

IOTC Agreement – Article X

Report of Implementation for the year 2015

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Reporting CPC: Thailand

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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 Nineteenth Session.*

- Resolution 15/11 On the implementation of a limitation of fishing capacity of Contracting Parties and Cooperating Non-Contracting Parties.^a

Not applicable. Thailand submitted fleet development plan (5 years plan) since 2010. However, in 2016 Thailand submit an update plan from 2015-2019.

- Resolution 15/10 On target and limit reference points and a decision framework.

Not yet implemented.

- Resolution 15/09 On a fish aggregating devices (FADs) working group.

Not applicable. Thailand doesn't have any purse seiner listed in the IOTC record of fishing vessels or authorized to fish tuna and tuna-like species managed by the IOTC.

- Resolution 15/08 Procedures on fish aggregating devices (FADs) management plan, including a limitation on the number of FADs, more detailed specifications of catch reporting from FAD sets, and the development of improved FAD designs to reduce the incidence of entanglement of non-target species.^a

Not applicable. Thailand doesn't have any purse seiner listed in the IOTC record of fishing vessels or authorized to fish tuna and tuna-like species managed by the IOTC.

- Resolution 15/07 On the use of artificial lights to attract fish to drifting fish aggregating devices.

Not applicable. Thailand doesn't have any purse seiner listed in the IOTC record of fishing vessels or authorized to fish tuna and tuna-like species managed by the IOTC.

- Resolution 15/06 On a ban on discards of bigeye tuna, skipjack tuna, yellowfin tuna, and a recommendation for non-targeted species caught by purse seine vessels in the IOTC area of competence.
Not applicable. Thailand doesn't have any purse seiner listed in the iOTC record of fishing vessels or authorized to fish tuna and tuna-like species managed by the IOTC.
- Resolution 15/05 On conservation measures for striped marlin, black marlin and blue marlin.
The data from logbook indicated that there is no striped marlin, black marlin and blue marlin has been caught during fishing.
- Resolution 15/04 Concerning the IOTC record of vessels authorised to operate in the IOTC Area of Competence.^a
Thailand submitted the IOTC record of vessels authorized to operate in the IOTC Area of Competence on 15 January 2016. In 2016, there are three research vessels in this record.

Reporting on IMO number:

To allow the necessary time for CPCs to obtain an IMO number for eligible vessels that do not already have one, paragraph 2.b on IMO number is effective as of 1 January 2016. As of this date, CPCs shall ensure that all their fishing vessels that are registered on the IOTC Record of fishing vessels have IMO numbers issued to them. Paragraph 2.b on IMO number does not apply to vessels which are not eligible to receive IMO numbers.

In assessing compliance with the paragraph above, the Commission shall take into account exceptional circumstances in which a vessel owner is not able to obtain an IMO number despite following the appropriate procedures. **Flag CPCs shall report any such exceptional situations** to the IOTC Secretariat.

The report on exceptional situations has already been provided to the IOTC Secretariat:

Yes **Date of reporting (DD/MM/YYYY):** 10/02/2016

No **; if no report exceptional situations below:**

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- Resolution 15/03 On the vessel monitoring system (VMS) Programme.^a
Thailand submitted the report of Resolution 15/03 On the vessel monitoring system (VMS) Programme on 30 June 2015
- Resolution 15/02 On mandatory statistical reporting requirements for IOTC Contracting Parties and Cooperating Non-Contracting Parties (CPCs).

Thailand submitted the report of Resolution 15/02 On mandatory statistical reporting requirements for CPCs on 30 June 2015.

- Resolution 15/01 On the recording of catch and effort data by fishing vessels in the IOTC Area of Competence.

Thailand submitted the report of Resolution 15/01 On the recording of catch and effort data by fishing vessels in the IOTC Area of Competence on 30 June 2015

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

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.*

In November 2015, the Royal Ordinance on Fisheries is adopted. This new regulation aims to preventing, deterring and eliminating IUU fishing including supporting the conservation and management of fishery resources.

