

# **Exposed! Here are China's Maritime Militia Ships at Whitsun Reef**

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# Geography

- Jiangmen (江门市) is a City in Guangdong (pop. 4.5 million)
- Taishan City (台山市, pop. 941,000) is administered by Jiangmen



# The “Fancheng Nine” Trawlers

#	Name	MMSI #	Length (m)	Power (kW)
1	<i>Yuetaiyu 18000</i>	412472778	62.8	1,224
2	<i>Yuetaiyu 18111</i>	412472779	62.8	1,224
3	<i>Yuetaiyu 18222</i>	412472781	62.8	1,224
4	<i>Yuetaiyu 18333</i>	412472782	62.8	1,224
5	<i>Yuetaiyu 18555</i>	412472783	62.8	1,224
6	<i>Yuetaiyu 18666</i>	412472884	62.8	1,224
7	<i>Yuetaiyu 18777</i>	412472885	62.8	1,224
8	<i>Yuetaiyu 18888</i>	412472883	62.8	1,224
9	<i>Yuetaiyu 18999</i>	412472882	62.8	1,224



*Yuetaiyu 18999*

For image of *Yuetaiyu 18999*, see  
[http://www.gshi.cn/news\\_view.asp?id=338](http://www.gshi.cn/news_view.asp?id=338)





# The “Fancheng Nine” Trawlers



March 15, 2017: Fancheng Fisheries and Guangxin Shipbuilding sign contract for nine “backbone” Spratly boats



*Yuetaiyu 18000* undergoes sea trials (October 2017)

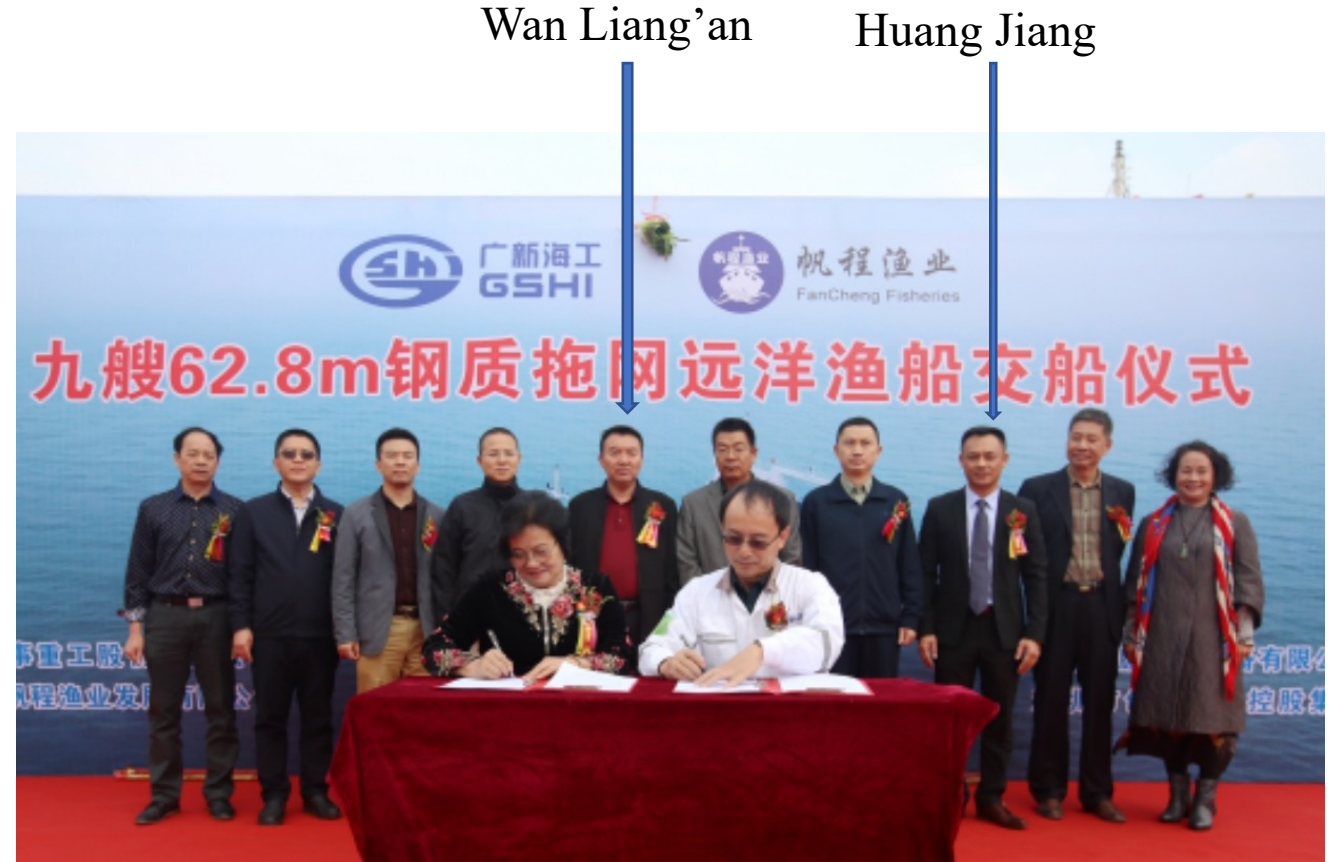
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## Delivery Ceremony for the “Fancheng Nine” (December 5, 2017)

