



## RESOLUTION 13/05

### ON THE CONSERVATION OF WHALE SHARKS (*RHINCODON TYPUS*)

APPLICABLE TO



## REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

The reporting requirements apply solely to the flag State. There are 2 reporting requirements for this Resolution, namely to report all incidents and actions taken in the event of encirclement with a purse seine net or interactions with any other fishing gear to the flag State authority, and the flag State is to also report any instance of encirclement of whale sharks by purse seine nets.

### WHO

CPC FLAG STATE

### WHAT

Report the following data collected through logbooks or observers - any encirclement with purse seine nets, or any other interaction with other fishing gear with following information:

- i. the number of individuals;
- ii. a short description of the interaction, including details of how and why the interaction occurred, if possible;
- iii. the location of the encirclement;
- iv. the steps taken to ensure safe release;
- v. an assessment of the life status of the animal on release, including whether the whale shark was released alive but subsequently died.

Any instances in which whale sharks have been encircled by purse seine nets by their flagged vessels in accordance with Article X of the IOTC Agreement.

### WHEN

**DEADLINE**  
30 June each year

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60 days before the session of the Commission, Annually

## REPORTING REQUIREMENTS: FORMAT AND CONTENT

There are no specific reporting templates for this Resolution. For the reporting of instances of encirclement to the deadline of 30 of June every year, the reporting shall follow the requirements of the Resolution 15/02. For the reporting in accordance with Article X of the Agreement for encirclement of whale sharks by purse seine nets, it shall be made in the implementation report, Part C.

#### REPORTING REQUIREMENT 1:

REPORT ANY ENCIRCLEMENT WITH PURSE SEINE NETS, OR ANY OTHER INTERACTION WITH OTHER FISHING GEAR

##### IMPLEMENTATION

- How to report: The flag State CPC should report the instances in accordance with the requirement of Resolution 15/02.
- Reporting format: Official letter with appropriate annexes or data reporting form.
- Where to send the information: The letter should be mailed to [secretariat@iotc.org](mailto:secretariat@iotc.org)

#### REPORTING REQUIREMENT 2:

ANY INSTANCES IN WHICH WHALE SHARKS HAVE BEEN ENCIRCLED BY PURSE SEINE NETS BY THEIR FLAGGED VESSELS

##### IMPLEMENTATION

- How to report: The CPC flag State shall report in accordance with Article X of the IOTC Agreement.
- Reporting format: In part C of the Implementation Report.
- Where to send the information: The report should be mailed to [secretariat@iotc.org](mailto:secretariat@iotc.org)

## COOPERATION REQUIREMENTS

There is none in this resolution.

## OBLIGATIONS OF THE INDUSTRY

Report instances of encirclement to their flag State.

## OBLIGATIONS OF THE SECRETARIAT

There is none in this resolution.

## OBLIGATIONS OF THE COMMISSION & BODIES

The Commission tasked the IOTC Scientific Committee to develop best practice guidelines for safe release and handling of whale sharks, considering other such documentation and practices of other RFMOs, for submission to the Commission meeting in 2014.



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