commander's Critical Information Requirement—a CCIR report must be sent within one hour of any such incident.

Stay sharp out there.

Tony

RADM Tony I. Rogers  
Deputy Commander, Southern Fleet  
Westphalia Navy  
Naval Station Triton

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<b>SWORN STATEMENT</b>	
For use of this form, see WFNR 13-5	
1. LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE INITIAL <b>SATO, JUN, R.</b>	2. DATE (YYYY, MM, DD) <b>20221113</b>
3. RANK/GRADE <b>CAPT/O-6</b>	4. ASSIGNMENT <b>COMMANDER, WWS NAUTILIAN</b>
5. TIME OF STATEMENT <b>2050 WTC</b>	6. FILE NUMBER <b>WFSI61920</b>
7. I, <u><b>CAPT JUN SATO</b></u> WANT TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT UNDER OATH:  <b>Q: WRITTEN BY INVESTIGATING OFFICER RADML JUNE GETTY. ALL ANSWERS FOLLOWED VALID WAIVER OF ARTICLE 31B, WESTPHALIA UCMJ, RIGHTS</b> <b>A: WRITTEN BY CAPT JUN SATO.</b>  <b>The purpose of this statement is to memorialize and account for the situation on 12 November 2022 in which the WWS Nautilian was damaged and another vessel was destroyed.</b>  <b>Q: How did the Nautilian initially become aware of other vessels in its patrol zone on 12 November?</b> <b>A:</b> Our vessel was assigned to patrol an area off the Westphalian coast, in conjunction with three other Westphalian Warships (WWS) that were executing the same mission in other areas. The morning of 12 November, we accounted for six commercial vessels operating within our patrol zone (PZ). In keeping with our SOP, we launched our SH-60B at approximately 0800 to conduct a visual sweep of our PZ. Our helo observed the six vessels operating in two separate groups, each comprised of two commercial fishing vessels (FV) and a larger processing vessel (PV). All were Floraland-flagged. We recognized five of the six vessels from their operation within the PZ on previous days. The sixth vessel, an FV, had not been previously seen in our PZ and appeared to be a different build than the other FVs. That vessel would later be identified as FV Atlantica.  <b>Q: How did the Nautilian initially come into contact with FV Atlantica?</b> <b>A:</b> We had been monitoring intercepted encrypted radio traffic in the PZ for more than a week, which indicated vessels within the PZ were seemingly conducting surveillance of the Nautilian and repeatedly relaying positional information. During the first part of the day, we observed the six vessels operating roughly between 8-9 NM offshore. Their movement pattern indicated they were conducting fishing operations, with the two FVs sailing out and then returning to the PV for a period of time, before heading back out to open water. Per SOP, we conferred with WCG regarding the status of each vessel. WCG indicated that no registrations were on file for the second group of vessels, including the FV Atlantica. We initiated radio contact with the group of vessels around 1530, with no response received.  <b>Q: What material condition was the Nautilian set to at the time you first initiated contact?</b> <b>A:</b> Per SOP, we were at material condition Yoke, considering we were at sea not under wartime conditions.  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>STATEMENT CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE.</b></p>	

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STATEMENT OF **CAPT JUN R. SATO**

DATED **20221113**

7. STATEMENT (*Continued*)

**Q: What happened following initial attempt at radio contact?**

A: We attempted radio contact again, ordering the vessels to identify themselves and provide their registration, but received no response.

**Q: What actions did the Nautilian take after the second failed radio contact?**

A: I ordered the Nautilian to approach the FVs at a closer range. After coming within visual range, one of the FVs was alongside the PV and could be seen transferring fish to the PV. The second FV was nearby and was the one spotted by our helo with a differing appearance from other FVs in the PZ. I then ordered the vessels to immediately cease their activities and prepare for the Nautilian to come alongside for boarding and inspection.

**Q: What was different about the second FV?**

A: It didn't appear to be a FV at all, at least not a traditional one that we've seen. The vessel was a Floraland Navy support vessel, or at least it looked to have been one. It wasn't painted in the typical deck gray—it had been painted with a white/light blue color scheme. It also had an aft gantry and crane, supporting what looked to be port and starboard fish derricks that had clearly been added on at some point. The vessel still had multiple .50 caliber gun mounts, which are typical for that class, but not something we've seen on any FV. We also observed an unusual comms array atop the con tower. It appeared to be a military-style SATCOM uplink, but we were unable to get a clear visual ID.