- Present at the delivery ceremony for the nine trawlers:
- 1. **Wan Liang'an**, Deputy Commander of the Jiangmen Military Subdistrict (江门军分区副司令员万良安)
- 2. **Zhang Yuanfa**, Director of the Readiness Construction Bureau, Jiangmen Military Subdistrict (江门军分区战备建设处处长张远发)
- Also present, General Manager of Fancheng Fisheries, **Huang Jiang** (黄江)



Delivery ceremony for nine trawlers (December 5, 2017)

**Director of the Jiangmen City Bureau of Veterans Affairs, Li Guangyi, visits the Far Seas Militia Squadron at Shadi Bay  
(April 2019)**



Li Guangyi's delegation tours the pilothouse of one of the militia vessels

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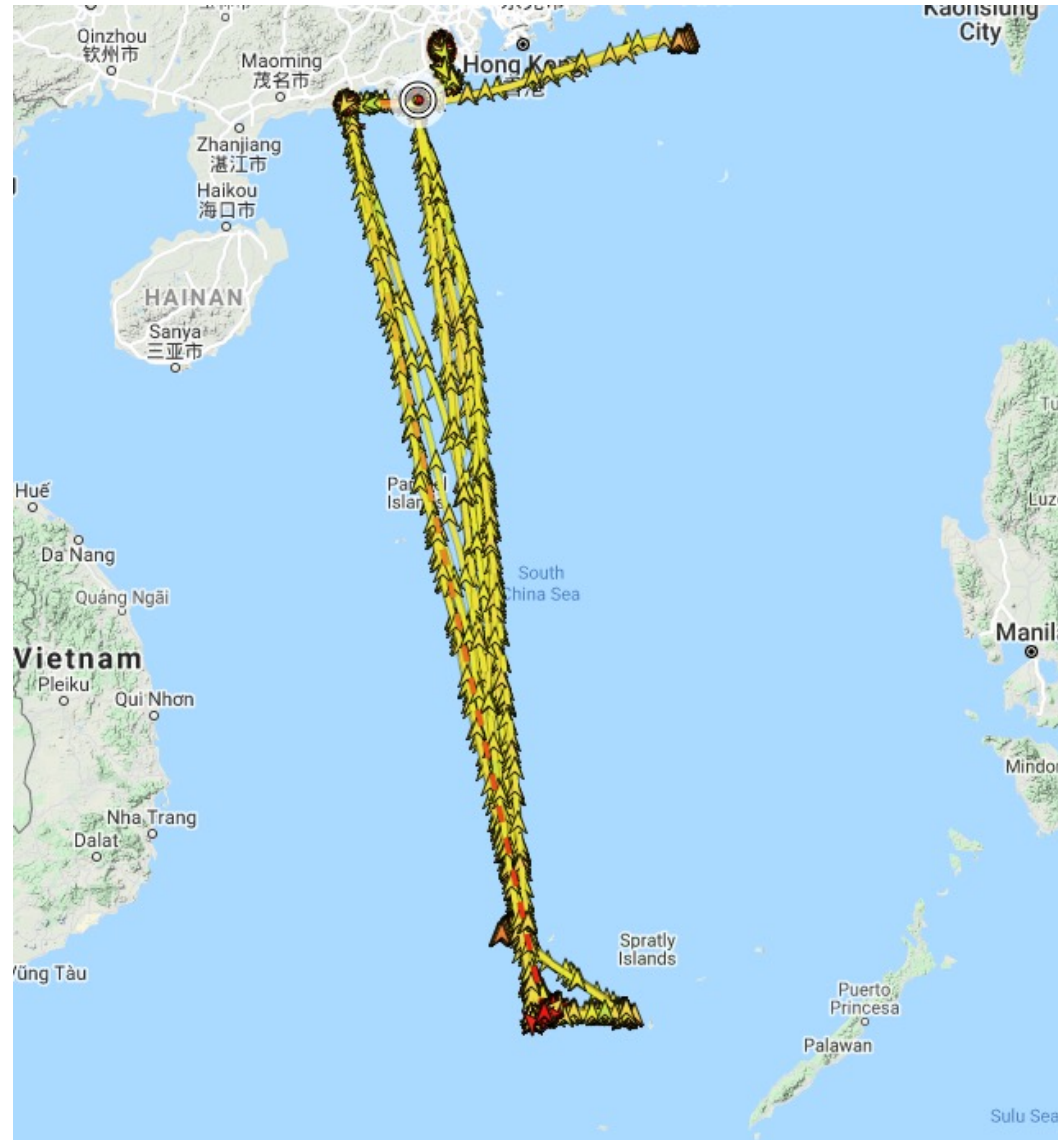


