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IOTC CIRCULAR 06/2008

SUBJECT: A GUIDE TO IOTC DATA REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERS AND COOPERATING PARTIES

As you are aware, the IOTC has a range of Resolutions that require Contracting Parties and Cooperating Non-Contracting Parties to submit certain data and information to the Secretariat by particular deadlines.

The attached, updated guide, is provided to assist you in the timely provision of these data and information.

A special request:

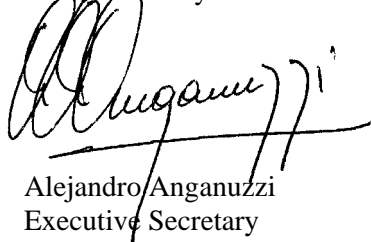
Resolution 06/03 *On establishing a vessel monitoring system programme* requires Contracting Parties and Cooperating Non-Contracting Parties (CPC's) to submit the following information by 30 June each year:

- A report on the progress and implementation of its VMS programme in accordance with this resolution

As the next Session of the IOTC will take place on June 7-11, and in anticipation of discussions under agenda item 3 (f) of the *Provisional agenda of the Compliance Committee*, I would appreciate if you could make available the VMS information by 15 May 2008. This early submission is necessary if the Secretariat is to compile a report prior to the next Session of the IOTC and present it to the Compliance Committee.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can assist you with queries regarding any of your data and information submissions.

Yours sincerely



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Attachments:

- Guide to IOTC data reporting requirements

Distribution

IOTC Members: Australia, Belize, China, Comores, Eritrea, European Community, France, Guinea, India, Indonesia, Iran, Japan, Kenya, Korea, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mauritius, Oman, Pakistan, Philippines, Seychelles, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Tanzania, Thailand, United Kingdom, Vanuatu.

IOTC Chairperson.

Cooperating non contracting parties: Senegal, South Africa, Uruguay.

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Guide to IOTC data and information reporting requirements for members and cooperating parties

Please NOTE: the exact requirements are described in the resolutions which are available from www.iotc.org.

All data should be faxed or emailed to secretariat@iotc.org and clearly marked as to which resolution they pertain to.

60 days before the annual Commission meeting

In accordance with IOTC Agreement Article X (Implementation).

- An annual statement of the actions taken with respect to IOTC conservation and management measures since the previous meeting.

Note, Resolution 07/02 Concerning the establishment of an IOTC record of vessels authorised to operate in the IOTC Area has specific annual reporting requirements to the Commission relating to:

- The internal actions and measures and punitive actions taken in accordance with this resolution.

Recommendation 03/05 Concerning trade measures (note this is not mandatory)

- For CPCs that import or land tuna and tuna-like species and products, a range of information (e.g. information on vessels / owners, product data (species, weight), point of export) be submitted to the Commission.

April

By 1 April:

Resolution 01/06 Concerning the IOTC bigeye tuna statistical document programme

- For CPCs that import bigeye tuna, import data for the period 1 July – 31 December of the previous year.

By 30 April 2008:

Resolution 07/05 Limitation of fishing capacity of IOTC Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties in terms of number of longline vessels targeting swordfish and albacore

- Complete data on the presence of active vessels targeted by this Resolution during the year 2007.

June

By 30 June:

Resolution 01/05 Mandatory statistical requirements for IOTC Members (note similar requirements in Resolution 07/03 Concerning the recording of catch by fishing vessels in the IOTC Area)

- Catch, effort and size frequency data from surface fleets and fleets operating in the coastal zones for the previous year.
- Provisional catch, effort and size frequency data from longline fleets operating on the high seas for the previous year.
- Catch, effort and size frequency data from artisanal, small scale and sports fisheries.

Including Resolution 05/05 Concerning the conservation of sharks caught in association with fisheries managed by IOTC

- Data on shark catches in accordance with IOTC data reporting procedures.

Including Resolution 06/04 On reducing incidental bycatch of seabirds in longline fisheries

- Data on interactions with seabirds, including incidental catches.

