

## **IOTC Agreement – Article X**

### **Report of Implementation for the year 2016**

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Reporting CPC: I.R.Iran

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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 Twentieth Session.*

- Resolution 16/01 On an Interim Plan for Rebuilding the Indian Ocean Yellowfin tuna Stock in the IOTC area of competence  
- According to this resolution Iran fisheries organization has put reduction of Yellowfin tuna on this resolution and has announced it to regional offices in provinces in southern coastal area and stakeholders.

**The report on methods for achieving the YFT catch reductions has already been provided to the IOTC Secretariat:**

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- Resolution 16/02 On harvest control rules for Skipjack tuna in the IOTC area of competence.  
- Iran generally agrees with this resolution and has taken appropriate managerial steps towards controlling catch of tropical tuna species in its territorial waters and in this regard stocks of Skipjack Tuna are in suitable condition.
- Resolution 16/03 On the second performance review follow-up  
-Iran Fisheries Organization membership in IOTC is approved by Parliament of country and any change in articles of IOTC agreement would result in ending our membership, unless the changes be considered in parliament of Iran again.



- Resolution 16/04 On the implementation of a Pilot project in view of promoting the Regional observer scheme of IOTC  
-Iran Fisheries Organization notified that is ready to creat a pilot project aiming to enhance the implementation of regional observer scheme to raise the level of compliance with the IOTC regulotions. Howeivr Iran fisheries organization waiting for IOTC project and related supports. Also base on part 6 of the resolution there is possibility to develop a project in ports.
- Resolution 16/05 On vessels without nationality  
- The resolution was translated and notified to all fishing harbors to prevent and deter vessels without nationality from engaging in fishing . Up to now IFO has not received any report about this kind of vessels in its tretorial water.
- Resolution 16/06 On measures applicable in case of non fulfilment of reporting obligations in the IOTC

*“NOTING that incomplete reporting or no data reporting and that, despite the adoption of numerous measures intended to address the matter, lack of compliance with reporting obligations is still a problem for the Scientific Committee and for the Commission;”*

Actions taken to implement their reporting obligations for all IOTC fisheries (in terms of Resolutions 15/01 and 15/02), including shark species caught in association with IOTC fisheries, and in particular the steps taken to improve their data collection for direct and incidental catches.

*Note: where applicable, please report actions separately for artisanal (coastal), and industrial IOTC fisheries:*

- **Action(s) to improve data collection that facilitate improvements in compliance in terms of IOTC mandatory reporting obligations (e.g. development or improvements in the implementation of logbooks, port-based sampling or related fisheries surveys, national observer scheme, vessel registry, electronic data capture, VMS, or on-board electronic monitoring):**

- Data collection system for fish catch is developing and updating. Data bank of fishing vessels is web-based and some logbooks have been distributed among gillnet fishermen. Related training courses has been held.

- A satelite based monitoring system was started 15 years ago ended following introduction of international sanction 10 years ago as there is currently a lack of satelite access. However Iran monitor the vessels by Offline base VMS and is ging to equiped its vessls with Thuraya satelite base devices during 2017.



- **Action(s) to improve data processing and reporting systems that facilitate submission of data to the IOTC Secretariat (e.g., development of fisheries databases and data dissemination systems, development of automated routines to process and extract IOTC data submissions, steps to minimise data entry errors):**

- New web-based software has been developed which is highly accurate and its pilot phase has been carried out in fishing harbors. All data regarding fishing vessels and catch will be centralized in Iran Fisheries Organization server computer and IOTC Format for reporting has been designed for it.

- **Action(s) to improve the quality and accuracy of data submitted to the IOTC Secretariat (e.g., steps to improve data validation, improvements in sampling coverage, frame surveys, etc.; coherence of data with alternative fisheries datasets, comparability of data from previous years):**

-In order to increase accuracy of collected data, Iran Fisheries Organization has developed its own statistical structure at national level including Headquarters in Tehran, and provincial level we have organized statistics and scientific committees with seasonal joint sessions. They help improvement of operational procedure and self correction of system. In addition, in some sample fishing ports, all fishing vessels catch are collected by total enumeration.

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- **Resolution 16/07 On the use of artificial lights to attract fish**  
Tuna fishing vessels of Iran do not use artificial light for attracting Tuna fishes. However, banning of artificial nets for tuna fishing are considered in articles 1 and 2 of National Regulation for tuna fishing management for 2016 and the years after it.
- **Resolution 16/08 On the prohibition of the use of aircrafts and unmanned aerial vehicles as fishing aids**  
- Active purse seiner and gillnet fishing vessels do not have aircrafts and unmanned aerial vehicles. Iran Fisheries Organization has included banning of aircraft and unmanned aerial vehicles in its National Regulation for tuna fishing management for 2017.
- **Resolution 16/09 On establishing a Technical Committee on Management Procedures**  
-Iran Fisheries Organization noted Resolution 16/09, and Iran has participated in the past Technical committee on connecting the IOTC science and management procedures.

