



IOTC CIRCULAR 2012-46

Dear Sir/Madam,

SUBJECT: REPORTING OF FISHERIES STATISTICS FOR 2012 TO THE IOTC

This letter represents the first reminder for the reporting of fisheries statistics for IOTC and dependent species, according to the provisions in IOTC Resolutions 10/02, 05/05, 12/06 and 12/04. Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties (CPCs) that have not submitted complete statistics for 2012 are invited to provide the information required no later than June 30th 2013. In addition, other parties having fisheries in the IOTC Area are invited to provide the same information at their convenience, if possible according to the same time frame.

The *Forms for the Submission of Fisheries Statistics* to the IOTC are available as MS Excel template forms (available for downloading here: <http://www.iotc.org/English/data/typesofstatistics.php>) to simplify the process of entering and submitting the data. Forms in this format allow the reporting officer to enter the data directly on the form for later submission by e-mail to the Secretariat. Please, refer to the document *Notes for the Completion of IOTC Forms* for details on how to use the forms. Available for downloading here:

<http://www.iotc.org/Common/dataforms/Notes%20for%20the%20completion%20of%20IOTC%20Forms%5BE%5D.pdf>.

In order to facilitate the reporting of fisheries data, the IOTC Secretariat has prepared *Guidelines for the reporting of fisheries statistics to the IOTC*. The Guidelines are based on the existing IOTC Data Requirements. Available for downloading here:

<http://www.iotc.org/Common/dataforms/Guidelines%20Data%20Reporting%20IOTC%5BE%5D.pdf>.

In addition to the above, we would like to take this opportunity to remind IOTC CPCs and other parties of our efforts to document data collection and management systems in countries having fisheries for IOTC species in the Indian Ocean, as requested by the IOTC Scientific Committee. With this purpose, the IOTC Secretariat prepared and distributed in 2009 an *IOTC Questionnaire on data collection, data management and data dissemination* (available for downloading here: <http://www.iotc.org/Common/dataforms/Questionnaire%20on%20data%20collection.zip>). IOTC CPCs and other parties that have not returned the Questionnaires are invited to do so at their earliest convenience.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you require any additional information concerning the above.

Yours sincerely

Executive Secretary

Attachments:

- None

Distribution

Countries Fishing for Tunas and Tuna Like Species

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