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# **Report of the Twelfth Session of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission**

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The 12th Session of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC) was held in Muscat, Sultanate of Oman, from 7 to 11 June 2008. Representatives of 20 Members of the Commission, two Cooperating Non-contracting Parties, FAO, seven Observers and invited experts attended the Session.

The Commission agreed to defer finalising its options on creating a more effective and efficient Commission until its next session when the results of the IOTC Performance Review are available.

The Commission acknowledged the advice of the Scientific Committee on the status of the stocks under the IOTC mandate and reiterated its concerns about the adverse effects that missing and poor quality data are having on the stock assessments. The Commission introduced measures to improve the fisheries data available to scientists by better clarifying the mandatory data requirements and requesting new information from some fishing sectors. Furthermore, the Commission introduced a standardised logbook for the longline vessels.

Acting on recent international advances in eliminating the incidental bycatch of seabirds the Commission introduced a new range of fishing practices to improve its existing seabird mitigation measures.

Continuing its efforts to eliminate illegal, unregulated and unreported fishing in the IOTC Area, the Commission introduced measures to strengthen the monitoring of transshipments at sea.

The Commission approved the 2008/09 Program of Work and Budget of the Secretariat, and the schedule of contributions.

Senegal, South Africa and Uruguay were granted Cooperating Non-contracting Party status.

The following resolutions were adopted by the Commission:

- *Resolution 08/01 Mandatory Statistical Requirements For IOTC Members and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties (CPC's)*
- *Resolution 08/02 On establishing a programme for transshipment by large-scale fishing vessels*
- *Resolution 08/03 On Reducing the Incidental Bycatch of Seabirds in Longline Fisheries*
- *Resolution 08/04 Concerning The Recording Of Catch By Longline Fishing Vessels In The IOTC Area*

## **1. OPENING OF THE SESSION**

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2. In the opening ceremony, the Undersecretary, Ministry of Fisheries Wealth H. E. Dr. Hamad bin Saeed Al Oufi, made the Welcoming Address, followed by Mr Alejandro Anganuzzi (Secretary IOTC) and Mr Rondolph Payet (Chairperson of IOTC). The texts of the addresses by Dr Al Oufi and Mr Payet are provided in [Appendix II](#). H.E. Yusuf bin Alawi bin Abdullah, the Honourable Minister of Foreign Affairs was the guest of honour at the ceremony.

## **2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SESSION**

3. The Commission adopted the Agenda as presented in [Appendix III](#) to this report. The documents before the Commission are listed in [Appendix IV](#).

## **3. ADMISSION OF OBSERVERS**

4. Pursuant to Article VII of the Agreement establishing the IOTC, the Commission admitted observers from the United States of America, the Russian Federation, the Indian Ocean Commission (IOC), the Organisation for the Promotion of Responsible Tuna Fisheries (OPRT), Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels (ACAP) and Birdlife International, as well as invited experts from Taiwan, Province of China. The Commission noted the presence of FAO (the Food and Agricultural Organisation of the United Nations) as a special observer.

## **4. CONSIDERATION OF ACTIONS BEING TAKEN TO ACHIEVE A MORE EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT COMMISSION PURSUANT TO ARTICLE VII OF THE AGREEMENT ESTABLISHING THE IOTC**

5. The Commission was briefed by the FAO representative on actions taken by FAO since the last Session concerning this issue.

6. China, India and Iran, each stated that they want to continue to work with FAO in an effort to fully achieve the Commissions goals.

7. The EC, Australia and Japan each expressed their regret that more progress has not been achieved on this matter over the past 12 months and concern for the potential adverse consequences the situation has for the conservation and management of the IOTC species.

8. The Commission stressed the need for members to hold further consultations on this matter and indicated it would wait until the current IOTC Performance Review has concluded and the results tabled at the next Session before making a decision on how to proceed with this matter.

## **5. REPORT OF THE 10TH SESSION OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE**

9. The report of the Tenth Session of the Scientific Committee (IOTC-2007-SC-R) was presented by the Scientific Committee Chair Dr Francis Marsac (France). The Commission acknowledged the report and considered the following issues.

10. The Commission reiterated its concerns about the low levels of participation at IOTC technical meetings in terms of both numbers of participants and coverage of Members.

11. The Commission also reiterated its concern about the lack of fisheries data, especially from the artisanal and some industrial fisheries, and noted that the absence of information is reducing the quality of the stock assessments for a range of IOTC species, notably yellowfin tuna.

12. Concerned about the apparent inability of some Contracting and Cooperating Non-contracting Parties (CPCs) to meet their obligations with respect to IOTC data requirements and deadlines, the

Commission indicated that some form of sanctions might have to be considered in the future in order to improve the situation.

13. The Commission recalled the considerable contribution to data collection that the IOTC-OFCF<sup>1</sup> Project has made over the last six years and noted the Scientific Committee's concerns that initiatives similar to those undertaken under the IOTC-OFCF project may not be possible in the future unless additional funding is forthcoming. Several CPCs acknowledged the benefits received from their participation in the IOTC-OFCF Project and strongly recommended that similar activities be continued.

14. The Commission encouraged Members to provide assistance to developing countries in the area of fisheries statistics so they might become better able to collect and report data as required by the IOTC. Furthermore, the Commission agreed to consider the allocation of specific funds in support of this activity once that the IOTC-OFCF Project comes to an end. Notwithstanding this, the Commission reiterated that the collection and reporting of data is an obligation for all Members and that CPC's are expected to establish independent procedures to ensure the delivery of information as soon as possible.

15. The Commission noted with concern the paucity of data available from several non-member countries that have major fisheries for IOTC species, notably Maldives and Yemen. The EC informed the Commission about actions it has taken in collaboration with Yemen to implement a fisheries information system.

16. Regarding the Scientific Committee's advice on proposed changes to IOTC's mandatory statistical requirements, Japan, China and Korea did not fully agree that the use of monthly one-degree area catch and effort data from longline fisheries in the stock assessments of IOTC species was required in all cases. Furthermore, they reiterated that they are not prepared to provide this information for reasons relating to confidentiality.

17. The Commission expressed its concern about the inconclusive results of the stock assessment for yellowfin tuna undertaken in 2007 given the extraordinarily high catches of yellowfin over the period from 2003 to 2006 that were above the range of the estimates for maximum sustainable yield. The Commission also noted the need to obtain additional indices of abundance, notably from the industrial purse-seine fisheries. The Commission acknowledged the advice from the Scientific Committee's that a further increase in both effective fishing effort and catch above average levels in 2002 should be avoided.

18. The Commission recalled the results of the comprehensive stock assessment for bigeye tuna conducted in 2006. The Commission acknowledged the Scientific Committee's recommendation that catches should not exceed the maximum sustainable yield (MSY) and fishing effort should not increase further from the 2004 levels.

19. The Commission recalled the existing advice from the Scientific Committee on skipjack tuna that the range of stock indicators available to the Scientific Committee do not signal that there are any problems in the fishery currently.

20. The Commission recalled the existing advice from the Scientific Committee on albacore that the Commission be very cautious in allowing increases in catch or fishing effort from the 2002 levels until there is more certainty about the status of the stock.

21. Some Members noted that the last assessment of albacore was undertaken in 2004, and, although a meeting of the Working Party on Temperate Tunas is not scheduled for 2008, requested if possible that an assessment be carried out and the results be reported at the next Session of the Commission.

22. The Commission recalled the existing advice from the Scientific Committee on swordfish that management measures focussed on controlling and/or reducing effort in the fishery targeting swordfish be implemented.

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<sup>1</sup> OFCF: Overseas Fishery Cooperation Foundation of Japan.

