

**RESOLUTION 13/06**ON A SCIENTIFIC AND MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK ON  
THE CONSERVATION OF SHARK SPECIES CAUGHT IN  
ASSOCIATION WITH IOTC MANAGED FISHERIES

APPLICABLE TO

**REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

This Resolution is for the protection of whitetip shark (*Carcharinus longimanus*) taken as bycatch in the tuna fisheries. In essence this Resolution prohibits retention on board, transhipment, landing or storage of any whitetip shark or part thereof, except for scientific purposes and artisanal fishers (paragraph 3). Further, CPCs shall require their vessels to release unharmed any whitetip sharks brought alongside or from the line (paragraph 4).

There is data reporting requirement for CPCs whose vessels or fishermen catch oceanic whitetip shark. The requirement covers catch statistics, and the deadline for the reporting requirement is 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 oceanic whitetip shark, in accordance with IOTC data reporting procedures

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

## WHEN

### DEADLINES

*To submit yearly data by 30<sup>th</sup> June, annually.  
Longline fleets to confirm yearly data by 30<sup>th</sup> December, annually*

## REPORTING REQUIREMENTS: FORMAT AND CONTENT

Paragraph 8 notes that the data shall be submitted according to IOTC data reporting procedures. This is presumed to be the data received by CPCs according to Paragraph 5 where they 'encourage' their fishers to record incidental catches and live releases of oceanic whitetip shark.

Detailed template reporting forms also covering shark catches have been developed by the Secretariat and the Scientific Committee 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.

## OCEANIC WHITETIP SHARK DATA REPORTING BY FLAG STATE

### REPORTING REQUIREMENT 1:

SUBMIT TO THE IOTC SECRETARIAT A REPORT ON THE INCIDENTAL CATCH OF OCEANIC WHITETIP SHARK, NOMINAL CATCH, CATCH AND EFFORT AND SIZE FREQUENCY, AS REQUIRED BY IOTC DATA REPORTING PROCEDURES

### IMPLEMENTATION

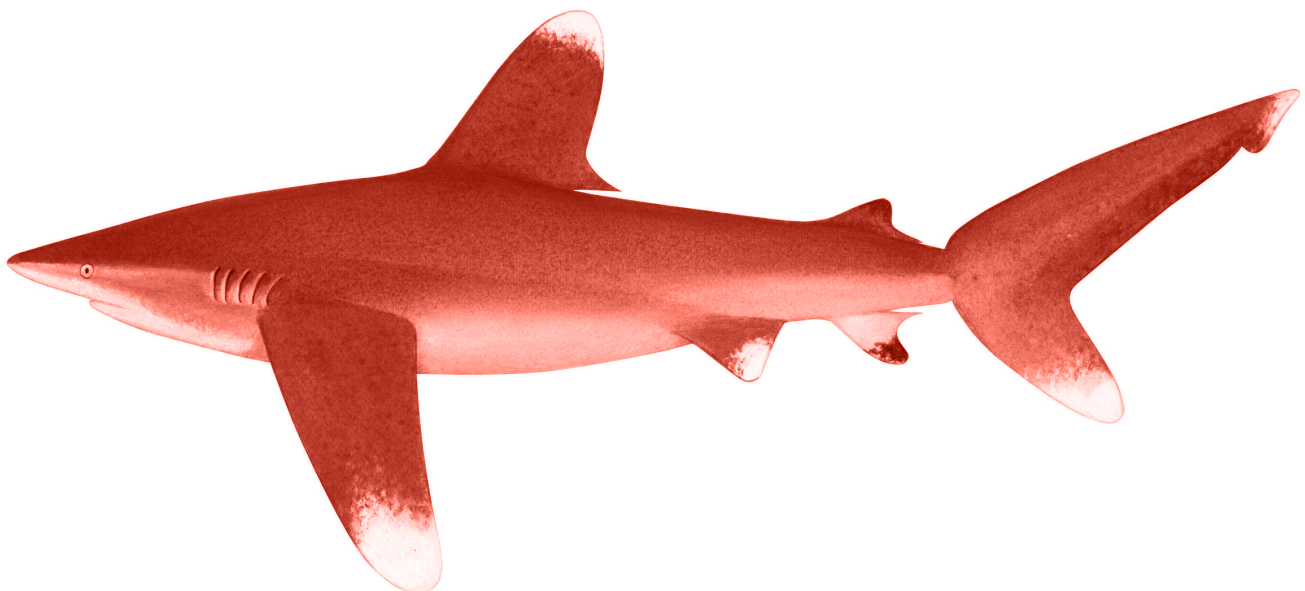
- How to report: For incidental catch of oceanic whitetip shark data required to be submitted under this Resolution should be according to IOTC data reporting procedures. Specific data recording and submission guidelines have been developed by the Scientific Committee and for shark data the applicable 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 under <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](mailto:iotc-secretariat@fao.org)

#### REPORTING REQUIREMENT 2:

PROVIDE TO THE IOTC SECRETARIAT A REPORT OF CATCHES OF OCEANIC WHITETIP 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

#### **IMPLEMENTATION**

- How to report: For oceanic whitetip 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.
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Oceanic Whitetip Shark (*Carcharhinus longimanus*), © R.Swainston/anima.net.au



## COOPERATION REQUIREMENTS

There are none in this resolution.

## OBLIGATIONS OF THE INDUSTRY

Industry is 'encouraged' to report details on incidental catch of oceanic whitetip shark to their flag State authorities.

## OBLIGATIONS OF THE SECRETARIAT

The IOTC Secretariat is to 'keep' the data on incidental catch of oceanic whitetip shark.

## OBLIGATIONS OF THE COMMISSION & BODIES

The provisional measures in this Resolution are to be evaluated by the Scientific Committee in 2016 to deliver more appropriate advice to the Commission for the management of the stock.



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