

## **Report of Implementation for the year 2014**

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF THE REPORT 26 FEBRUARY 2015**

Reporting CPC: Comoros

Date: 20/02/2015

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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 14/01 On the removal of obsolete Conservation and Management Measures  
None
2. Resolution 14/02 For the conservation and management of tropical tunas stocks in the IOTC area of competence  
None
3. Resolution 14/03 On enhancing the dialogue between fisheries scientists and managers  
None
4. Resolution 14/04 Concerning the IOTC record of vessels authorised to operate in the IOTC area of competence<sup>a</sup>  
None as we do not have any fishing vessel more than 24m LOA or less than 24m LOA fishing outside our EEZ.
5. Resolution 14/05 Concerning a record of licensed foreign vessels fishing for IOTC species in the IOTC area of competence and access agreement information<sup>a</sup>  
A law has been passed that makes mandatory the publication on the Presidency's website of all Fishing Agreements signed by the Government, as well as the list of the foreign fishing vessels authorized to fish and the list of target species.
6. Resolution 14/06 On establishing a programme for transshipment by large-scale fishing vessels<sup>a</sup>  
None. We do not do any transshipment from LSTV in port or at sea.

Note: <sup>a</sup> indicate that a template report exists for some of the requirements and can be downloaded at <http://www.iotc.org/compliance/reporting-templates>

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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.*

None.

**Part C.** Data and information reporting requirements for CPCs to be included in this report (please refer to the *section February 2015 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 [A template report exists]).

**The report has already been provided to the IOTC Secretariat:**

Yes                       Date of reporting (DD/MM/YYYY):30/01/2015  
No

**The report is attached to the implementation report:**

Yes                       No

Additional information:

Not applicable

- 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”.

Not applicable

- 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.

Not applicable

- 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. [A template report exists].

**The report on import, landing or transhipment of tuna and tuna-like fish products landed or transhipped in port in 2014 have already been provided to the IOTC Secretariat:**

Yes                       Date of reporting (DD/MM/YYYY):

No

**The report on import, landing or transshipment of tuna and tuna-like fish products landed or transhipped in port in 2014 is attached to the implementation report:**

Yes

No

Additional information:

Not applicable

- 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.

Not applicable

- Resolution 12/04 On marine turtles

CPCs shall report to the Commission, in accordance with Article X of the IOTC Agreement, their progress of implementation of the FAO Guidelines and this Resolution.

Comorian Law prohibits catching sea turtles.

- Resolution 14/06 On establishing a programme for transshipment by large-scale fishing vessels

Each flag CPC of the LSTV shall include in its annual report each year to IOTC the details on the transshipments in ports by its vessels (Name of LSTV, IOTC Number, name of carrier vessel, species and quantity transhipped, date and location of transshipment). *[A template report exists].*

**The details on transshipment in ports for 2014 have already been provided to the IOTC Secretariat:**

Yes

**Date of reporting (DD/MM/YYYY):**

No

**The details on transshipment in ports for 2014 are attached to the implementation report:**

Yes

No

Additional information:

Not applicable

- Resolution 12/12 To Prohibit the use of large-scale driftnets on the high seas in the IOTC Area

CPCs shall include in their Annual Reports a summary of monitoring, control, and surveillance actions related to large-scale driftnet fishing on the high seas in the IOTC area of competence.

Not applicable

- Resolution 13/04 On the conservation of cetaceans

CPCs shall report, in accordance with Article X of the IOTC Agreement, any instances in which cetaceans have been encircled by the purse seine nets of their flagged vessels.

Not applicable

- Resolution 13/05 On the conservation of whale sharks (*Rhincodon typus*)

CPCs shall report, in accordance with Article X of the IOTC Agreement, any instances in which cetaceans have been encircled by the purse seine nets of their flagged vessels.

Not applicable

- Resolution 14/05 Concerning A Record Of Licensed Foreign Vessels Fishing For IOTC Species In The IOTC Area Of Competence And Access Agreement Information

For Government to Government access agreement in existence prior to the entry into force of this resolution, where coastal CPCs allow foreign-flagged vessels to fish in waters in their EEZ in the IOTC Area for species managed by IOTC through a CPC-to-CPC agreement, CPCs involved in the referred agreement:

- Shall submit copy of the access agreement,
- Shall submit information concerning these agreements (paragraphs 3a, b, c, d, e, f, g),

*A report template exists and can be requested at [secretariat@iotc.org](mailto:secretariat@iotc.org)*

A copy of the Agreement was submitted to IOTC.

The list of vessels has been submitted to IOTC.

- a) Comoros/EU Fishing Agreement
- b) From January 2014 to December 2016
- c) - 42 tuna longliners
  - 20 surface longliners
  - information about these vessels are on the list that has already been submitted to IOTC
- d) Target species: tuna and tuna-like species
- e) Reference capacity: 6000 metric tons
- f) Vessels must be monitored, especially by the Fisheries Monitoring Centre through a satellite-based VMS. Vessels authorized to fish under the Agreement must have on board observers designated by the Comorian Fisheries authorities.
- g) Authorized vessels must declare their catches to the Ministry of Fisheries through logbooks, with a copy sent to the research institutes (IRD, IEO, IPIMAR)

Vessels must submit declarations of entry and exit to and from the Comoros EEZ.