**RESOLUTION 17/08**

**GUIDELINES FOR PREPARATION OF ANCHORED FISH AGGREGATING DEVICE (AFAD) MANAGEMENT PLANS**

To support obligations in respect of the AFAD Management Plan (AFAD–MP) to be submitted to the IOTC Secretariat by CPCs with fleets fishing in the IOTC area of competence, associated to AFADs, AFAD– MP should include:

1. An objective

2. Scope:

 Description of its application with respect to:

a) Vessel types

b) AFAD numbers and/or AFADs beacons numbers to be deployed (per AFAD type)

c) reporting procedures for AFAD deployment

d) distances between AFADs

e) incidental bycatch reduction and utilisation policy

f) consideration of interaction with other gear types

g) the establishment of inventories of the AFADs deployed, detailing AFAD identifiers, characteristics and equipment of each AFAD as laid down in point 4 of the present Annex, coordinates of the AFAD's mooring sites, date of set, lost and reset

h) plans for monitoring and retrieval of lost AFADs

i) statement or policy on “AFAD ownership”

3. Institutional arrangements for management of the AFAD Management Plans:

a) Institutional responsibilities

b) Regulations applicable to the setting and use of AFADs

c) AFAD repairs, maintenance rules and replacement policy

d) Data collection system

e) reporting obligations

4. AFAD construction specifications and requirements:

a) AFAD design characteristics (a description of both the floating structure and the underwater structure, with special emphasis on any netting materials used)

b) Anchorage used for mooring

c) AFAD markings and identifiers, including AFAD beacons if any

d) Lighting requirements if any

e) radar reflectors

f) visible distance

g) radio buoys if any (requirement for serial numbers)

h) satellite transceivers (requirement for serial numbers)

i) echo sounder

5. Applicable areas

a) Coordinates of mooring sites, if applicable

b) Details of any closed areas e.g., shipping lanes, Marine Protected Areas, reserves etc.

6. Means for monitoring and reviewing implementation of the AFAD–MP

 AFAD logbook

* Catch reporting from AFAD sets (consistent with the Standards for the provision of Catch and Effort Data) set out in [Resolution 13/03](#Resolution1303)), including:

a) Any visit in a AFAD.

b) For each visit on a AFAD, whether followed or not by a set or other fishing activities, the,

i. position;

ii. date;

iii. AFAD identifier (i.e., FAD Marking or beacon ID or any information allowing to identify the owner).

c) If the visit is followed by a set or other fishing activities, the results of the set in terms of catch and bycatch.