**Q: Were any Floraland Navy personnel visible on the second FV?**

A: No, the vessel had no personnel visible topside during the encounter.

**Q: Had the Nautilian encountered any other decommissioned navy vessels being used by civilians prior to this?**

A: Yes a couple small former noncombat vessels with proper documentation serving in a resupply role.

**Q: Did the vessels comply with your order? If not, what action(s) did the vessels take?**

A: The PV and FV alongside it complied, but the second FV did not. The second FV stopped trawling and immediately throttled up and assumed a bearing straight for our port bow.

**Q: What did the Nautilian do in response?**

A: We assumed material condition Zebra and employed multiple means to wave off the FV, including radio calls, signals, pyro, and alarms. The FV did not respond or alter its course and continued on the same bearing. As the FV closed within 400 yards, we engaged our fore 127mm Mark 19 and fired a shot at a low trajectory toward the FV as our vessel began evasive maneuvers.

**Q: What happened following the Mark 19 shot?**

A: The Mark 19 shot hit and destroyed the FV's gantry and aft crane.

**STATEMENT CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE.**



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STATEMENT OF **CAPT JUN R. SATO**

DATED **20221113**

7. STATEMENT (*Continued*)

**Q: At that point did the FV slow or alter course?**

A: No. They appeared to increase speed and adjusted course to account for our evasive turn.

**Q: What happened next?**

A: With the FV within 100 yards at that point, I ordered the crew to open fire and destroy the FV, but we were not able to do so. We were unable to clear the FV's path. The ship was rocked by a huge impact on our port side, and I was thrown off my feet and apparently knocked unconscious. I did not wake up until I was in the military medical treatment facility at WNS Triton.

**END OF STATEMENT. NOTHING FOLLOWS.**

**AFFIDAVIT**

I, **CAPT JUN R. SATO**, HAVE READ OR HAVE HAD READ TO ME THIS STATEMENT, WHICH BEGINS ON PAGE 1, AND ENDS ON PAGE 3. I FULLY UNDERSTAND THE CONTENTS OF THE ENTIRE STATEMENT MADE BY ME. THE STATEMENT IS TRUE. I HAVE MADE THIS STATEMENT FREELY WITHOUT HOPE OF BENEFIT OR REWARD, WITHOUT THREAT OF PUNISHMENT, AND WITHOUT COERCION, UNLAWFUL INFLUENCE, OR UNLAWFUL INDUCEMENT.

**//ORIGINAL SIGNED BY CAPT SATO//**

*(Signature of Person Making Statement)*

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO ON THIS  
**13<sup>TH</sup>** DAY OF **NOVEMBER, 2022** AT  
**WESTPHALIA NAVAL STATION TRITON.**

## **14 WESTPHALIA CODE § 2346 – Commercial Fishing and Processing**

### **DEFINITIONS:**

- (1)The term “commercial fishing” means fishing in which the fish harvested, either in whole or in part, are intended to enter commerce or enter commerce through sale, barter or trade.
- (2)The term “charter fishing” means fishing from a vessel carrying a passenger for hire who is engaged in recreational fishing.
- (3)The term “fish” means finfish, mollusks, crustaceans, and all other forms of marine animal and plant life other than marine mammals and birds.
- (4)The term “fishing” means—
  - (A) the catching, taking, or harvesting of fish;
  - (B) the attempted catching, taking, or harvesting of fish;
  - (C) any other activity which can reasonably be expected to result in the catching, taking, or harvesting of fish; or
  - (D) any operations at sea in support of, or in preparation for, any activity described in subparagraphs (A) through (C).
  - (E) Such term does not include any scientific research activity which is conducted by a scientific research vessel.
- (5)The term “fishing vessel” means any vessel, boat, ship, or other craft which is used for, equipped to be used for, or of a type which is normally used for—
  - (A) fishing; or
  - (B) aiding or assisting one or more vessels at sea in the performance of any activity relating to fishing, including, but not limited to, preparation, supply, storage, refrigeration, transportation, or processing.
- (6)The term “foreign fishing” means fishing by a vessel other than a vessel of Westphalia.
- (7)The term “high seas” means all waters beyond the territorial sea of the Westphalia and beyond any foreign nation’s territorial sea, to the extent that such sea is recognized by Westphalia.
- (8)The term “territorial sea means all waters extending up to 12 nautical miles from the Westphalia baseline.
- (9)This Statute shall incorporate all other definitions within 14 W.C. § 113A.

