

**RESOLUTION 12/04**

ON THE CONSERVATION OF MARINE TURTLES

APPLICABLE TO



CPC FLAG STATE



CPC COASTAL STATE



CPC PORT STATE



CPC MARKET STATE



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REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

This Resolution strengthens the foregoing Resolution 09/06 and Recommendation 05/08, which were pursuing the same goal of protecting marine turtles. The Resolution takes into account, and gives continuance to the intent of other Conventions, Agreements and Organisations in the domain of conserving sea turtles; such as CITES, the IOSEA MoU, or the FAO Guidelines to Reduce Sea Turtle Mortality in Fishing Operations.

There are 4 reporting requirements for the Flag State for this Resolution, pertaining to report to the IOTC Secretariat of interactions, the Scientific Committee on successful mitigation measures, and the Commission on implementation of the FAO Guidelines. CPCs that undertake research on circle hooks, whole finfish bait, FADs designs, alternative handling practices, gillnet design and fishing practices are also 'requested' to report the results to the Commission.

WHO

CPC FLAG STATE

WHAT

Collect data on interactions with marine turtles and report to the IOTC Secretariat

Report to the Commission - Article X on implementation of FAO Guidelines and this Resolution

Report to the Scientific Committee on new mitigation measures and impacts on marine turtles

Report results of research trials to the Scientific Committee

WHEN

DEADLINE

30 June for data from the previous year

DEADLINE

In the Implementation Report, part C, 60 days before the session of the Commission

DEADLINE

In the National Scientific Report 30 days before Scientific Committee meeting

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS: FORMAT AND CONTENT

There are different templates for the reporting requirements on this resolution depending to who the data and information shall be provided.



REPORTING REQUIREMENT 1:

ALL DATA ON INTERACTIONS WITH MARINE TURTLES BY 30 JUNE EACH YEAR TO THE IOTC SECRETARIAT

IMPLEMENTATION

- How to report: The flag State CPC should use the data report template related to discards.
- Reporting format: Data must be submitted in specified file format. The template spread-sheet forms can be accessed under <http://www.iotc.org/data/requested-statistics-and-submission-forms>
- Where to send the information: The report should be mailed to iotc-secretariat@fao.org

REPORTING REQUIREMENT 2:

REPORT TO THE COMMISSION IN THE ANNUAL IMPLEMENTATION REPORT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE X OF THE AGREEMENT, THEIR PROGRESS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FAO GUIDELINES AND THIS RESOLUTION

IMPLEMENTATION

- How to report: The flag State should report in the Implementation Report, part C, wherein it details the progress in the implementation of the FAO Guidelines and this Resolution.
- Reporting format: Template report on FAO Guidelines and Implementation Report are available at <http://www.iotc.org/compliance/reporting-templates>
- Where to send the information: The letter should be mailed to iotc-secretariat@fao.org

REPORTING REQUIREMENT 3:

REPORT TO THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE ON ANY SUCCESSFUL MITIGATION MEASURES AND OTHER IMPACTS ON MARINE TURTLES IN THE IOTC AREA OF COMPETENCE, SUCH AS THE DETERIORATION OF NESTING SITES AND SWALLOWING OF MARINE DEBRIS

IMPLEMENTATION

- How to report: The flag State should report in the National Scientific Report, wherein it details any new mitigation measures that were successful, or any other impacts on marine turtles.
- Reporting format: In the National Scientific Report.
- Where to send the information: The report should be mailed to iotc-secretariat@fao.org