23. The Commission acknowledged that comprehensive stock assessments for key shark species will not be available in the near future due to the paucity of historical data; however, the Commission reiterated its desire for such assessments to be conducted as soon as possible and urged members to report all data available to the Secretariat.

24. The Commission noted the Scientific Committee's concerns that, at its last meeting, only a few CPCs provided National Reports to the Committee with information on the progress of the technical work undertaken by each CPC during the past twelve months. The Commission stressed to Members that these reports are important and need to be submitted as agreed.

25. The Commission also noted the concerns of the Scientific Committee that the current level of staffing of the Secretariat means that it is unable to provide the amount of scientific support to the technical meetings that the Committee requires.

26. Aware of IOTC Resolutions calling for countries to freeze fishing capacity at certain levels pertaining to particular years, the Commission noted that no estimates of overall fishing capacity are currently available. Australia informed the Commission that it has allocated funds to carry out this work but as yet they have not been used. The Commission requested that the Scientific Committee address this matter as soon as possible and if necessary, the funding from Australia be used to expedite the work so that estimates of fishing capacity for the Indian Ocean are available at the next session.

27. While expressing its gratitude for the comprehensive nature of the current Scientific Committee report, in order to assist it in its deliberations on technical matters, the Commission requested that, in addition to the current style of report, a separate summary document containing an overview of the stock status and recommendations be provided in the future.

## **6. REPORT OF THE COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE**

28. The Report of the Compliance Committee (provided in [Appendix V](#)) was presented by the Committee Chair, Dr John Kalish (Australia).

### ***Status of the application of IOTC conservation and management measures***

29. The Commission noted the performance of members in meeting their obligations relating the following IOTC Resolutions: 01/05 on mandatory fisheries statistics requirements for IOTC Members; 07/02 on the IOTC Record of Authorised Vessels; 07/04 on the IOTC list of active vessels; 05/03 on port inspections; 06/01 on the bigeye statistical document programme and 06/03 on the implementation of VMS programmes.

30. The Commission acknowledged that while many members are meeting their reporting requirements and some other members have taken steps to improve their performance in this area, it is still concerned about the following matters:

- persistent gaps in the fisheries data that are affecting the quality of stock assessments
- lack of vessel information which will hinder attempts to estimate fishing capacity
- the overall lack of reporting by CPCs receiving foreign vessels in their ports and low levels of implementation of port inspection programmes and/or Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) programmes, all of which will hinder efforts to eliminate Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) fishing.

31. The Commission reiterated the need for CPC's to strictly abide by the IOTC data and information requirements and deadlines; and further reminded members of the possibility of imposing penalties or sanctions in the future in order to improve the situation.

32. The Commission noted the progress in the implementation of IOTC Resolution 06/02 *On Establishing a Programme for Transshipment by Large-Scale Fishing Vessels* in particular the document describing the terms of reference and technical and financial requirements for parties interested in tendering for the job of establishing the programme.



### ***IOTC IUU Vessels list***

33. The Commission agreed to the following changes in the IOTC IUU Vessels List based on Document IOTC-2008-S12-CoC13:

- The Ocean Lion be retained on the list but the information pertaining to the flag be amended to Current Flag: unknown, previous flag: Equatorial Guinea.
- That the Yu Mann Won be retained on the list but the information pertaining to the flag be amended to Current Flag: unknown, previous flag: Georgia.
- Add the vessel Gunuar Melyan 21.

34. The IOTC IUU Vessels List declared by the Commission in 2008 is given in [Appendix VI](#).

### ***Applications for cooperating non-contracting party status***

35. The Commission endorsed the recommendations of the Compliance Committee to grant the status of Co-operating Non-Contracting Party until the 13<sup>th</sup> Session in 2009 to Senegal, South Africa and Uruguay.

36. In response to the absence of Uruguay at the meeting, the Commission requested the Executive Secretary to inform Uruguay that future applications for cooperating status will not be considered *in absentia*.

### ***Other conservation and management matters***

37. The Commission noted the concerns raised by some Members in relation to Resolution 05/05 *Concerning the Conservation of Shark Caught in Association with Fisheries Managed by IOTC*, that this Resolution lacks clarity in relation to Paragraph 4 and whether “5% of the weight of sharks onboard up to the first point of landing” refers to the dressed weight or live weight of sharks retained. The Commission recognised that this is a complex issue and ratios vary depending on factors such as the species concerned, processing methods and the set of fins retained. The Commission agreed that, as an interim measure, CPCs having concerns with the current lack of clarity in the Resolution should notify the Secretariat of the manner in which they are interpreting the current wording of the Resolution, including information on processing methods and fin retention practices. This information should be provided in sufficient detail to enable jurisdictions engaged in compliance activities to determine a vessel’s level of compliance with the Resolution. The Commission agreed that this and other relevant information will be reviewed by the Working Party on Ecosystem and Bycatch and the Scientific Committee and a report be provided by the Scientific Committee on options to clarify Resolution 05/05 for consideration at the 2009 Commission meeting.

## **7. REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE (SCAF)**

38. The report of the Standing Committee on Administration and Finance (provided in [Appendix VII](#)) was presented by its Chair, Mr Geoffrey Nanyaro (Tanzania).

39. The Commission noted the recent changes to the staff at the Secretariat, in particular the recruitment of a Compliance Officer (replacing the Fisheries Statistician) and agreed that this was an appropriate change to meet the needs of the Commission.

40. The Commission approved the recruitment of a stock assessment scientist to join the Secretariat in accordance with the work plan for 2008-09.

41. Some Members expressed their concern that the work plan for 2008-09 presented by the Secretary includes work that could be considered to be beyond the core functions of the Secretariat. This included involvement in capacity building exercises in science and data management for members. The Commission noted that it is the responsibility of CPCs to devote the necessary resources to build the capabilities necessary to fully implement the Commission’s conservation and management measures. The Secretary informed the Commission that the Secretariat continued to be involved in such activities as they relate to the IOTC-OFCF project. This project has now been scaled-down and only one staff member is currently involved, on an intermittent basis. Other

Members of the Commission expressed their support for the Secretariat to be actively involved in such capacity building activities as per Article V2b of the IOTC Agreement.

42. The Commission thanked the Secretary for providing a comprehensive financial statement; however, it also reiterated the need that the budget proposal be presented within the deadline established, to allow Members time to adequately consider the proposed budget and plan of work prior to the commencement of the meeting.

43. The Commission adopted the budget for the year 2008 and the scheme of contributions for the Members as listed in Annex II of the SCAF report.

## **8. CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT MEASURES**

### ***Reducing seabird bycatch***

44. The Commission noted the recommendation from the Scientific Committee on the need to implement a combination of mitigation measures (instead of the one existing measure), to more effectively reduce the mortality of seabirds due to longline operations. It was noted that similar measures have been adopted by other Regional Fisheries Management Organisations (RFMOs) and have led to marked reductions in seabird bycatch rates.

45. The Commission discussed on the effectiveness of a range of bycatch reduction measures, and while it accepted that methods such as bait casting devices and the use of double tori lines alone, required more research to determine their effectiveness, it was agreed that a range of other, proven, methods should be used in combination to achieve a reduction in seabird bycatches.

46. As a consequence, the Commission adopted Resolution 08/03 *On reducing the incidental bycatch of seabirds in longline fisheries* (listed in [Appendix VIII](#)).

### ***Use of trade sanctions to eliminate IUU fishing***

47. The EC presented a proposal for a resolution on trade measures, that would strengthen the provisions of Recommendation 03/05 *Concerning trade measures*, and make the use of trade sanctions against flag states operating in deliberate contravention of IOTC management and conservation measures mandatory.

48. The Commission agreed that the ability to impose trade sanctions would complement other existing management tools, especially those concerning the implementation of control and inspection schemes and the monitoring of at-sea transshipments, and strengthen its ability to eliminate IUU activities.