- Resolution 16/10 To promote implementation of IOTC Conservation and Management Measures

-Iran Fisheries Organization has no special suggestion for this issue but with regard to positive impact of developing and establishing such fund to improve Tuna Fishing procedures, we support it in general and hope to establish such a fund for Tuna Fishing management improvement.

- Resolution 16/11 On Port state measures to prevent, deter and eliminate illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing

-No foreign vessels have requested to enter in Iranian ports in 2016.

In case of entrance of foreign vessels to Iranian ports all their data including landing, boarding and other operations will be sent directly to IOTC Secretariat. In addition, introduced port managers to IOTC have not changed until the end of 2016.

- Resolution 16/12 Working Party on the Implementation of Conservation and Management Measures (WPICMM)

-Iran Fisheries Organization supports objectives of this working group and will take its own managerial and protective steps in line with this resolution.

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>

**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.*

- Iran has already provided the report on Implementation of conservation and management measures adopted by the IOTC.

Regarding resolutions 10/08: We would like to inform you that List of active tuna fishing vessels are sent to IOTC Secretariat with letter no. 36683 dated 15/02/2017. Also, Iran has not requested for fishing vessel number increase in 2016 and list of active registered vessels for 2015 has no change.

**Part C.** Data and information reporting requirements for CPCs to be included in this report (please refer to the section “Implementation Report due by 17 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

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- 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).

	<i>Scientific Observer boarding</i>	<i>Satellite-based vessel monitoring system</i>	<i>Daily or required periodic catch report</i>	<i>Entry/Exit report</i>
<b>Yes, No?</b>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	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"/>
<b>Note</b>	% In Iranian EEZ At the sea port state control 100% Under developing for all	% or number of vessels By use of offline system Off line VMS is available now for all the vessels	Method All the data comes through port state monitoring and port sampler are ready in the ports every day.	Method All fishing fleet are under control during inter and exit of fishing ports, that the results reflected in related form

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

	<b><i>Transhipment report</i></b>	<b><i>Port inspection</i></b>	<b><i>Statistical document program</i></b>
<b>Yes, No?</b>	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"/>
<b>Note</b>	Method Not applicable	Method Not applicable	Not applicable

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

	<b><i>Landing inspection</i></b>	<b><i>Landing reporting</i></b>	<b><i>Cooperation with other Parties</i></b>
<b>Yes, No?</b>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Note</b>	Method Inspections are under taken at landing sites and the data will be gathered by field samplers.	Method Landing reporting carried out quarterly by species and management area	<a href="#">Click here to enter text.</a>

Additional information:

A satellite based monitoring system was started 15 years ago ended following introduction of international sanction 10 years ago as there is currently a lack of satellite access. However Iran monitors the vessels by Offline base VMS and is going to equip its vessels with Thuraya satellite base devices during 2017

- 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 transhipment by foreign vessels in national ports  
 Do not import tuna and tuna-like fish products

**The report on import, landing or transhipment of tuna and tuna-like fish products landed or transhipped in port in 2016 have already been provided to the IOTC Secretariat:**

Yes  **Date of reporting (DD/MM/YYYY):** -Iran Fisheries Organization  
 according letter No.36981 dated 18/02/2017 has been sent to IOTC Secretariat  
 No

**The report on import, landing or transhipment of tuna and tuna-like fish products landed or transhipped in port in 2016 is attached to the implementation report:**

Yes

No

Additional information:

-Regarding this resolution, tuna import to Iran is carried out by non-fishing vessels (Container and refer vessels) and during 2016 no foreign fishing vessel has delivered catch directly in our ports.

- 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.

Nil Report

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

Yes

**Date of reporting (DD/MM/YYYY):** [Click here to enter text.](#)

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

Yes

No

Additional information:

-According article 2-1 of our national regulation of Tuna Fishing, all stakeholders using fishing vessels are obliged to respect IOTC Resolutions and regulations. In this regard, in 2016 we have held plenty of workshops and briefing sessions for vessel owners and captains. Before that we have informed them about banning of fishing activities around Meteorological Buoys.

- 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 2015	Coverage in 2015 (%)
Purse seine	<a href="#">Click here to enter text.</a>	<a href="#">Click here to enter text.</a>
Longline	<a href="#">Click here to enter text.</a>	<a href="#">Click here to enter text.</a>
Gillnet	<a href="#">Click here to enter text.</a>	<a href="#">Click here to enter text.</a>
Bait Boat	<a href="#">Click here to enter text.</a>	<a href="#">Click here to enter text.</a>
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Additional information:

Iran Fisheries Organization has not implemented regional observer scheme because of many reasons that some of these reasons are reflected paragraph 110 of WPEB12. So currently all monitoring and data collection system are collected from port state sampling as the small size of the vessels prevent the accommodation of on board observer. So Iran has implemented national observer port state schema, where main part of investigation and data collection are happening there by presence of observers on board. However Iran is ready to develop a joint plan with support of IOTC for implementation a pilot project according to resolution 16/04

- 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.