In terms of monitoring control and surveillance, fishing vessels more than 30 GT are prescribed to install with fully functional VMS. The national observer on board programme for scientific and compliance purpose is established. Logbooks are required for all commercial vessels. All vessels are required for Port in and Port out. Designated ports for foreign fishing vessel are announced.

In terms of conservation and management, limitation of fishing capacity in Thai waters is done through reduction of vessels and fishing day using MSY analysis. Reduce the catch of large quantity of juvenile fish by increase legal limit on the mesh size of fishing gears.

Part C. Data and information reporting requirements for CPCs to be included in this report (please refer to the section “Implementation Report due by 16 March 2016” of the *Guide on data and information reporting requirements for Members and Cooperating Non-contracting Parties*, available for download at <http://www.iotc.org/compliance/reporting-templates>).

- 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].

Nil report, specify the reason: No large scale longline vessels on the IOTC RAV
 Do not export frozen big eye tuna

The report has already been provided to the IOTC Secretariat:

Yes **Date of reporting (DD/MM/YYYY):** [Click here to enter text.](#)
No

The report is attached to the implementation report:

Yes No

Additional information:

The report of Resolution 01/06 is attach herewith in file name: report Res 01 06 - BET Statistical Document Programme - Annual Report

- 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”.

a. Management in the fishing grounds (of flag vessels).

	Scientific Observer boarding	Satellite-based vessel monitoring system	Daily or required periodic catch report	Entry/Exit report
Yes, No?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Note	% In late 2015, Thailand started an observer on board programme	% or number of vessels 100% of 6 Fvs in 2015	Method Submission of logbook	Method FVs are required to Port in and Port out.

b. Management of transshipment (from the fishing grounds to the landing ports; of flag vessels)

	Transshipment report	Port inspection	Statistical document

			program
Yes, No?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Note	Method Transshipment report	Method	Submission of logbook

c. Management at landing ports (of flag vessels).

	Landing inspection	Landing reporting	Cooperation with other Parties
Yes, No?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Additional information:

In 2015, Thai tuna longline fishing vessels are managed in compliance with the Thai Fisheries Act 1947 and its decree as well as other regulations. Fishing vessels are regularly monitored through their VMS. Fishing logbooks were submitted to the Department of Fisheries in a regular manner for using in scientific purposes and monitoring.

- 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].

Nil report, specify the reason(s): No landing from foreign vessels in national ports
 No transshipment by foreign vessels in national ports
 Do not import tuna and tuna-like fish products

The report on import, landing or transshipment of tuna and tuna-like fish products landed or transhipped in port in 2015 have already been provided to the IOTC Secretariat:

Yes **Date of reporting (DD/MM/YYYY):** Click here to enter text.
 No

The report on import, landing or transshipment of tuna and tuna-like fish products landed or transhipped in port in 2015 is attached to the implementation report:

Yes No

Additional information:

- Resolution 11/02 Prohibition of fishing on data buoys

CPCs are to notify the IOTC Secretariat of all reports of observations of damaged data buoys.

X Nil Report

The report has already been provided to the IOTC Secretariat:

Yes **Date of reporting (DD/MM/YYYY):** [Click here to enter text.](#)
No

The report is attached to the implementation report:

Yes **No**

Additional information:

There is no damaged data buoys was observed in 2015.

- 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.

Type of gear	No of vessels monitored in 2014	Coverage in 2014 (%)
Purse seine	Not applicable	Click here to enter text.
Longline	6	100%
Gillnet	Not applicable	Click here to enter text.
Bait Boat	Not applicable	Click here to enter text.
Hand line	Not applicable	Click here to enter text.
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Additional information:

- 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.

According to Thai Fisheries Act 1947 prohibits the exploitation of marine turtles. No person shall absolutely catch, trap, injure or kill all kinds of sea turtles and tortoises. If any turtle or tortoise has been stuck with or caught by any fishing gears of fishing appliance, it must be released into the sea immediately. Moreover, in accordance with the Thai Royal Ordinance on Fisheries 2015 article 66 prohibit the possession or bring on board of mammal, rare animals and endanger species as notified by the Minister, except for safe life.

- Resolution 12 /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.

In order to reduce the incidental bycatch of seabirds in longline fisheries, Thai tuna longline fishing vessels are using bird scaring lines.