# AIS Tracks of the “Fancheng Nine” in the South China Sea (March 28, 2020 – March 27, 2021)

Shows the AIS  
transmission of seven  
squadron vessels from  
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March 27, 2021.

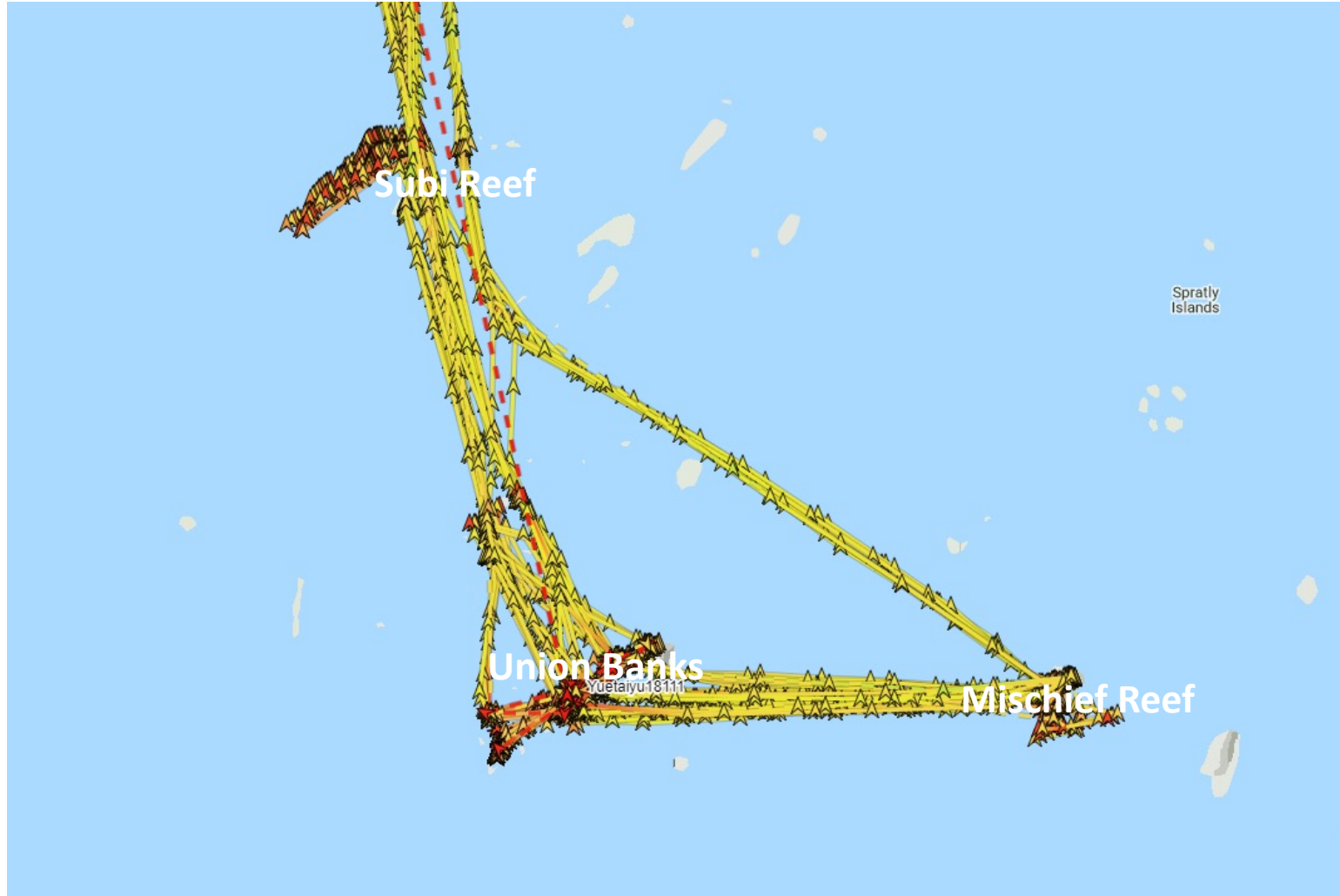
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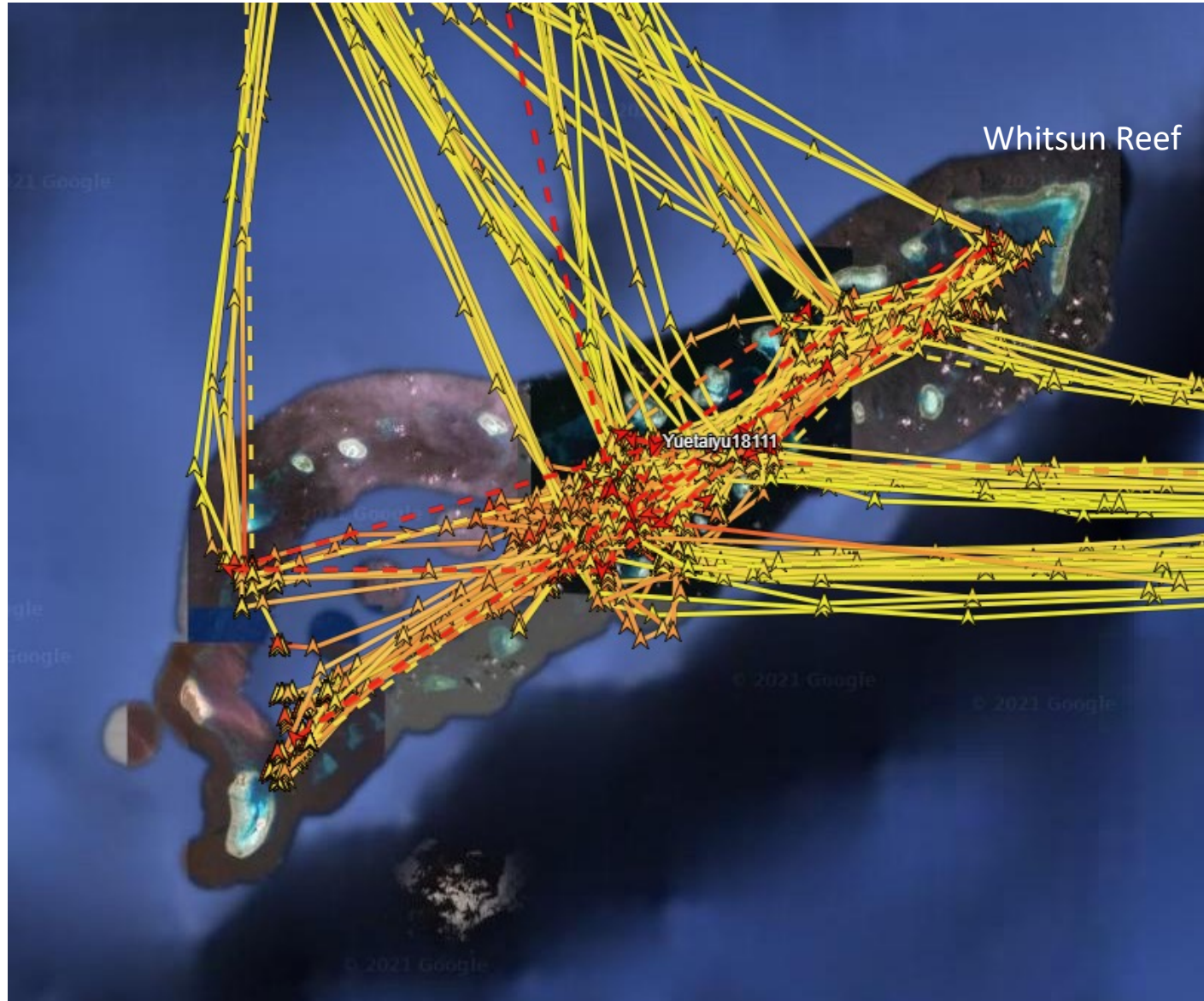
# AIS Tracks of the “Fancheng Nine” at Union Banks