49. However, some CPC's indicated that implementing such trade measures would need careful legal and technical planning, and involve multiple government institutions; therefore more time would be needed to consider the trade sanctions proposal. Subsequently the Commission agreed to defer consideration of this proposal to a future Session.

### ***Monitoring transshipments at sea***

50. France presented a proposal for a Resolution that would result in a total ban of transshipment-at-sea. This measure had also been proposed in 2006 and 2007. France informed the Commission that the banning of transshipment-at sea would be in line with actions already taken by members of the Indian Ocean Commission (within their Exclusive Economic Zones (EEZs)); furthermore, it would contribute to the fight against IUU fishing and would bring benefits to coastal developing states.

51. Some members indicated that they did not support this proposal as measures to monitor the activities of fishing vessels transshipping catches on the high seas are already in place and it would be premature to implement other measures until the effectiveness of the measures currently in place is assessed.

52. Other Members were in support of banning transshipments-at-sea and informed the Commission that in 2007 the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) implemented measures to monitor the transshipments of longline vessels at-sea, along the lines of the existing IOTC measures, but that the measures have, so far, not been successful.

53. The Commission decided to continue with the current transshipment monitoring programme but adopted Resolution 08/02 *On establishing a programme for transshipment by large-scale fishing vessels*, listed in [Appendix VIII](#) which contains improvements to the terms of reference for observers (and supersedes the original transshipment programme, Resolution 06/02).

***Reporting IUU activities to the Commission***

54. Mauritius informed the Commission about its actions concerning the illegal activities of fishing vessels that carry fish from other vessels, including IUU vessels, identified during the unloading of the catches. Information on the infractions was reported to the Secretary, who then disseminated it to Commission members. The Commission encouraged other Members to report any available information on infractions to the Secretariat, and for such information to be broadcast to Members in an effort to restrict the operations of the vessels involved.

***Mandatory statistical requirements for Members***

55. At its 11th Session, the Commission requested that the Scientific Committee examine the proposal on mandatory statistical requirements for IOTC Members (IOTC-2007-S11-PropE-rev1) and provide advice on which data are required for scientific purposes. In 2007 the Scientific Committee examined the document and made a range of technical-based recommendations for the Commissions deliberations. After considering the Scientific Committee's advice and holding further discussions, the Commission adopted Resolution 08/01 *Mandatory statistical requirements for IOTC members and cooperating non-contracting parties* (listed in [Appendix VIII](#)).

***Standardisation of a logbook for longliners operating in the IOTC Area***

56. Also at its 11th Session, the Commission requested that the Scientific Committee determine minimum data requirements for a logbook covering the longline fleets. The Scientific Committee did this and produced a logbook template form for the Commissions deliberations. After considering the Scientific Committee's advice and holding further discussions, the Commission adopted Resolution 08/04 *Concerning the recording of catch by longline fishing vessels in the IOTC Area* (listed in [Appendix VIII](#)).

***Proposed changes to the Port Inspection Scheme***

57. The EC presented a proposal to strengthen the current programme of inspection in port (IOTC-2008-S12-PropE). Some Members indicated that they would prefer to defer making changes to the port inspection measures until the work being carried out by FAO on their Model Scheme on Port State Measures to Combat IUU Fishing is completed. Others indicated that they needed more time to consider this proposal. Subsequently the Commission agreed to defer further consideration of this matter until the next Session.

***Proposed changes to the IOTC bigeye tuna statistical document programme***

58. The EC proposed a modification of the bigeye tuna statistical document programme that would extend its application to include fresh-tuna products. The Commission was reminded that the inclusion of fresh tuna products had been deferred since 2001 because some Members had indicated that institutional changes would be required to make it possible to cover fresh tuna products and these would take time.

59. While some Members believed that enough time has passed and it was time to make the reporting of fresh-tuna products compulsory, others indicated that implementation was not straightforward and that they are still unable to make the institutional changes required to make it possible to include fresh tuna products in the programme. No consensus was reached on this matter and consideration of this proposal was deferred to a future Session.

***All management proposals to be submitted at least 30 days prior to the Commission meeting***

60. Some Members noted the late presentation of most of the proposals submitted to the Commission in 2008 and stressed the need for members to present Resolution proposals at least 30 days before the meeting of the Commission (as per rule iv of the IOTC Rules of Procedure) to allow

sufficient time for internal consultations with the institutions that would be in charge of implementing the proposed measures.

### ***Progress in the work of the Performance Review Panel***

61. The Chair presented the Executive Report of the first meeting of the Performance Review Panel held in Seychelles from 25 to 29 February 2008 (IOTC-2008-S12-03).

62. The Commission acknowledged the report and noted that the Performance Review will finalize its work in September 2008 stressing the need for the final report of the Performance Review to be available well before the next meeting of the Commission.

63. The Commission noted that the Panel comprised representatives from IOTC CPC's as well as representatives from independent organizations. For reasons of balance, it was agreed that the Performance Review panel should be composed of members from coastal countries, distant water fishing nations and independent organizations. In relation with this, the Commission regretted that no representatives from Kenya or India were present at the first meeting. The Commission stressed the need for all Members of the review panel to attend the next meeting and requested the Secretariat to take all necessary steps to facilitate this.

## **9. ANY OTHER MATTERS**

### **9.1 Relationships with other bodies**

#### ***The Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels (ACAP)***

64. The Commission welcomed the initiative by ACAP seeking an arrangement with the IOTC to promote cooperation between the two organisations to enhance the conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels in the IOTC Area. Furthermore, the Commission noted the benefit of the presence of the ACAP at the meeting. However, some Members indicated that, due to the late submission of the draft arrangement, they had not had sufficient time to discuss the issue at national level and, therefore, could not endorse the proposed arrangement at this session. It was agreed that ACAP re-submit the proposal for the arrangement at the IOTC's next Session and that in the meantime the IOTC Secretariat and ACAP continue to collaborate.

#### ***Indian Ocean Commission***

65. The IOC has a number of projects operating in the region, three of which have a direct bearing on IOTC. These include: The Regional Tuna Tagging Project (undertaken under the supervision of the IOTC); a monitoring, control and surveillance pilot project, addressing a number of areas related to compliance; and a regional plan directed at supporting regional surveillance operations against IUU fishing. As part of their efforts to eliminate IUU fishing, the members of the IOC have banned at-sea transshipment and will deny port facilities to any vessels reported as having undermined the RFMO regulatory regimes in any ocean. The IOC is firmly committed to play a major role in the sustainable use of ocean resources and looks forward to ongoing collaboration with IOTC.

### **9.2 Actions undertaken to curb piracy at sea**

66. The Commission expressed its desire to see the issue of piracy off the coast of Somalia tackled in a coordinated manner, thus called on countries with interest in the Indian Ocean to actively give effect to the United Nations (UN) Resolution 1816 as soon as possible. Recognising that some members could not endorse a declaration that has not been given due consideration by their national governments, the Commission conveyed its position on this issue through the following statement:

67. The Commission welcomed the unanimous adoption by the United Nations Security Council of Resolution 1816 on the fight against piracy off the coast of Somalia.

68. This declaration will allow for a more coordinated and effective international action to prevent and eliminate acts of piracy off the coast of Somalia, such as that which took place recently on a Spanish tuna fishing vessel flying the European Union flag.

69. The Commission expressed its concern at the increase in acts of piracy against fishing, commercial and humanitarian vessels around Somali waters, noting that the initiatives adopted so far have not been enough. For these reasons, the IOTC exhorts the countries of the international community, including countries with interests in the Indian Ocean, to work actively and as soon as possible, to implement UN Resolution 1816 to prevent as far as possible these actions in the future.

