

Report of Implementation for the year 2012

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

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

The Authority actively participate in most IOTC Working Groups and in the Scientific Committee meeting whereby stock-specific reference points are calculated, discussed and approved prior to their submission to the Commission.

2. Resolution 12-02 Data Confidentiality Policy And Procedures

The Authority submit Catch-and-effort and length-frequency data to the IOTC on an annual basis and in the required format. Observer data available yet.

3. Resolution 12-03 On The Recording Of Catch And Effort By Fishing Vessels In The IOTC Area Of Competence

All purse seiners and longliners flying the Seychelles flag and authorised to fish species managed by IOTC within the IOTC area of competence are subjected to a data recording system that meets the minimum requirement define under this resolution. All catch and effort data are submitted to the IOTC on an annual basis and as far as possible the deadlines are respected.

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)

The Authority has informed vessels owners and operators of this resolution and of the proposed mitigation practices as well as the steps to be undertaken in case of incidental capture. Modification of logbook for reporting interaction with Marine Turtle to be implemented

5. Resolution 12-05 On Establishing A Programme For Transshipment By Large-Scale Fishing Vessels

All transshipment at sea requires an authorisation from SFA for Seychelles vessels and foreign vessels for transshipment in Seychelles waters.

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

The list of all foreign flag vessel is submitted to the IOTC before 15th February of every year.

8. Resolution 12-08 Procedures On A Fish Aggregation Devices (FADs) Management Plan

Seychelles submitted number and characteristic of supply vessels. However data relating to the number of days at sea and number and type of FADs set has not been submitted yet. Steps are being taken to compile those data in a database.

9. Resolution 12-09 On The Conservation Of Thresher Sharks (Family Alopiidae) Caught In Association With Fisheries In The IOTC Area Of Competence

The Authority has informed fishers of this resolution and they have been advised not to retain any thresher sharks. Provision will be made in the new Fisheries Act for such resolution to become legislation in the future

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

Upon renewal of licences, vessel owners and operators are provided with hard copies of relevant IOTC resolutions which they are required to implement.

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

The lists of vessels, by gear type, over 24 metres overall length and over and under 24 meters which have actively fish in accordance with the provision of the IOTC Resolution 07/04 for tropical tunas during 2006 and for swordfish and albacore during 2007 will be submitted to the IOTC Secretariat the requested information upon demand.

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)

The Authority does not issue any licence for Large Scale Driftnets fishing and through Monitoring and Surveillance deter and apprehend fishing vessels using this gear within its waters.

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)

All vessels owners and operators have been informed of the close area/ close season and through mandatory Vessel Monitoring System any infraction will be detected.

14. Recommendation 12/15 On The Best Available Science

The Authority actively participate in most IOTC Working Groups and in the Scientific Committee meeting whereby stock-specific reference points are calculated, discussed and approved prior to their submission to the Commission.



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.*

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.

The Authority does provide to the IOTC statistical documents to the Commission on an annual basis.

- 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 Authority does report annually to the Commission all measured taken to meet the minimum management standards when fishing vessels are issued with licences.

- 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.

The Authority discourages the Seychelles Flag fishing vessels to operate in the areas where there is high concentration of seabirds.

- 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.

The Authority does report annually to the Commission all the requested information on market related measured on tuna and tuna- like products.

- 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.

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