## (March 28, 2020 – March 27, 2021)

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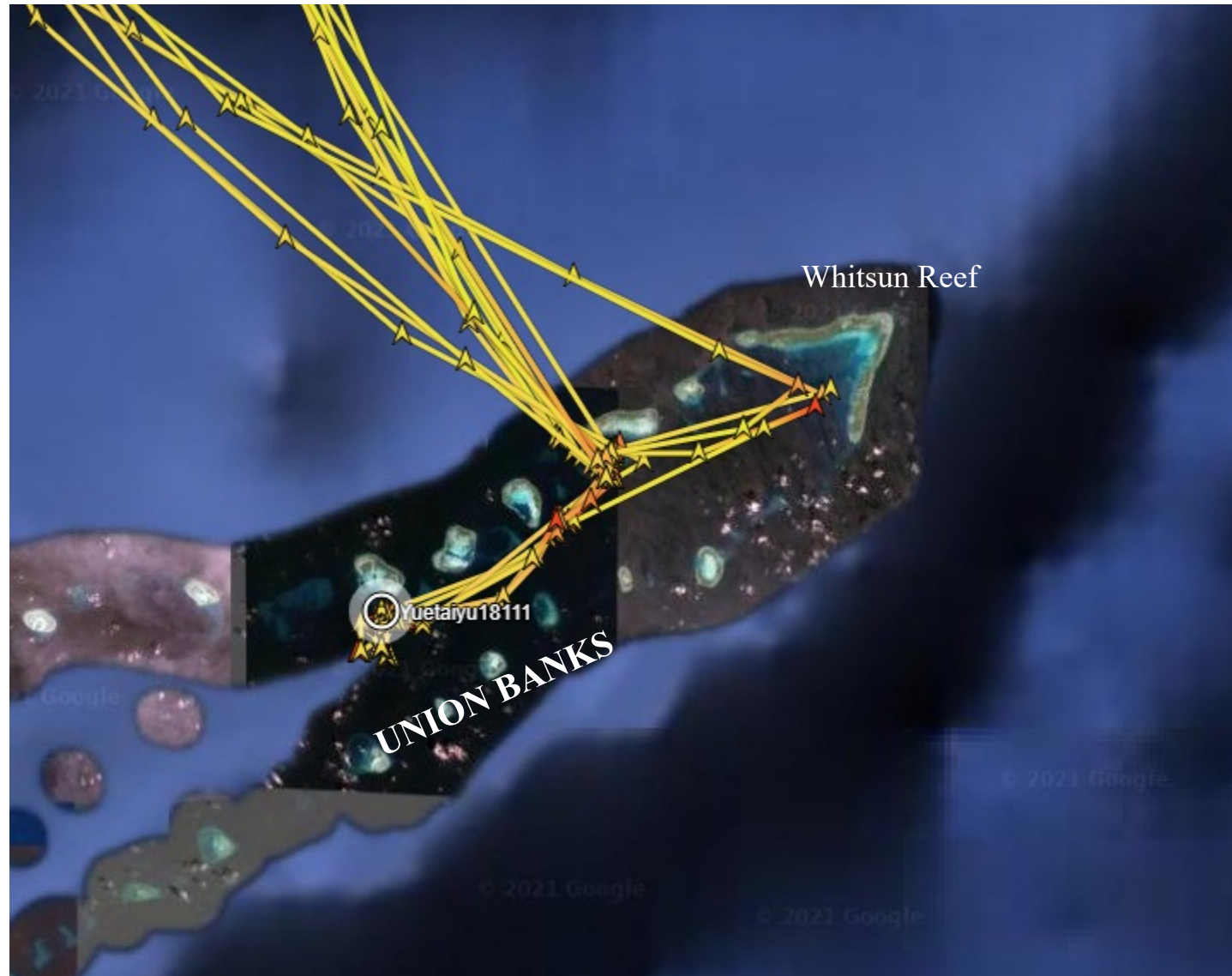
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# AIS Tracks of Seven of Fancheng Fisheries vessels (March 1 – 27, 2021)

Vessels tracked:

1. *Yuetaiyu* 18111
2. *Yuetaiyu* 18222
3. *Yuetaiyu* 18333
4. *Yuetaiyu* 18555
5. *Yuetaiyu* 18666
6. *Yuetaiyu* 18888
7. *Yuetaiyu* 18999

Shows the AIS transmission of seven company vessels from March 1 – 27, 2021.



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