### **9.3 Initiatives to combat IUU fishing**

70. The Commission was informed of ongoing work within the EC to strengthen its fight against IUU fishing. Certification of fish and fish products will be central to this initiative and, as such, States exporting fish and fish products to the EU market will be required to ensure that these emanate from legitimate sources. While it is anticipated that the new regulation will be adopted in September 2008, its implementation will be phased in gradually over a period of twelve months. The IOTC Secretariat will be notified once the legislation has been adopted in order for it to notify IOTC members.

71. The Commission was also informed of ongoing work by the FAO to strengthen the controls flag states have over their fishing vessel operators. To this end, an Expert Consultation on this issue will be held later in 2008 with the results to be presented to the 28th Session of FAO's Committee on Fisheries (COFI) for consideration and further planning.

### **9.4 Regulation of Sport Fisheries**

72. The Commission was informed that the Shipping Register of Belize experienced a 40% growth in the numbers of sports fishing operations in the last year and this is expected to increase further. To ensure an orderly development and better understanding of the impact of this sector on fisheries, Belize authorities have introduced a catch reporting system and the data collected from this sector of the fishery will be made available to the IOTC.

### **9.5 Fleet Development Plans**

73. The Secretariat presented document IOTC-2008-S12-06 describing the current portfolio of Fleet Development Plans submitted by IOTC members.

74. The EC expressed concern regarding the status of some IOTC stocks noting that future increases in fishing capacity might have detrimental consequences on these stocks. In this context, the EC noted that if the existing fleet development plans were fully implemented this would lead to a significant increase in fishing capacity, a situation that is unlikely to be sustainable. The EC recalled that the Scientific Committee current advice on several stocks calls for a freeze in fishing capacity, and noted that this will not be achieved if the fleet development plans are fully executed.

75. Some Members recalled Part VII (Requirements of Developing States), Article 24 (Recognition of the Special Requirements of Developing States) of the UN Fish Stocks Agreement concerning the needs of developing states and the inalienable right that coastal countries in the IOTC region have to be given access to the resources that they share. They noted that the allocation of fishing capacity in the Indian Ocean should not prejudice those less developed countries that are yet to develop its fisheries.

76. Belize informed the Commission that Belize has presented a Fleet Development Plan in accordance with IOTC Resolution 07/05 (which states that countries with less than 10 vessels may submit a fleet development plan) and that its proposed development is not in contravention with any of the IOTC management measures currently in place.

77. The Commission stressed the need for the Scientific Committee, to continue its work on estimating fishing capacity in the Indian Ocean. In this context, Australia renewed its call for a special study on fishing capacity, including estimation of current fishing capacity, to be conducted utilizing funds already supplied by Australia for this purpose.

78. The EC requested that the issue of the impact that the implementation of Fleet Development Plans will have on the future levels of fishing capacity in the Indian Ocean be revisited at the next Commission meeting.

79. The Commission invited Parties that have not yet presented their fleet development plans to do so as soon as possible.

#### **9.6 Statements from members at the closing of the session**

80. The EC registered its disappointment at the outcomes of this meeting, and the small number of management actions that were adopted, noting in particular that no conservation actions have been taken to ensure the protection of the stocks of tuna and tuna-like species under the mandate of the Commission.

### **10. DATE AND PLACE OF THE ELEVENTH SESSION OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE AND THE THIRTEENTH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION**

81. The Commission was unanimous in its thanks to the Sultanate of Oman for hosting the 12th Session and paid tribute to the excellent facilities, the wonderful locale and the excellent hospitality it received in Muscat.

82. The timing of the meeting of the 11th Session of the Scientific Committee will be decided in consultation with IOTC's scientific community and will be notified to members by the Secretary.

83. The Commission agreed that the 13th Session of the Commission will take place from 23 to 27 March in Seychelles — depending on the numbers of participants.

### **11. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT**

84. The Commission decided to adopt the report of the 12th Session of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission by correspondence.

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## **APPENDIX II**

### **OPENING ADDRESS BY THE UNDERSECRETARY OF THE MINISTRY OF FISHERIES WEALTH, H. E. DR. HAMAD BIN SAEED AL OUFİ**

Mr. Chairman  
Mr. Executive Secretary  
Honorable Delegates  
ASLAM ALIKAM WA RAHMAT ALLAH WA BARAKATOH

Good Morning to you

On behalf of my colleagues at Ministry of Fisheries Wealth would like to extend a warm welcome to all distinguished delegates, representatives of the tuna fishing industry and NGO's to the sultanate of Oman on the opening day of our 12<sup>th</sup> session of the Indian Ocean tuna commission.

I would like to convey a special appreciation to you, Mr. Executive Secretary and your staff, which have made great efforts to prepare this meeting through provision of documentation well in advance.

Distinguished delegates,

The importance of the tuna resources, both in terms of their biomass and economic value is well documented in the literature of this commission.

We are all aware that the increase in fishing effort on tropical and subtropical tunas in this region has a negative impact of the stocks. Any delay in the adoption of measures would certainly compromise the future of these fisheries.

There is a responsibility on this commission to take decisive measures to address legitimate conservation and technical measures of the management of these valuable resources.

The commission will be required to be proactive so as to monitor, and as far as possible eliminate, IUU fishing in the Indian Ocean tuna fishing areas. IUU fishing vessels in the Indian Ocean pose a threat to tuna stocks in the Area. Certainly, that would require both a national and an international effort, this can be done by continuing dialogue with surrounding countries of the Indian Ocean as well as other Distant Water Fishing Nations.

Your meeting is expected to bring transparency to the management process. We have to work collectively and cooperatively to achieve the aims of this Commission.

When we look at the agenda for this meeting, we have a lot of work to do. We already have unfinished matters from the last meeting.

At the 11<sup>th</sup> session, considerable progress was achieved in defining an effect management and conservation policy. I am sure the Commission will give us the directions and the means to implement these activities.

Lastly Mr. Chairman, I hope that, under your guidance and leadership, we can have a successful and fruitful meeting during this week. Once again it is my pleasure to extend to all of you a warm welcome and wish you a fruitful and pleasant stay in Oman.

**OPENING ADDRESS BY THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE INDIAN OCEAN TUNA COMMISSION  
MR RONDOLPH PAYET**

YE Yusuf Bin Alawi Bin Abdullah, Minister Responsible for Foreign Affairs,

Ambassadors,  
Distinguished Guests,  
Distinguished Representatives of Members  
Non Contracting Cooperating Members,  
Invited Observers,

Ladies and gentlemen;

Let me wish you a very Good Morning and Welcome to Oman, Muscat for the 12th Session of the Indian Tuna Ocean Commission.

Firstly, on your behalf I would like to express our deepest thanks to the Sultanate of Oman for the kind hosting of this Commission meeting. The Sultanate of Oman has indeed provided us with excellent facilities for our work.

It is a great honour for me to be addressing you today on the occasion of the opening of the 12th Session of the IOTC and it is also my first session as the Chair of this Commission.

Let me assure you when I took the decision to stand as the Chair of the Commission I knew that it was not going to be an easy task as there are a lot of outstanding issues as well emerging ones for us to deal with. I would like to stress that I will work with you to achieve the results that is expected of this Commission. I would like to thank you for your confidence you have put in me as the Chairperson of the meeting over the next few days.

As each year goes by, the challenges keep mounting, our visibility increases as well as our responsibility to manage the tuna stocks of these waters. I believe we are all conscious of the fact that 2007 was a very bad year for the industry.

This 12th Session of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission is taking place against the backdrop of a series of international developments. These are mainly; vagaries in the international tuna market, which has led to a significant increase in the price of some species; the increasing role of NGOs in the tuna issues, certification of tuna fisheries, carbon footprints and increasing cost of food items which is forcing us to look at food security in new lights. This literally means we need to look at sustainability of our stocks closer and do something about it.