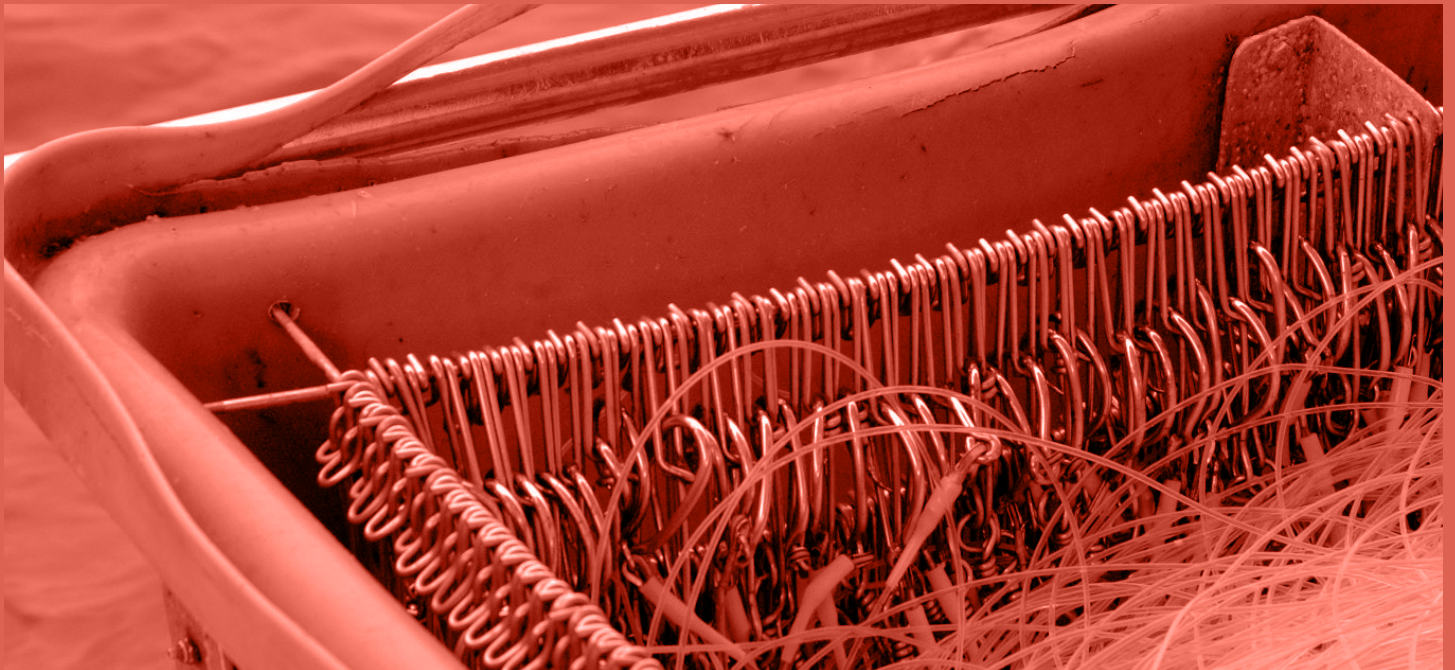
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REPORTING REQUIREMENT 4:

REPORT TO THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE ON THE RESULTS OF RESEARCH TRIALS OF CIRCLE HOOKS, USE OF WHOLEFISH FOR BAIT, ALTERNATIVE FADS DESIGNS, ALTERNATIVE HANDLING TECHNIQUES, GILLNET DESIGN AND FISHING PRACTICES AND ANY OTHER MITIGATION METHODS WHICH IMPROVE THE MITIGATION OF ADVERSE EFFECTS ON MARINE TURTLES

IMPLEMENTATION

- How to report: The flag State should report in the National Scientific Report, wherein it details any new mitigation measures that were successful, or any other impacts on marine turtles.
- Reporting format: In the National Scientific Report.
- Where to send: The report should be mailed to iotc-secretariat@fao.org



COOPERATION REQUIREMENTS

There are none in this resolution.

OBLIGATIONS OF THE INDUSTRY

Industry are required to report details on interactions with marine turtles to their flag State authorities through the logbook programme.

OBLIGATIONS OF THE SECRETARIAT

The IOTC and IOSEA Secretariats are to intensify their collaboration and information exchange on marine turtles in accordance with Commission protocols.

OBLIGATIONS OF THE COMMISSION & BODIES

The Scientific Committee shall:

- Task the working Party on Ecosystems and Bycatch to:
 - a) Develop recommendations on appropriate mitigation measures for gillnet, longline and purse seine fisheries in the IOTC area;
 - b) Develop regional standards covering data collection, data exchange and training;
 - c) Develop improved FAD designs to reduce the incidence of entanglement of marine turtles, including the use of biodegradable materials.
- Review CPC reports and provide recommendations to the Commission to strengthen efforts to reduce turtle interactions in the IOTC fisheries.



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