- On this way Iran Fisheries Organization hold some training workshops by cooperation of NGOs. The training workshops were hold in Sistan Blochestan province in the Konarak and Beris Ports. In two cases NGOs expert trained fishermen on board during three days. In total four individual marine turtles are reported as bycatch by Iranian fishermen where all of them are caught in Iranian EEZ and safely released.

No	Species	location	Date	Size/cm	sex	Destiny
1	olive ridley sea turtle	Pasabandar_Oman sea	24/July/2016	40	♀	Safely released
2	Green sea turtle	Jofreh- Persian Gulf	3/August/2016	60	♀	Safely Released
3	Green sea turtle	Bandar abass- Persian Gulf	26/August/2016	58	♂	Safely released
4	Green sea turtle	Jask- Oman sea	13/Sept./2016	62	♀	Safely released

- 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.

-There was not any Iranian active longline vessel in 2016. So it is not applicable for Iran during the year.

- 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.

-According article 2-2 of National regulation for tuna fishing management using gillnets with 2.5km length and using artificial nets for attracting tuna is forbidden. Iran Fisheries Organization has held related workshops for briefing fishermen with necessary information in this regard. All fishing gears on board the vessels are checked in their entering and exiting ports.

- 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 (No PS vessels on the IOTC RAV in 2016);**

**No encirclement reported by flag vessels in 2016,**

**Encirclement reported by flag vessels in 2016 (Complete the table below):**

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

In 2016 IFO has not received any report about Cetaceans.

- 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 2016);
- No encirclement reported by flag vessels in 2016,
- Encirclement reported by flag vessels in 2016 (Complete the table below):

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

Additional information:

IFO has never received any report about Whale sharks (*Rhincodon typus*) as bycatch of Iranian fishing vessels.

- 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)*

Additional information:

-Iran Fisheries Organization has given no fishing license to foreign vessels for tuna fishing in IOTC area of competence, and or inland waters

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

Each flag CPC of the LSTV shall include in its annual report each year to IOTC the details on the transhipments in ports by its vessels (Name of LSTV, IOTC Number, name of carrier vessel, species and quantity transhipped, date and location of transhipment). *[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 2016 have already been provided to the IOTC Secretariat:**



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No

**The details on transshipment in ports for 2016 are attached to the implementation report:**

Yes

No

Additional information:

- According article 2-3 of National regulation of Tuna Fishing any transfer of fish at sea is illegal and activities in EEZ waters are subject to case by case approval by this organization. No fishing vessel has obtained permission for collecting fish and setting FADs in offshore fishing grounds from Iran Fisheries Organization

- 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:

- The fishing vessels are obliged to comply with all the conservation and management measures, if they infract those measures, they will be facing a legal actions under the Iran law and regulation.

- 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:

-According to the Iranain law and regulation, it is mandatory to carry out the fishing licenses and other certificates on board the fishing boats.

- 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:

-The vessels who carry out any infraction against Iranian Fisheries org. legislations and instruction are introduced to both court and especial fishing commission for fisherman infraction investigation.

In fact their IUU infraction registered in the vessels dossier, and they have to pay the penalties and tolerate and sanctions. If a vessels two times carry out infractions during six months their licenses cancelled. In fact any action by fisherman registered in their vessel history. When a vessels owner is going to sell, the official office change the owner only by introduction letter of IFO so, IFO inform new owner about the vessels condition and probability infraction. However there is a simple but strict procedure for control of vessels IUU.

- 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:

-All vessels information registered computer base program and history of all vessels are very clear for who want to issue license. But regarding those vessels fishing out of territorial waters we have other especial regulations. Registration of these vessels is different from coastal fishing vessels with especially tailored codes of conduct. For example, we have especial codes of conduct for vessels active on IOTC area of competent which is according IOTC regulations for Tuna Fishing

- 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:

-All fishing vessels in Iran have their own registration number from Iran Port and Maritime Organization and after registration in Iran Fisheries Organization, they obtain their Fishing License, as well. In this License, there is some info on fishing activity and fishing gear and time limit. However According to the Iran law and regulation, the owners of the fishing boats shall be Iranain natioinality.

- Resolution 15/08 Procedures on a 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

From 2015 on, CPCs shall submit to the Commission, 60 days before the Annual Meeting, a report on the progress of the management plans of FADs, including reviews of the initially submitted Management Plans, and including reviews of the application of the principles set out in Annex III.

**Not applicable (No PS vessels on the IOTC RAV in 2016);**

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

Yes

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No

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

Yes

No

Additional information:

- FAD operational program have been presented. In 2016, five purse seiner vessels (Hawour1, Hawour2, Hawour3, Baluch and Parsian Shila) were active and each of these fishing vessels use around 40 dFADs in offshore.

Total catch of these vessels was 530800Mt of which 53% was from the Oman Sea(without dFADs) and remaining from the out of EEZ. Generally FADs frame size is 3m \* 3m and dFADs are natural wooden and have been equipped with Buoyancy and satellite serial number.

Fishing tuna in the Oman Sea is carried out in six months in the middle of year and fishing in out of EEZ is carried out in first season and fourth season of each Georgian Calendar.