If I look back over the years at what we have achieved it would seem that political expediency rather than scientific advice may have determined where we are today. This gives me mixed feelings on the effectiveness of this Commission. There are legitimate needs for us to develop our fisheries but with this legitimacy comes with responsibility – the responsibility not to harvest beyond the sustainability of these stocks.

Ladies and Gentlemen we cannot, we cannot and we cannot afford to say that this responsibility is that of our neighbours.

I am very conscious of my responsibilities as Chairperson of this organization over the next five days. However, do you expect us to manage these tuna stocks when many of those exploiting these stocks are not part of this the decision-making process? There are indeed legitimate growing demands on regional fisheries organisations, such as the IOTC, to account for their stewardship of the tuna resources.

Based on the recommendation of the Joint Meeting of Tuna RFMOs in Kobe in January 2007 the IOTC carried its Performance Review but due to the limited participation the team could not complete its work. However, you wouldn't be surprised that on a number of counts we fall short of our responsibility.

- We do not have long-term fishing limits – such as quotas, catch limits or fishing effort measures in place consistent with the sustainability of the resource
- Our Port State controls are weak and numerous members here does not even have an operational VMS for their fisheries
- Inadequate measures to tackle the IUU activities – unauthorised vessels are still allowed to use our ports and this diminishes the effectiveness of this organisation

- Fishing Capacity is also of concern and we need to ensure that the development plans while they are legitimate should be realistic and commensurate with the availability of the resources.

Ladies and Gentlemen we have the choice to make a difference and I would like to work with you that we make progress on the following issues as a matter of priority for the meeting.

- How improve the effectiveness and compliance of the members and non-members in terms of implementing the measures adopted by this Commission;
- Initiate discussion on capacity limitation;
- Evaluation of all the development plans and allocation criteria for the developing coastal States and SIDs,
- Port State Control.

I have talked about what we need to achieve but this Commission have done good things over the years. But we need to face the reality - this Commission needs additional resources to fulfill its mandate.

FAO also needs to play a greater role in ensuring the effectiveness of this organisation and as the Chair I'm here to ensure that I guide this process of reform in the best interest of the organisation.

Finally let me thank Alejandro Anganuzzi and his staff. We are all delighted to see Alejandro and team in such excellent form.

I look forward to working with all of you in an even handed and fair manner during the week. I am counting on the chairpersons of the Compliance and Administration Committees to move forward on the different issues.

Thank you and enjoy yourself in this gorgeous and hospitable location.



**APPENDIX III**  
**AGENDA OF THE 12TH SESSION OF IOTC**

1. Opening of the Session
2. Adoption of the agenda and arrangements for the Session
3. Admission of observers
4. Consideration of actions being taken to achieve a more effective and efficient Commission
5. Report of the 10<sup>th</sup> Session of the Scientific Committee
6. Report of the Compliance Committee
7. Report of the Standing Committee on Administration and Finance
8. Conservation and Management Measures
9. Report on the progress of the Performance Review of IOTC
10. Any other matters
11. Date and Place of the 11<sup>th</sup> Session of the Scientific Committee and the 13<sup>th</sup> Session of the Commission
12. Adoption of the report

## APPENDIX IV

### LIST OF DOCUMENTS

Reference / Référence	Title / Titre
IOTC-2008-S12-01	[E] Agenda of the Commission - 11th Session (8 May 2008) [F] Ordre du jour de la 11ième session de la Commission (8 mai 2008)
IOTC-2008-S12-02	[E + F] List of documents / Liste des documents
IOTC-2008-S12-03	[E] Report from the IOTC Performance Review Panel [F] Rapport du comité d'évaluation des performances de la CTOI
IOTC-2008-S12-04	[E] Declaration of IOTC on piracy off the coast of Somalia [F] Déclaration de la CTOI sur la piraterie au large de la côte somalienne
IOTC-2008-S12-05	[E] Proposed Arrangement with the Secretariat for the Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels [F] Proposition d'arrangement avec le Secrétariat pour l'Accord sur la conservation des albatros et des pétrels
IOTC-2008-S12-06	[E] IOTC fleet development plans [F] Plans de développement des flottes
IOTC-2008-S12-CoC01	[E] Agenda of the IOTC Compliance Committee (8 May 2008) [F] Ordre du jour du comité D'application (8 mai 2008)
IOTC-2008-S12-CoC02, add1, add2	[E] Fleet development plans [F] Plans de développement des flottes
IOTC-2008-S12-CoC03	[E] Application for cooperating non-contracting party status: Senegal [F] Candidature à l'accession au statut de partie coopérante non contractante : République du Sénégal
IOTC-2008-S12-CoC04	[E] Application for cooperating non-contracting party status: South Africa [F] Candidature à l'accession au statut de partie coopérante non contractante : Afrique du Sud
IOTC-2008-S12-CoC05	[E] Application for cooperating non-contracting party status: Uruguay [F] Candidature à l'accession au statut de partie coopérante non contractante : Uruguay
IOTC-2008-S12-CoC06	[E] Report on the IOTC fisheries statistics record [F] Rapport sur le registre CTOI de statistiques des pêches
IOTC-2008-S12-CoC07	[E] Report on the IOTC record of authorised vessels [F] Rapport sur le Registre CTOI des Navires Autorisés À Pêcher
IOTC-2008-S12-CoC08	[E] Report on the IOTC record of active vessels [F] Rapport sur le registre CTOI des navires en activité
IOTC-2008-S12-CoC09	[E] Report on the IOTC record of port inspections [F] Rapport sur la liste CTOI d'inspection au port
IOTC-2008-S12-CoC10	[E] Report on the IOTC bigeye statistical document record [F] Rapport sur le registre des documents statistiques sur le patudo
IOTC-2008-S12-CoC11	[E] Report on the progress and implementation of VMS programmes [F] Rapport sur la mise en place et le fonctionnement des programmes SSN
IOTC-2008-S12-CoC12	[E] Report on establishing a programme for transshipment by large-scale fishing vessels [F] Rapport sur la mise en place d'un programme sur les transbordements par les grands navires de pêche
IOTC-2008-S12-CoC13	[E] Concerning the IOTC IUU Vessels List. Prepared by the Secretariat [F] A propos de la liste des navires INN de la Commission des Thons de l'Océan Indien. Préparé par : Secrétariat de la CTOI
IOTC-2007-S11-CoC14	[E] The IOTC IUU Vessels List submitted by the Compliance Committee for consideration by the Commission at its 11th session [F] Liste des navires INN soumise par le Comité d'Application à l'examen de la Commission lors de sa 11e session
IOTC-2008-S12-INF01	[E] Information relating to agenda item 4 – consideration of actions to achieve a more effective and efficient commission
IOTC-2008-S12-INF02	[E] UK: Annual statement of the actions taken with respect to IOTC conservation and management measures since the previous Session
IOTC-2008-S12-INF03	[E] Guide to IOTC data reporting requirements for CPCs.
IOTC-2008-S12-PropA	[E] On reducing incidental bycatch of seabirds. Submitted by Australia. [F] Résolution sur la réduction des captures accidentelles d'oiseaux de mer dans les pêcheries palangrières. Soumise par l' Australie
IOTC-2008-S12-PropB	[E] Resolution on reducing incidental bycatch of seabirds in longline fisheries [F] Résolution sur la réduction des captures accidentelles des oiseaux de mer dans les pêcheries palangrières
IOTC-2008-S12-PropC, rev1	[E] Mandatory statistical requirements for IOTC Members and Cooperating non Contracting Parties (submitted by the EC) [F] Statistiques exigibles des membres de la CTOI et des CPC (soumise par la CE)