- 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 Report 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. Thailand doesn't employ driftnet fishing in the high seas.

- 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.

X Not applicable (No PS vessels on the IOTC RAV in 2015);

No encirclement reported by flag vessels in 2015,

Encirclement reported by flag vessels in 2015 (Complete the table below):

Name of the species	Number of instances of encirclement
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Additional information:

The Wildlife and Preservation Act of 1992 prohibits the exploitation of cetaceans and conserves as wildlife protection

- 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 whale sharks have been encircled by the purse seine nets of their flagged vessels.

Not applicable (No PS vessels on the IOTC RAV in 2015);

No encirclement reported by flag vessels in 2015,

Encirclement reported by flag vessels in 2015 (Complete the table below):

Name of the species	Number of instances of encirclement
Whale sharks (<i>Rhincodon typus</i>)	Click here to enter text.

Additional information:

The Wildlife and Protection Act of 1992 conserves the whale shark as wildlife sanctuary and prohibits for fishing.

- 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

Additional information:

Not applicable. According to the Act on Governing the Right to Fish in Thai Waters of 1939, foreign fishing vessels are not allowed to fish in Thai waters.

- Resolution 14/06 On establishing a programme for transshipment by large-scale fishing vessels (Report of flag vessels transshipping in foreign ports)

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].*

Nil report, specify the reason(s): No LSTVs on the RAV
 Flag LSTVs do not tranship in foreign ports

The details on transhipment in ports for 2015 have already been provided to the IOTC Secretariat:

Yes Date of reporting (DD/MM/YYYY): [Click here to enter text.](#)
No

The details on transhipment in ports for 2015 are attached to the implementation report:

Yes No

Additional information:

The report of Resolution 14/06 is attached herewith in file name
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- Resolution 15/04 Concerning the IOTC record of vessels authorised to operate in the IOTC Area of Competence.

CPCs shall review their own internal actions and measures taken pursuant to paragraph 7, including punitive actions and sanctions and, in a manner consistent with domestic law as regards disclosure, report the results of the review to the Commission annually. In consideration of the results of such review, the Commission shall, if appropriate, request the flag CPCs of AFVs on the IOTC Record to take further action to enhance compliance by those vessels with IOTC Conservation and Management Measures.

The flag CPCs of the vessels on the record shall:

- take measures to ensure that their AFVs comply with all the relevant IOTC Conservation and Management Measures;
Describe the measures:
In 2015, the Department of Fisheries arranged meetings with the owners of the authorized fishing vessels and informed them about the rules and regulations in relevant to IOTC Conservation and Management Measures.
- take measures to ensure that their AFVs on the IOTC Record keep on board valid certificates of vessel registration and valid authorisation to fish and/or tranship;
Describe the measures:
In 2015, the Department of Fisheries arranged meetings with the owners of the authorized fishing vessels and inform them to keep on board valid certificates of vessel registration and valid authorization to fish
- ensure that their AFVs on the IOTC Record have no history of IUU fishing activities or that, if those vessels have such a history, the new owners have provided sufficient evidence demonstrating that the previous owners and operators have no legal, beneficial or financial interest in, or control over those vessels; the parties of the IUU incident have officially resolved the matter and sanctions have been completed; or that having taken into account all relevant facts, their AFVs are not engaged in or associated with IUU fishing;



Describe the measures:

In 2015, there is no evidence of IUU fishing activities of these authorized fishing vessels.

- ensure, to the extent possible under domestic law, that the owners and operators of their AFVs on the IOTC Record are not engaged in or associated with tuna fishing activities conducted by vessels not entered into the IOTC Record in the IOTC area of competence;

Describe the measures:

According to the Fisheries Act of 1947, no FVs authorize to fish in the IOTC area without permission from the Department of Fisheries.

- take measures to ensure, to the extent possible under domestic law, that the owners of the AFVs on the IOTC Record are citizens or legal entities within the flag CPCs so that any control or punitive actions can be effectively taken against them;

Describe the measures:

According to the Act Governing the right to fish in Thai water of 1939, non Thai citizens are not allowed to register for fishing.