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**CONCERNING A RECORD OF LICENSED FOREIGN VESSELS FISHING  
FOR TUNAS AND SWORDFISH IN THE IOTC AREA**

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**The Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC):**

RECOGNISING that coastal States have sovereign rights in a 200-nautical mile exclusive economic zone (EEZ) with respect to their natural resources;

CONCIOUS of the provisions of Article 62 of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea;

NOTING that the information on vessels licensed to fish in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ) of Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties (CPCs), constitutes a means to identify potential unreported fishing activities;

MINDFUL of the recommendation 17 of the Performance Review Panel, as listed in Resolution 09/01 On the performance review follow-up, that the obligation incumbent to a flag State to report data for its vessels be included in a separate Resolution from the obligation incumbent on Members to report data on the vessels of third countries they licence to fish in their EEZs.

ADOPTS, in accordance with paragraph 1 of Article IX of the IOTC Agreement, that:

1. All CPCs which issue licenses to foreign flag vessels to fish for tunas and swordfish in the portion of their EEZ that falls within the IOTC Area of Competence (hereinafter referred to as “the Area”), by 15 February every year:
  - Shall submit to the Secretary a list of all foreign flag vessels to which such licences have been issued during the previous year;
2. This list shall contain the following information for each vessel:
  - IOTC Number
  - Name and registration number;
  - IMO number, if available;
  - The flag at the time of issuing the licence;
  - International radio call sign (if any);
  - Vessel type, length, and gross tonnage (GT);
  - Name and address of owner, and/or charterer and/or operator;
  - Main target species.
  - Period of licence
3. The Secretary shall circulate this information annually, or upon request, to all CPCs.
4. The CPCs shall notify the Secretary of any information concerning foreign flag fishing vessels that requested a license but are not included in the Record of Authorized Vessels,
5. The information to be provided, shall include for each vessel:
  - Name and registration number;
  - IMO number, if available;
  - The flag at the time of requesting for a license;
  - International radio call sign (if any)
  - Vessel type, length, and gross tonnage (GT);

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- Name and address of owner, and/or charterer and/or operator,
  - Main target species.

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7. The Secretary shall compile for future consideration by the Compliance Committee information on vessels covered in paragraph 5 whose flag is not identified.

8. IOTC Resolution 07/04 *Concerning registration and exchange of information on vessels fishing for tunas and swordfish in the IOTC Area* is superseded by this Resolution.