IOTC-2008-S12-PropD, rev1	[E] Concerning the recording of catch by longline fishing vessels in the IOTC area (submitted by the EC) [F] Concernant l'enregistrement des captures des les palangriers dans la zone CTOI (soumise par la CE)
IOTC-2008-S12-PropE	[E] Resolution on a regional scheme on port state measures to combat illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing (submitted by the EC) [F] Résolution sur un programme régional de mesures d'État du port pour combattre la pêche illicite, non déclarée, non réglementée (soumise par la CE)
IOTC-2008-S12-PropF, rev1	[E] Concerning trade measures (submitted by the EC) [F] Concernant des mesures commerciales (soumise par la CE)
IOTC-2008-S12-PropG	[E] Concerning the IOTC Bigeye Tuna Statistical Document Programme [F] concernant le Programme de document statistique de la CTOI sur le patudo
IOTC-2008-S12-PropH	[E] Proposed revision to Annex 3 of Resolution 06/02 On establishing a programme for transshipment by large scale fishing vessels (submitted by EC) [F] Proposition de révision de l'annexe 3 de la Résolution 06/02 sur la mise en place d'un programme pour les transbordements des grands navires de pêche (soumise par la CE)
IOTC-2008-S12-SCAF01	[E] Agenda of the IOTC Standing Committee on Administration and Finance (8 May 2008) [F] Ordre du jour du comité Permanent Sur L'Administration et Les Finances (8 mai 2008)
IOTC-2008-S12-SCAF02	[E] Progress Report of the Secretariat [F] Rapport d'activité du Secrétariat
IOTC-2008-S12-SCAF03	[E] Programme of work and budget [F] Programme de travail et budget du Secrétariat
IOTC-2008-S12-SCAF04	[E] Financial statement [F] Bilan Financier
IOTC-2008-S12-SCAF05	[E] Membership contribution to the administration budget of the Commission – with special consideration to Vanuatu [F] Contribution des membres au budget régulier de la Commission – cas particulier du Vanuatu
IOTC-2007-SC-R	[E] Report of the Tenth Session of the Scientific Committee [F] Rapport de la dixième session du Comité scientifique

## **APPENDIX V**

### **REPORT OF THE FIFTH SESSION OF THE COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE**

#### **1) OPENING OF THE SESSION**

1. The Fifth Session of the Compliance Committee of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission was held during the 12<sup>th</sup> Session of the Commission and chaired by Dr John Kalish (Australia).

#### **2) ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

2. The Compliance Committee adopted the Agenda as presented in Annex I to this report. The documents before the Committee are listed in Appendix III to the main report.

#### **3) STATUS OF THE APPLICATION OF IOTC CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT MEASURES BY CONTRACTING AND COOPERATING NON-CONTRACTING PARTIES**

##### ***Review of member compliance with IOTC Resolution 01/05 on mandatory fisheries statistics requirements for IOTC members***

3. The Secretariat presented document IOTC-2008-S12-CoC06 describing the status of reporting of statistical data by CPC's and non-CPC's for the year 2006.
4. The Committee noted many members are not reporting complete data sets, notably size frequency data, and urged all CPCs to take the necessary steps to meet IOTC fisheries data requirements.
5. The Committee reiterated its concern about the lack of fisheries data, especially from the artisanal and some industrial fisheries (IOTC-2007-SC-R, page 7) and that this is reducing the quality of the stock assessments for a range of IOTC species. The Committee reiterated the need for CPC's to strictly abide by the IOTC data requirements and deadlines.
6. Japan informed the Committee about improvements made to its reporting capabilities that will improve reporting times for its final fisheries statistics. Similarly, Belize informed the Committee about implementing data collection activities that will result in size data for the Belize fleets being reported to the Secretariat for the year 2008 and beyond.

##### ***Review of member compliance with Resolution 07/02 on the IOTC record of authorised vessels***

7. The Secretariat presented document IOTC-2008-S12-CoC07 describing the status of reporting by CPC's in accordance with IOTC Resolution 07/02 *Concerning the establishment of an IOTC record of vessels authorised to operate in the IOTC area*.
8. The Committee noted that the five Tuna RFMO's are currently in the process of combining their respective authorised vessels lists on the T-RFMO website and agreed that this harmonised record would assist importers to identify bona fide vessels and contribute to the elimination of IUU fishing. The committee acknowledged the initiative of FAO to create a Global Vessel Record (to include all vessels involved in fishing activities) and recommended that the Secretariat continue to work with FAO on this matter.
9. India and Indonesia informed the Committee that currently, they have, respectively, many vessels (most less than 24 m) fishing for IOTC species that are not listed on the IOTC record of authorised vessels and assured the committee that a list of these vessels is being compiled and will be reported soon to the Secretariat.

***Review of member compliance with IOTC Resolution 07/04 on the IOTC list of active vessels***

10. The Secretariat presented document IOTC-2008-S12-CoC08 and two addendums that described the status of reporting by CPC's and non-CPC's in accordance with IOTC Resolution 07/04 *Concerning registration and exchange of information on vessels, fishing for tropical tunas in the IOTC area* for the period 2001-2006.
11. The Committee noted with concern that some members had not provided all the data required for this resolution for the year 2006, especially length overall and GT and this meant that total capacity for these fleets, as required for Resolution 06/05 (limitation of effort for tropical tunas), cannot be accurately determined at this time. The Committee noted that unless these data are provided, the Commission will be unable to meet the objectives of Resolution 06/05 or Resolution 07/05 concerning the limitation of fishing capacity for vessels targeting tropical tunas and swordfish and albacore, respectively.

***Review of member compliance with IOTC Resolution 05/03 on port inspections***

12. The Secretariat presented document IOTC-2007-S12-CoC09 describing the status of reporting by CPC's in accordance with IOTC Resolution 05/03 *Relating to the establishment of an IOTC programme of inspection in port*.
13. The Committee reiterated its concern about the overall lack of reporting by CPCs receiving foreign vessels in their ports.
14. The Committee urged all those CPC's that have not yet implemented port inspection measures to do so as soon as possible.
15. Notwithstanding the current lack of information provided on port inspections, the committee acknowledged the ongoing initiatives of COI countries involving MCS training and capacity building and the development of a port state measures instrument by FAO. The Committee encouraged the Secretariat to continue to work with the COI and other coastal states to improve reporting on this resolution.
16. Australia reminded the Committee about the obligations CPC's have under the UNFSA to implement port state controls over fishing activities including activities such as port inspection.
17. Mauritius informed the Committee that it had submitted the required data to the Secretariat. Mauritius explained in detail the procedures being implemented on Port State and Control Measures, in line with the FAO's Model Scheme on Port State Measures, and including the training of port inspectors in cooperation with the COI-MCS Program and the Australian Department of Customs and the Australian Fisheries Management Authority. Mauritius also informed the Committee on the procedures followed in its ports for the monitoring and inspection of foreign vessels indicating that, several vessels have been refused permission to unload catches in Port Louis (and information on such cases was forwarded to the Secretariats of the IOTC and CCAMLR). Finally, Mauritius informed the Committee about the recent adoption of a new Fisheries and Marine Resources Act that will facilitate the implementation of international fisheries Conservation and Management Measures.

***Review of member compliance with IOTC Resolution 01/06 concerning the IOTC bigeye tuna statistical document programme***

18. The Secretariat presented document IOTC-2008-S12-CoC10 describing the status of reporting by CPC's in accordance with IOTC Resolution 01/06 *Concerning the IOTC bigeye tuna statistical document programme*.
19. The Committee noted the Tuna RFMO's are currently in the process of harmonising their respective documentation schemes and recommended that the Secretariat continue to work with the other Tuna-RFMOs on this matter.