## 14 WESTPHALIA CODE § 2347 – Commercial Fishing and Processing

### (1) APPLICABILITY.

- a. Activities: The provisions of this Statute shall apply to fishing vessels, excluding charter fishing or other recreational fishing, engaged in commercial fishing.
- b. Area: Vessels engaged in commercial fishing within the exclusive economic zone or territorial seas of Westphalia, as defined in § 2346.

### (2) REQUIREMENTS.

- a. Prior to conducting any commercial fishing activities within the applicable area, fishing vessels must register with and obtain a commercial fishing license from the Westphalian Coast Guard and Westphalian Bureau of Oceanic Affairs.
- b. All vessels conducting commercial fishing activities in the statutory applicable area must complete a Commercial Fishing Plan (CFP) using the official form prescribed by the Westphalia Coast Guard, indicating the area to be fished and types of fish to be caught. The CFP shall be filed in paper or electronically no later than 1700 hours, Westphalian Central Time, the day prior to engaging in any commercial fishing activities.
- c. All vessels conducting commercial fishing activities shall, upon request by the Westphalia Coast Guard or its designee, provide or transmit their commercial fishing registration and license number.

### (3) ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES.

- a. The Westphalia Coast Guard or its designee may, in its sole discretion, stop, board, and conduct a search of any vessel where there is probable cause that said vessel is conducting commercial fishing activity in violation of this Statute.
- b. Failure to properly register or file a CFP in accordance with § 2347 a. or b. shall forfeit their ability to conduct commercial fishing activities within the applicable statutory area. Vessels in violation of the statutory registration and/or CFP requirements shall not conduct commercial fishing activities within the statutory area.

- c. The Westphalia Coast Guard or its designee retains authority to order immediate cessation of any commercial fishing activity being conducted in violation of this Statute.
- d. The Westphalia Coast Guard or its designee, may, in its discretion order vessels in violation of this Statute to return to a Westphalian port for further inspection.
- e. Failure to properly register or file a CFP shall result in a fine not to exceed ten thousand Westphalian dollars per offense.
- f. Nothing in this Statute is intended to restrict a vessel's ability to operate on the High Seas.

**From:** Getty, June H RADML WFNEF (N4)  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 13, 2022 10:18 PM WTC  
**To:** Sloane, Rae H VADM WFNSF  
**Subject:** RE: (VS) Nautilian investigation update  
**Importance:** High  
**Attachments:** (VS) SATO, Jun – Statement.pdf 560KB

**Classification:** **VERY SECRET//NOFORN**

Ma'am,

We're making good progress in a short time. I just wrapped CAPT Sato's interview and I've attached his statement. We're still piecing together what happened after he was knocked out. We knocked out initial interviews of the Nautilian's fire controlman—he was banged up during the collision and doesn't have a clear recollection of how the initial Mark 19 shot hit, but stated the crew was ordered to "scare them off." As for the vessel's destruction, it looks like the FV took a direct hit from the Nautilian's AEGIS weapon system (AWS).

Based on the location of the wreckage, it looks like the FV likely reversed after the collision and was moving away from the Nautilian prior to its destruction. The controlman received the Captain's order to destroy the FV, but doesn't recall an order to activate the AWS. The point of impact on the Nautilian appears to have severely damaged some of the primary electronics feeding the AWS fire control system, but we don't know much on that front just yet.

