

## **Report of Implementation for the year 2012**

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Reporting CPC: MOZAMBIQUE

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*Please NOTE: this document is composed of 3 sections to report on the implementation of IOTC resolutions*

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**Part A.** *Describe the actions taken, under national legislation, in the previous year to implement conservation and management measures adopted by the Commission at its sixteenth Session.*

1. Resolution 12-01 On The Implementation Of The Precautionary Approach  
*This is one of the basic management principles for Mozambique.*
2. Resolution 12-02 Data Confidentiality Policy And Procedures  
*Under the implementation of the Resolution regarding to the principle of Confidentiality Mozambique shared information with relevant countries (Liberia, Spain and EU) and organizations regarding to the vessels engaged in IUU activities subject to the principle of confidentiality.*
3. Resolution 12-03 On The Recording Of Catch And Effort By Fishing Vessels In The IOTC Area Of Competence  
*Developed a new Logbook format for the tuna industry according to the requirements of IOTC.*
4. Resolution 12-04 On The Conservation Of Marine Turtles (Including in accordance with Article X of the IOTC Agreement, their progress of implementation of the FAO Guidelines and this Resolution)  
*Marine Turtles is included on the license form as a restricted species No report of interactions in 2012.*
5. Resolution 12-05 On Establishing A Programme For Transshipment By Large-Scale Fishing Vessels  
*None. Transshipment in Mozambique EEZ only permitted under formal observation. No transshipment authorized in 2012.*
6. Resolution 12-06 On Reducing The Incidental Bycatch Of Seabirds In Longline Fisheries  
*In force in July 2014*
7. Resolution 12-07 Concerning A Record Of Licensed Foreign Vessels Fishing For IOTC Species In The IOTC Area Of Competence And Access Agreement Information  
*A list of foreign vessels has been submitted on 17th February. Developed a check list system for verification of vessels included on positive list or with IUU history Government to government access agreement also forwarded in February.*
8. Resolution 12-08 Procedures On A Fish Aggregation Devices (FADs) Management Plan  
*Not applicable. No action was taken as no Mozambican flagged purseiner vessels are licensed.*
9. Resolution 12-09 On The Conservation Of Thresher Sharks (Family Alopiidae) Caught In Association With Fisheries In The IOTC Area Of Competence



*During the port inspection of foreigner fishing Vessel, inspectors are obliged to verify the compliance of resolutions regarding to thresher sharks. Mozambican flag vessels are briefed annually on the requirement to comply with all IOTC Resolutions with special mention to Resolution 12-09.*

10. Resolution 12-10 To Promote Implementation Of Conservation And Management Measures Already Adopted By IOTC

*Mozambique is developing a mechanism to enhance data collection, provisions regarding the IOTC Resolutions are reflected in the pre fishing briefing to masters of vessels and Mozambique has agreed to allow the MCS adviser to assist on the Resolution Compendium working group.*

11. Resolution 12-11 On The Implementation Of A Limitation Of Fishing Capacity Of Contracting Parties And Cooperating Non-Contracting Parties

*Mozambique is currently developing its tuna fleet developing plan.*

12. Resolution 12-12 To Prohibit The Use Of Large-Scale Driftnets On The High Seas In The IOTC Area (Including a summary of monitoring, control, and surveillance actions related to large-scale driftnet fishing on the high seas in the IOTC Area of Competence)

*Provision incorporated in the national legislation. Assets such as patrol vessel to surveillance the EEZ. VMS system established and covering the foreign fleet*

13. Resolution 12-13 For The Conservation And Management Of Tropical Tuna Stocks In The IOTC Area Of Competence (Including a summary of VMS records related to their fleet operation in the previous year for the consideration of the Compliance Committee)

*VMS is mandatory for all Mozambican industrial fishing vessels including the sole Mozambican flagged tuna longliner. The Wiron VI was tracked on VMS for its fishing days in 2012. The Wiron VI was notified of the closed area according to this Resolution and IOTC were notified that these steps were taken.*

14. Recommendation 12/15 On The Best Available Science

*Mozambique is taking measures to enhance its data collection for IOTC and ensure timely delivery of data according to the IOTC requirements.*



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**Part B.** *Describe the actions taken, under national legislation, to implement conservation and management measures adopted by the Commission in previous Sessions, and which have not been reported previously.*

Mozambique has implemented designated ports for foreign fishing vessels and in addition has implemented mandatory pre-fishing briefing and port inspection for all foreign and national fishing vessels prior to commencement of fishing in Mozambican waters or the IOTC Area of Competence for its Mozambican flagged vessels. At these annual pre-fishing briefings, masters and companies are informed of the IOTC resolutions and the requirements for full compliance. Masters are required to sign that they received and understood the briefing prior to receiving their license and commencing fishing operations.



**Part C.** Data and information reporting requirements for CPCs to be included in this report (please refer to the *section March 2013 of the Guide on data and information reporting requirements for Members and Cooperating Non-contracting Parties*).

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

CPCs which export bigeye tuna shall examine export data upon receiving the import data from the Secretary, and report the results to the Commission annually.

All Mozambican exports of bigeye have been accompanied by the required statistical reports accordingly. Mozambique does not import tuna.

- Recommendation 05/07 *Concerning a management standard for the tuna fishing vessels*

The CPC flag states which issues licenses to their AFVs should report annually to the Commission all measures taken to meet the minimum management standards when they issue fishing licenses to their "authorised fishing vessels".

The same management standards as noted in the September 2012 letter on this resolution have been carried forward for the Wiron VI. The report for 2012 is attached - annex.

- Resolution 10/06 *On Reducing the Incidental Bycatch of Seabirds in Longline Fisheries*

CPCs shall provide to the Commission, as part of their annual reports, information on how they are implementing this measure and all available information on interactions with seabirds, including bycatch by fishing vessels carrying their flag or authorised to fish by them. This is to include details of species where available to enable the Scientific Committee to annually estimate seabird mortality in all fisheries within the IOTC Area of Competence.

Mozambique has received no reports on interactions with sea birds in 2012. This is an area of focus by inspectors during at-sea inspections.

- Resolution 10/10 *Concerning market related measures*

For CPCs that import tuna and tuna-like fish products, or in whose ports those products are landed or transhipped, should report, a range of information (e.g. information on vessels / owners, product data (species, weight), point of export) annually.

Mozambique does not import tuna. Reports on landings from the Wiron VI have been submitted to the Commission.

- Resolution 11/04 *On a Regional observer scheme*

CPCs shall provide to the Executive Secretary and the Scientific Committee annually a report of the number of vessels monitored and the coverage achieved by gear type in accordance with the provisions of this Resolution.

Mozambique is in the process of developing its national observer program and that is intended to meet regional standards. At present there are no observers on the one Mozambican flag tuna vessel.