***Review of member compliance with IOTC Resolution 06/03 concerning the vessel monitoring programme***

20. The Secretariat presented document IOTC-2008-S12-CoC11 describing the status of reporting by CPC's in accordance with IOTC Resolution 06/03 on establishing a vessel monitoring programme.
21. The committee expressed its concern about the slow rate of implementation of VMS by some CPC's.
22. Indonesia informed the Committee that it has had a VMS programme operating since 2003.
23. In response, Philippines indicated that its VMS programme is being developed in accordance with both IOTC and WCPFC requirements and is expected to be activated soon. Iran informed the Committee that their VMS programme is underway and will become fully compliant in the near future.

***Review of progress establishing a programme for transshipment by large-scale fishing vessels***

24. The Secretariat presented document IOTC-2008-S12-CoC12 describing the terms of reference for the contract relating to the implementation of Resolution 06/02 *on establishing a programme for transshipment by large-scale fishing vessels*.

**4) NATIONAL REPORTS**

25. The Committee thanked Belize and the United Kingdom for submitting their, respective National Reports in accordance with Article X.2 of the IOTC Agreement.
26. The Committee recognised the utility of such reports for, among another things, assessing the implementation and efficacy of the Commission's management and conservation measures and urged CPC's to adhere to the requirements of Article X and present reports in future years. The Committee also requested CPC's to submit their reports for 2007 to the Secretariat as soon as possible for posting on the IOTC website.

**5) IOTC IUU VESSELS LIST**

***Deliberations in relation to Resolution 06/01: On establishing a list of vessels presumed to have carried out illegal, unregulated and unreported fishing in the IOTC area.***

27. The Secretariat presented document IOTC-2008-S12-CoC13 relating to the IOTC IUU vessel list. The document contained information on three vessels.
28. The Committee agreed on the need to develop further guidelines to assist CPC's compile the information that should accompany notifications to Secretariat regarding vessels purportedly involved in illegal activities.
29. The Committee recommended that the Commission adopt the provisional IUU list.

**6) REVIEW OF REQUESTS FOR ACCESS TO THE STATUS OF COOPERATING NON-CONTRACTING PARTY**

*Senegal*

30. Senegal presented its application for status of cooperating non-contracting party to the Committee (IOTC-2008-S12-CoC03). The Committee was informed by Senegal that the Government of Senegal was currently preparing its application for IOTC membership. The Committee recommended that the Commission grant cooperating non-contracting party status of IOTC to Senegal until the 13<sup>th</sup> Session of the Commission.

*South Africa*

31. South Africa presented its application for status of cooperating non-contracting party to the Committee (IOTC-2008-S12-CoC04). The Committee recommended that the Commission grant cooperating non-contracting party status of IOTC to South Africa until the 13<sup>th</sup> Session of the Commission.

*Uruguay*

32. The Committee considered Uruguay's application for status of cooperating non-contracting party to the Committee (IOTC-2008-S12-CoC05) and noted with regret that Uruguay did not attend the meeting to present its application. The Committee recommended that the Commission grant cooperating non-contracting party status of IOTC to Uruguay until the 13<sup>th</sup> Session of the Commission. However, the Committee requested that the Secretary write to Uruguay and inform authorities that the Committee will not consider further applications for Uruguay for cooperating status in absentia.

*General comments*

33. The Committee reiterated that CNCP status is granted on a short-term basis and that Cooperating non-Contracting Parties shall become full members as quickly as possible.

**7) REVIEW OF CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT PROPOSALS**

***Concerning mitigation of the incidental catches of seabirds***

34. Resolution proposal IOTC-2008-S12-PropA submitted by Australia and IOTC-2008-S12-Prop B submitted by the EC were discussed.
35. The Committee discussed a range of technical matters relating to the types, deployment and effectiveness of various mitigation measures and instructed a small task group to amend the proposal text to reflect some agreed practices. Due to time constraints, the Committee agreed to defer the further consideration of proposal A (rev2) to the Commission.

***On a regional scheme of Port State Measures to combat Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing***

36. Resolution proposal IOTC-2008-S12-PropE (submitted by the EC) was discussed.
37. The Committee noted that the basis of this measure was the FAO Model Scheme on Port State Measures and acknowledged that changes may be made in the future depending on how effectively the measures are being implemented by CPC's and any further developments within the FAO context, in particular, in relation with the development of a legally binding instrument.
38. Some members indicated that they may need assistance to implement an effective port state regime, in particular guidelines for inspection and training of inspectors.
39. After some technical discussions, several revisions were proposed and the committee requested that a revised proposal E (rev1) be presented for consideration by the Commission.

***Amendments to the current management approach to monitor transshipments by large-scale fishing vessels***

40. In order to ensure optimal control of transshipment activities, which would amongst other things:
- Contribute to eliminating IUU fishing;
  - Improve data available to the Scientific Committee
  - Strengthen the economic situation of Coastal states in the area
- the Coastal State members of the COI and the European Community have reiterated their preference for a ban on at-sea transshipment.
41. These members recalled that resolution proposal IOTC-2007-S11-PropK, tabled by Comoros, the EC, France, Madagascar, Mauritius and Seychelles, remains on the table for consideration by the Commission. This proposal was again discussed.
42. Some Parties mentioned economic or technical difficulties that would justify adjustments to such a measure applied to the whole IOTC Area. Several countries indicated that they already have in place a ban on at-sea transshipment in their EEZs. They proposed that, during the intersession, the Secretariat collate submissions on these matters and to forward them to all CPC's. The submissions shall include the list of relevant vessels, according to the format required for the

IOTC Register of authorized vessels, as well as an explanation of the situation that prevents such a measure from being implemented.

43. On this basis, they indicated that a new resolution proposal will be elaborated and submitted for consideration and adoption at the 13th session of the Commission.
44. The Committee noted that this proposal calls for a complete ban on at-sea transshipments by all vessels in the IOTC record. The current management of transshipments, Resolution 06/02 *On establishing a programme for transshipment by large-scale fishing vessels*, calls for an observer programme to be implemented in July 2008.
45. The members in support of a total ban of at-sea transshipments argued that a similar programme operated by ICCAT is not achieving the expected results and a total ban on transshipments would be more practical and cost effective for the Commission to implement.
46. Other members considered that it was too early to judge the results from the ICCAT programme and, furthermore, a total ban on transshipment would result in increased operating costs.
47. The members in support of a total ban of at-sea transshipments acknowledged the difficulties that some members could have in implementing a complete ban and accepted that the implementation of Resolution 06/02 is imminent. Despite this, these members reiterated their desire to implement some form of ban on at-sea transshipments in the near future.
48. Notwithstanding the above debate, the Committee agreed that the tasks of the transshipment observers should be extended to include activities relating to the fishing vessels involved in transshipping. To this end, the Committee requested that some amendments to annex 3 of Resolution 06/02 *On establishing a programme for transshipment by large-scale fishing vessels* (relating to the obligations of the observer) be made and a new proposal (H) be presented for consideration by the Commission.

#### ***Mandatory statistical requirements for IOTC***

49. Resolution proposal IOTC-2008-S12-PropC (submitted by EC) was discussed; however, the Committee agreed that the draft proposed from the 11<sup>th</sup> Session of the Commission (IOTC-2007-S11-PropE-rev1) and subsequently reviewed (following the Commissions instructions) by the Scientific Committee in 2007, should be the basis of discussions on this matter.
50. Following technical discussions a revised Proposal C (-rev1) was produced and deferred for the consideration of the Commission.

