
CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT MEASURES REQUIRING ACTION BY THE COMMISSION IN 2018

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PURPOSE

To inform the Commission of matters and actions contained in IOTC Conservation and Management Measures (CMMs), which require the Commission's attention.

BACKGROUND

The Commission has adopted some CMMs that have set timeframes for actions to be taken. Three CMMs that require attention in 2018 are listed below.

1) **Resolution 17/08 *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***

Resolution 17/08 called for the development of a FAD marking scheme for consideration by the Commission. The Compliance Committee will advise the Commission on this matter following CoC15.

In 2018, the Commission will also consider IOTC-2018-S22-PropF which proposes to supersede Resolution 17/08.

2) **Resolution 15/11 *On the implementation of a limitation of fishing capacity of Contracting Parties and Cooperating Non-Contracting Parties***

This Resolution calls on CPCs to implement a limitation on their fishing capacity targeting tropical tunas, swordfish and albacore stocks, while allowing for the inclusion of vessels under construction during specific reference years, proposed by CPCs in their fleet development plans.

Resolution 15/11 was applicable during the years 2015 and 2016, and the Commission reviewed its implementation in at S20 in 2016. In 2016, (Para 122 of IOTC–2016–S20–R) the Commission agreed to extend the applicability of Resolution 15/11 for an additional year, and again review its implementation in 2017. In 2017 (Para 138 IOTC-2017-S21-R) the Commission agreed to extend the applicability of Resolution 15/11 for an additional year; however, the Commission also agreed that Resolution 15/11, as it currently stands, may not be extended beyond 2018.

In 2018, the Commission will consider IOTC-2018-S22-PropN which proposes to supersede Resolution 15/11.

3) **Resolution 12/06 *on reducing the incidental bycatch of seabirds in longline fisheries***

Resolution 12/06 called for an analysis of the impact of the measures on seabird bycatch to be prepared by S20 (2016). In 2017, the Commission acknowledged that there was little information available in 2016 for the Scientific Committee to fully review the effectiveness of the mitigation measures outlined in Resolution 12/06, and agreed to extend the due date until such a time that more information is available.

According to the SC Report of 2017, this analysis is yet to be completed.

RECOMMENDATION/S

That the Commission:

- 1) **NOTE** paper IOTC–2018–S22–10 which alerts the Commission the need for actions on some CMMs due to the expiry of specified timelines.
- 2) **CONSIDERS** how to address each of the previously agreed requirements detailed in this paper.