

**RESOLUTION 17/05**ON THE CONSERVATION OF SHARKS CAUGHT
IN ASSOCIATION WITH FISHERIES MANAGED BY IOTC

APPLICABLE TO

**REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

This resolution, which supersedes Resolutions 05/05 and 02/02 is targeted mainly at flag States and pursues the objective of protecting and conserving sharks which are caught as bycatch in fisheries under IOTC management and, which are often the object of ad hoc, or more targeted shark finning operations. The resolution recognizes that artisanal fishers traditionally utilize the entire carcass.

For flag States, there is a single annual reporting requirement which includes the submission of nominal catch, catch and effort and size frequency on sharks to the IOTC, in accordance with IOTC data reporting procedures. The deadline for these reporting requirement is the same as the deadline applicable to Resolution 15/02 on Mandatory Statistical Requirements for IOTC CPCs.

WHO

CPC FLAG STATE

WHAT

Report nominal catch, catch and effort and size frequency data of catches of sharks collected through logbooks programme

Report nominal catch, catch and effort and size frequency data of catches of sharks from the coastal fleet

WHEN

DEADLINES

All fleets, except longline fleets, to submit yearly data by 30 June, annually.

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS: FORMAT AND CONTENT

FLAG STATE SHARK DATA REPORTING

Detailed template reporting forms also covering shark catches have been developed by the Secretariat in Excel format. These forms cover data reporting requirements under resolution 15/02 on Mandatory Statistical Requirements, and accommodate the reporting needs under this resolution.



REPORTING REQUIREMENT 1:

PROVIDE STATISTICS OF CATCHES OF SHARKS: NOMINAL CATCH, CATCH AND EFFORT AND SIZE FREQUENCY, COLLECTED THROUGH THE LOGBOOK PROGRAMME, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE IOTC DATA REPORTING PROCEDURES.

IMPLEMENTATION

- How to report: For shark data required to be submitted under the resolution, the specific data recording and submission guidelines, as provided within the applicable template forms, ought to be followed meticulously. For sharks, forms 1RC, 3CE, 3AR and 4SF apply.
- Reporting format: Data must be submitted in specified file format. The template spread-sheet form can be accessed via <http://www.iotc.org/data/requested-statistics-and-submission-forms>
- Where to send the information: The data report should be mailed to iotc-secretariat@fao.org



REPORTING REQUIREMENT 2:

PROVIDE STATISTICS OF CATCHES OF SHARKS: NOMINAL CATCH, CATCH AND EFFORT AND SIZE FREQUENCY OF CATCHES OF SHARKS FROM THE COASTAL FLEET, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE IOTC DATA REPORTING PROCEDURES.

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COOPERATION REQUIREMENTS

The Commission shall consider appropriate assistance to developing CPCs for the collection of data on their shark catches

OBLIGATIONS OF THE INDUSTRY

- Full utilization of the shark catch;
- Live release of sharks where possible;
- For sharks landed fresh: CPCs shall prohibit the landing, retention on-board, transshipment and carrying of shark fins which are not naturally attached to the shark carcass until the first point of landing;
- For sharks landed frozen, vessels to not have on-board fins that total more than 5 % of the weight of (finned) shark carcasses on-board, up to the first point of landing;
- Vessels are prohibited from retaining on board, transshipping or landing any fins harvested in contravention to this resolution.

OBLIGATIONS OF THE SECRETARIAT

There are none in this resolution.

OBLIGATIONS OF THE COMMISSION & BODIES

The Scientific Committee is to request the IOTC Working Party on Ecosystems and Bycatch to continue its work on identifying and monitoring the status of sharks until such time as comprehensive assessments are possible for all relevant shark species/groups. In particular, the IOTC Working Party on Ecosystems and Bycatch will establish the Terms of Reference for the Commission to establish a long term-project on sharks in IOTC, with the aim to ensure the collection of data required for performing reliable stock assessments for key shark species.

The Commission has two obligations under the resolution:

1. It shall develop and consider for adoption at its regular annual session in 2017 mechanisms to encourage CPCs to comply with their reporting requirement on sharks, notably on the most vulnerable shark species identified by the IOTC Scientific Committee.
2. It will re-assess the provisions of paragraph 3 (ban on finning for sharks landed fresh, and fin/carcass ratio of 5% for sharks landed frozen) at its 2019 annual meeting in light of recommendations from the Scientific Committee, using the best available science and case studies from other CPCs already prohibiting the removal of shark fins on board vessels.



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