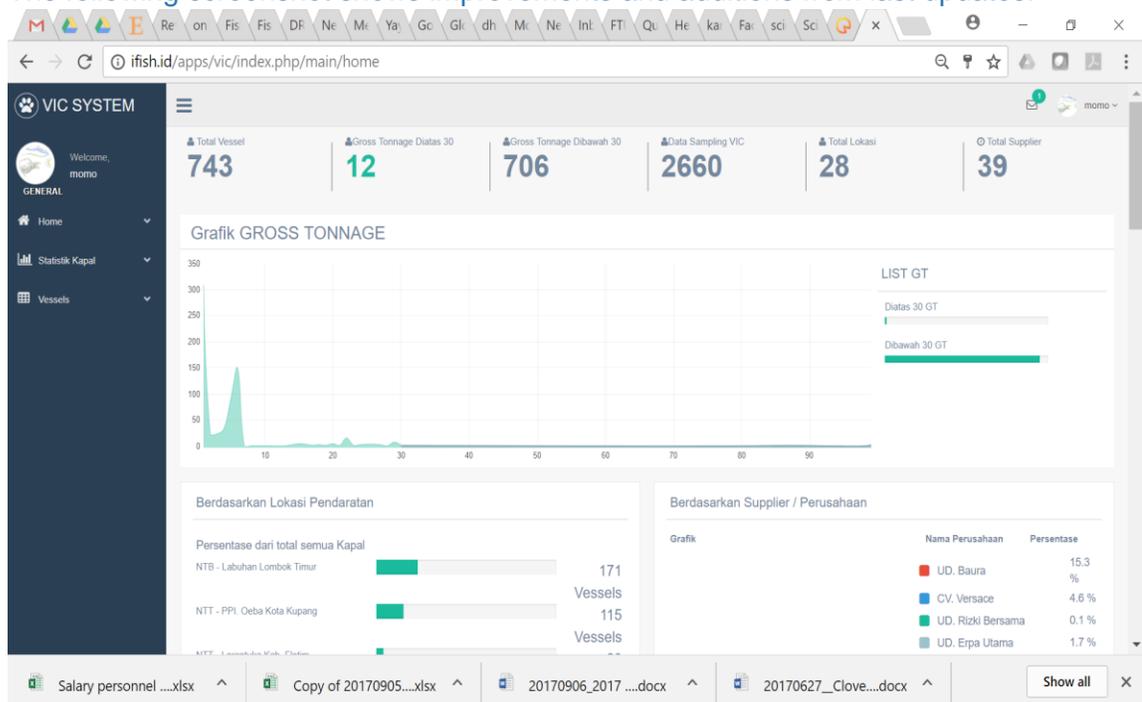




2017 continues.....

I'm sending you an update on the previous progress report to let you know how the various approaches to which Cloverleaf contribute have been progressing since mid-year. Here are some of the activities we have been working on and developing in 2017 to date:

- **Contribution to the MDPI Vessel Registration program.** MDPI's vessel team is working hard to continue to increase vessel registration in our small scale communities. The number of vessels registered in our system has increased to 743, up 677 in June. A lot of work has also been invested in working with the national government to improve the regulation which governs registration of small scale fisheries. This is required as unfortunately as it stands now there are different approaches used in each province where we work meaning that is impossible for us to take a single approach to this. On this topic, we have spear-headed 4 Focus Group Discussions and 1 is upcoming in the next weeks on vessel registration and on identifying what the gaps are towards having a large scale implementation of compliance. One this which has become clear is that it is not only the fisheries ministry which is involved in this process but also the transportation ministry. MDPI has been acting as a facilitator to bring these groups together to find implementable solutions and come up with workplans that aim for full registration and compliance in the coming 2 years.
- **Further development of the system called the Vessel Identifier Code (VIC).** Following up on last developments, the functionality of the system is increasingly being improved. The following screenshot shows improvements and additions from last updates:



- **Vessel Registration Protocol:** The protocol shared with cloverleaf last reporting period has now been shared with other NGOs and industry associations and our approaches been adopted by others also working on this topic. The more we work together the better the situation in Indonesia becomes
- **Contribution to ensure the field sites** are maintaining the data collection activities. This is the core work of MDPI. High quality data collection supports the Fisheries Improvement project (<http://fisheryprogress.org/fip-profile/eastern-indonesia-yellowfin-tuna-handline>) and feeds into good management in the long run.
- **PVR implementation:** After a combined project implemented in 2014-2015 and also co-funded by Cloverleaf, the MDPI and Asosiasi Pole and Line dan Handline Indonesia (industry association AP2HI), the first official PVR assessment will occur in implementation sites in October. MRAG America, through ISSF will come to the implementation sites for handline and pole and Line vessels and verify the validity of these vessels being on the internationally recognized PVR.

As mentioned above we are extremely thankful for the support your organization has shown MDPI and the fishery stakeholders of Indonesia. We hope that the funds you have invested are being utilized for activities and actions you feel are worthwhile.

We are always on hand anytime throughout the year to give you more information on the individual activities, to share photos of these activities and to discuss how the activities can be more tailored to your objectives.

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MDPI hopes for continued collaboration with Cloverleaf in the future. For now thank you from all of the team at MDPI 😊😊😊



Figure 1. MDPI staff and transportation ministry staff re-measuring vessels in North Maluku, pre-requisite for obtaining a new vessel license under new anti IUU regulations in Indonesia



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