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From: The Director General
To

The Executive Secretary
Indian Ocean Tuna Commission
P.O. Box 1011,
Victoria, SEYCHELLES

Sub: IOTC Agreement Article X Report of Implementation – Reg.

Ref: IOTC Circular – 2012 – 85 dated 30.10.2013.

Sir,

Kindly refer to the circular cited above regarding *Report of Implementation* with IOTC agreement article X. In this regard I am here to forward the information respect of India.

1. Action taken with respect to IOTC conservation and management measures

Ans. The Guidelines for conduct of fishing operation in the Indian EEZ stipulated that the Indian company shall ensure that the vessels operated by them comply with various requirements of Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC).

2. Resolution 01/06 details of Bigeye tuna export data

Ans. Details of Bigeye tuna export for the year 2011 – 12 & 12 – 13 is furnished in the Table

| | 2011-12 | | | 2012-2013 | | |
|----------------------|---------|---------|-------------|-----------|---------|-------------|
| | Qty | Value | | Qty | Value | |
| Item Name | Tons | Rs.Lakh | US \$ (Min) | Tons | Rs.Lakh | US \$ (Min) |
| FR.TUNA(Bigeye tuna) | 49 | 30.03 | 0.06 | 2 | 1.64 | 0.00 |
| Total | 49 | 30.03 | 0.06 | 2 | 1.64 | 0.00 |

.As per the records available import and re-export of Bigeye tuna has not reported during the year under report.

3. Recommendation 05/07 -Details of measures taken to meet the minimum Management standards while issuing fishing license to tuna fishing vessels

Ans.

- **Authorized (LOP holder) fishing vessels (AFVs) are being monitored and inspected by the Indian Coast Guards (ICG) through patrol boats, aircrafts etc.**

- Surveillance activities of vessels are maintained by the ICG in order to ensure compliance with IOTC's conservation and management measures.
 - AFVs are complying as per Indian Rule; as vessels of 100 GT and fishing vessels of above 20 meters are required to be fitted with AIS in tune with IMO SOLAS requirements.
 - It is mandatory for AFVs to report their entry/exit into and from the Indian EEZ well in advance as prescribed in the guidelines.
 - AFVs are also required to submit voyage reports/report of the vessel's catches of species periodically as prescribed in the guidelines.
 - AFVs are also required to follow the Guidelines and procedures framed by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) relating to mid-sea transshipment of the vessel's catches.
4. Resolution 10/06 – Action taken to reduce the incidental bycatch of Seabirds in longline fishery and details of incidental catch of Sea bard in the fishery, if any

Ans. Not Applicable.

5. Resolution 10/10 - information on Tuna import – (name of vessel /owner, product data –weight, point of export etc.).

Ans. Not applicable. (Neither India importing tuna, nor tuna is being landed by any foreign vessels in Indian ports).

6. Resolution 11/04 – Information on regional observation scheme

Ans. Under consideration

7. Resolution 12/04 Implementation of IOTC agreement and guidelines with respect to marine turtle

Ans. Fishing and trade of marine turtles are banned in the country. Incidental catch of marine turtles are released at sea in live condition.

8. Resolution 12/12 Monitoring, Control and Surveillance action related to large – scale drift net fishing on the high seas

Ans. Not applicable.

9. Resolution 12/13 – Summary of VMS records related to the fleets for the conservation and management of tropical Tuna stock

Ans. Installation and set up of VMS is under process at present.

Yours faithfully,

(DR K.VIJAYAKUMARAN)
DIRECTOR GENERAL

Copy to : The Secretary to the Government of India, (Kind Attn : Shri R.P Mathur, Asst . Commissioner (Fisheries), Ministry of Agriculture, Deptt. of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries, Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi. with reference to letter No.F.21001/09/2013 Fy (Ind) dated 08.03.2013.