Including Recommendation 05/08 On sea turtles (note this is not mandatory)

- Data on interactions with sea turtles, including successful mitigation measures, incidental catches and other impacts on sea turtles in the IOTC Area, such as the deterioration of nesting sites and swallowing of marine debris.

Resolution 07/04 Concerning registration and exchange of information on vessels, including flag of convenience vessels, fishing for tunas and swordfish in the IOTC Area of competence

- List of the vessels >24 m LOA that have fished for tropical tunas and swordfish in the IOTC Area during the previous year.
- List of the vessels <24 m LOA that have fished for tropical tunas and swordfish outside of their EEZ during the previous year.
- List of the foreign flagged vessels that have been issued with licences by your country to fish for tuna and tuna-like species in the IOTC Area.

Resolution 06/03 On establishing a vessel monitoring system programme

- A report on the implementation and progress of your VMS programme.

July

By 1 July:

Resolution 05/03 Relating to the establishment of an IOTC programme of inspection in port

- List of the foreign vessels that have landed in your ports tuna or tuna-like species caught in the Indian Ocean, including catch details (weight and species).

Resolution 06/02 On establishing a programme for transshipment by large-scale fishing vessels

- List of the carrier vessels that are authorised to receive at-sea transshipments from your LSTLV's in the IOTC Area.

September

By 1 September:

Resolution 06/02 On establishing a programme for transshipment by large-scale fishing vessels

- The quantities of species transhipped during the previous year.
- The list of LSTV's registered in the IOTC Record of which have transhipped during the previous year.
- A comprehensive report assessing the content and conclusions of the reports from the observers assigned to the carrier vessels which have had received transshipments from your LSTLV's.

October

By 1 October:

Resolution 01/06 Concerning the IOTC bigeye tuna statistical document programme

- For CPC's that import bigeye tuna, the import data for the period 1 January – 30 June of the current year.

December

By 30 December:

Resolution 01/05 Mandatory statistical requirements for IOTC Members

- Final catch, effort and size frequency data from longline fleets operating on the high seas for the previous year.

Including Resolution 05/05 Concerning the conservation of sharks caught in association with fisheries managed by IOTC

- Data on shark catches in accordance with IOTC data reporting procedures.

The following information may be sent to the Secretariat at any time.

Resolution 01/03 Establishing a scheme to promote compliance by Non-Contracting Party vessels with resolutions established by IOTC.

- Notify of any vessel fishing contrary to IOTC conservation and management measures.

Resolution 07/02 Concerning the establishment of an IOTC record of vessels authorised to operate in the IOTC Area (note similar requirements in Recommendation 05/07 Concerning a management standard for tuna fishing vessels).

- Provide any amendments to the list of vessels authorised to operate in the IOTC area.
- Provide factual information when there are reasonable grounds for suspecting that an AFV not on the IOTC List of Authorised Vessels is engaged in fishing or transshipment of tuna or tuna-like species in the IOTC Area.

Resolution 07/04 Concerning registration and exchange of information on vessels, including flag of convenience vessels, fishing for tunas and swordfish in the IOTC Area of competence.

- Information on any vessels not on the active vessels list but known or presumed to be fishing for tropical tunas and swordfish in the Area.

Resolution 06/01 On establishing a list of vessels presumed to have carried out illegal, unregulated and unreported fishing in the IOTC area.

- List of vessels presumed to be carrying out IUU fishing activities in the IOTC Area, with supporting evidence – 120 days before the next Commission meeting.

Resolution 06/02 On establishing a programme for transshipment by large-scale fishing vessels - from 1 July 2008:

- Any changes to the list of carrier vessels that are authorised to receive at-sea transshipments from your LSTLV's in the IOTC Area.
- Masters of receiving carrier vessels to transmit (to the Secretariat) the IOTC transshipment declaration, along with its number in the IOTC Record of Carrier Vessels within 24 hours of the completion of the transshipment.