I'll continue plowing ahead—thanks for entrusting me with this one.

v/r,

June

RADML June H. Getty  
Director, Logistics, Fleet Supply, and Ordnance (N4)  
Eastern Fleet, Westphalia Navy  
Naval Station Falcon

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**From:** Sloane, Rae H RADM WFNSF  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 13, 2022 9:35 PM WTC  
**To:** Getty, June RADML WFNEF  
**Subject:** (VS) Nautilian investigation update  
**Importance:** URGENT

**Classification:** **VERY SECRET//NOFORN**

June,

I know you're in the thick of it, but any updates? The boss wants to stay on top of any big developments as you go. Keep all updates on the high side for obvious reasons. News of the 4 KIA and 22 WIA sailors from the Nautilian will come out soon, so he wants to be prepared from all angles.

Thanks-

Rae

RADM Rae H Sloane  
Deputy Commander  
Southern Fleet, Westphalia Navy  
Naval Station Triton

 **Westphalian Naval Forces**   
@WestphaliaNavy

The Navy is proud to support our [#CoastGuard](#) partners in defending Westphalian waters from all threats. On land or at sea, no one is above the law. [#NavyProud](#)



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Floraland will prevail! The ecological atrocities committed by Westphalia polluters is the real problem, not citizens trying to put food on their tables. We urge Floralandians to fight back against this oppression--no amount of warships can stop us! [#ResistWestphalia](#)



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FLASH REPORT: Westphalia today deployed three warships, the destroyer WWS Liberty, and guided-missile cruisers WWS Nautilus, and WWS Profundity to areas off the Westphalia coast to assist the WCG in its response to Florland fishing vessels.



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Reporting indicates Westphalian vessels WWS Nautilus, WWS Profundity, and WWS Liberty have begun dedicated patrol routes off the Westphalia coast. Their specific mission parameters are unknown at this time.

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The Prime Minister of Floraland   
@PMFloraland



We stand with our brave citizens against Westphalia's unacceptable accelerating aggression. Floraland will always back and support our people in our collective effort to overcome the ecological atrocities committed by Westphalia.

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We stand hand-in-hand with the Floraland government and its people against Westphalia's unconscionable acts. They will do their best to silence us, but a reckoning is coming...will you join us?

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[#WestphaliaNavy](#) began aggressive operations against Floraland flagged vessels off the Westlandian coast earlier today. Multiple reports of boardings & searches of commercial fishing & processing vessels. Navy officials have not publicly commented on the matter.

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The Prime Minister of Floraland   
@PMFloraland



Westphalia continues its abuses against Floraland & its people. Their Navy continues to inflict outrages upon the freedom and dignity of proud Floralandians. I urge them in the strongest possible terms to cease before they escalate the situation beyond the point of no return.



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@BluewaveOceanic



Floraland's survival is at stake! Westphalia's naked aggression towards peaceful Floralandians and their ships will not stand! [#ResistWestphalia](#)

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FLASH REPORT: FLORALAND VESSEL DESTROYED BY WESTPHALIAN CRUISER. Reports of heavy damage to cruiser. No word on casualties or cause.

Awaiting response from [@WestphaliaNavy](#) and the Floraland government.

5:17 PM · Nov 12, 2022 · Twitter for iPhone

**193.4K** Retweets   **121.2K** Quote Tweets   **310.7K** Likes





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UPDATE: SEQUOIA-CLASS CRUISER WWS NAUTILIAN HEAVILY DAMAGED. The Nautilian arrived in port at WNS Triton with significant damage to its port side. Awaiting more information about casualties and exact cause of the damage.



6:48 PM · Nov 12, 2022 · Twitter for iPhone

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Our thoughts are with the fallen sailors of the Atlantica and their families. If Westphalia wants a war, they'll have one.


We hope they're ready to reap what they've sown.

8:02 AM · Nov 13, 2022 · Twitter Web App

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The Westphalia Navy has announced a redeployment of a large portion of its Southern Fleet to Westphalian waters. Carrier Strike Group 7 has been recalled from its operations off the southwestern coast of Coastlandia and was observed sailing for Westphalia.

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**BREAKING: WESTPHALIA ON WAR FOOTING.**

Westphalian Senate Armed Services Committee announces public hearing on the recent clash between Westphalia and Floraland vessels. The hearing will be broadcast on all major networks on November 22nd at 8pm Westphalia Central Time.

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