#### ***Proposed amendments to the bigeye tuna statistical document programme***

51. Resolution proposal IOTC-2008-S12-PropG (drafted by the Secretariat in response to a request from the Committee) contained amendments that would extend the Programme to include fresh product. Several Members considered that as this resolution has been in force for more than seven years it was now time to fully implement the Statistical Document Programme and include fresh tuna products. Japan, Korea and China informed the Committee that the inclusion of fresh products in this measure may have serious implications for the quality of the fish due to administrative delays. In order to provide more time for affected members to solve such problems, the committee requested that a revised proposal, with a practical implementation date, be presented for consideration by the Commission.

#### ***Implementing a logbook for longline vessels***

52. Resolution proposal IOTC-2008-S12-PropD (submitted by EC) was discussed.
53. The Committee agreed that this proposal established the minimum set of information required for scientific purposes from industrial longline vessels. After some technical discussions, several revisions were agreed to and the committee requested that a revised proposal D (rev1) be presented for consideration by the Commission.



***Trade measures***

54. Resolution proposal IOTC-2008-S12-PropF (submitted by EC) was discussed. After some technical discussions, several revisions were proposed and the committee requested that revised proposal F (rev1) be presented for consideration by the Commission.

**8) ANY OTHER MATTERS**

***Transfer of capacity***

55. In response to a question from Japan to better assess the nature and extent of transfer of capacity by members (Resolution 06/05 paragraph 6 and Resolution 07/05 paragraph 6), the Committee requested that the Secretariat obtain this information from CPC's and present a report on it at the next session.

***Deadlines for the submission of proposals***

56. Australia and China expressed their concern that proposals are not being made available to members 30 days in advance of the Commission meeting. They reminded members to follow the IOTC Rules of Procedure (iv.3) where the deadlines are clearly specified.

**9) ADOPTION OF THE REPORT AND CLOSURE OF THE MEETING**

57. The report of the Fifth Session of the Compliance Committee of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission was adopted on 11 June 2008.

**ANNEX I TO COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE REPORT  
AGENDA**

1. OPENING OF THE SESSION
2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA
3. STATUS OF THE APPLICATION OF IOTC CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT MEASURES
  - a. REPORTING OF MANDATORY STATISTICS – RES 01/05 (Doc CoC06)
  - b. RECORD OF AUTHORIZED VESSELS – RES 05/02 (Doc CoC07)
  - c. RECORD OF VESSELS ACTIVE DURING 2007 – RES 07/04 (Doc CoC08)
  - d. REPORT ON PORT INSPECTIONS – RES 05/03 (Doc CoC09)
  - e. BIGEYE TUNA STATISTICAL DOCUMENT PROGRAMME – RES 01/06 (Doc CoC10)
  - f. PROGRESS ON IMPLEMENTATION OF VMS – RES 06/03 (Doc CoC11)
  - g. MONITORING PROGRAMME FOR TRANSHIPMENT-AT-SEA – RES 06/02 (Doc CoC12)
  - h. OTHER
4. NATIONAL REPORTS ON THE PROGRESS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT MEASURES
5. REVIEW OF THE DRAFT IUU VESSELS LIST (DOC CoC13)
6. REVIEW OF REQUESTS FOR ACCESS TO THE STATUS OF COOPERATING NON-CONTRACTING PARTY (DOC'S CoC03, CoC04 AND CoC05)
7. CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT MEASURES
  - a. ON REDUCING INCIDENTAL CATCH OF SEABIRDS – (DOC PROP A)
  - b. OTHER MATTERS
8. ANY OTHER MATTERS
9. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

## APPENDIX VI IOTC IUU VESSELS LIST

AS DECLARED BY THE COMMISSION AT ITS 12TH SESSION

(11 JUNE 2008)

Current name of vessel (previous names)	Current flag (previous flags)	Date first included on IOTC IUU Vessels List	Lloyds/IMO number	Photo	Call sign (previous call signs)	Owner / beneficial owners (previous owners)	Operator (previous operators)	Summary of IUU activities
<b>Ocean Lion</b>	Unknown (Equatorial Guinea)	June 2005	7826233	-				Contravention of IOTC Resolution 02/04, 02/05, 03/05.
<b>Yu Maan Won</b>	Unknown (Georgia)	May 2007						
<b>Gunuar Melyan 21</b>	Unknown	June 2008						

## **APPENDIX VII**

### **REPORT OF THE FIFTH SESSION OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE**

#### **1) OPENING OF THE SESSION**

1. The Fifth Session of the Standing Committee on Administration and Finance (SCAF) of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission was held during the 12<sup>th</sup> Session of the Commission. The meeting was opened by the IOTC Chairperson (Mr Rondolph Payet) and Mr. Geoffrey Nanyaro (Tanzania) was subsequently elected as SCAF Chairperson for the next biennium.

#### **2) ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

2. The SCAF adopted the Agenda as presented in Annex I to this report. The documents before the SCAF are listed in Appendix IV to the main report.

#### **3) PROGRESS REPORT OF THE SECRETARIAT**

3. The Committee noted the Secretary's report on the Secretariat's activities and other relevant administrative matters in 2007 (IOTC-2008-S12-SCAF02).

#### **5) PROGRAMME OF WORK AND BUDGET AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

4. The Secretary presented the Financial Statement (IOTC-2008-S12-SCAF04) and the Programme of Work and Budget for 2008 (IOTC-2008-S12-SCAF03).
5. The Committee reiterated its concerns regarding the late delivery of the above documents, noting that the importance for the members to have a report at least 30 days in advance of the Plenary Meeting so internal consultations can be completed prior to arrival at the meeting.
6. The Committee noted the recent changes in staffing, in particular the recruitment of a compliance officer (replacing the fisheries statistician) and agreed that this was an appropriate and timely change to meet the needs of the Commission.
7. The Committee agreed that a stock assessment scientist should be recruited to the Secretariat in accordance with the proposed programme of work and recommended that the Commission approve this addition to staffing.
8. The Secretary provided an explanation of the use of funds for consultants, travel and capacity building, noting that no Commission funds are expected to be used for capacity building activities by Secretariat staff in member countries (as these activities are funded by the IOTC-OFCF project). Committee agreed that in the future, consideration might be given to using accumulated funds to provide support to countries in the region in the implementation of IOTC management and conservation measures.
9. With respect to consultants hired by the Secretariat, this component included funding scientists from coastal countries to attend IOTC meetings following requests from Scientific Committee and Working Parties, stock assessment work in relation with tagging (preparation and analysis of tagging data); engagement of independent scientific and legal experts in support of the IOTC Performance Review and a legal expert to assist countries in the implementation of IOTC management and conservation measures
10. Further on the issue of the use of consultants for carry out stock assessments and other scientific tasks in support of the working parties and Scientific Committee, Japan called for Working Party and Scientific Committee Members to be better informed on the nature and extent of the work being undertaken and the consultants involved.
11. The Committee thanked the Secretary for providing comprehensive financial statements; however, some members indicated that additional time may be required to determine their response to the proposed budgets.

12. In view of the above issues raised by Members, the SCAF deferred the endorsement of the 2008 Programme of Work and adoption of the 2008 IOTC Budget as presented in Annex II to the Plenary of the Commission.
13. The SCAF noted once again, that, given the current timing of the annual Commission meeting (May), the Secretariat is forced to operate for up to 6 months using accumulated funds (i.e. until such time the annual budget is adopted) and under this timeline the Secretariat has difficulty in operating effectively.
14. The Committee agreed that moving the annual session of the Commission to a date earlier in the year would likely mitigate many of the difficulties currently being encountered by the Secretariat, and recommended that the Commission look into this matter.

**6) ANY OTHER MATTERS**

15. Vanuatu presented document IOTC-2008-S12-SCAF05 concerning Vanuatu's membership contribution to the commission.
16. Indonesia requested that the Commission consider changing the formula for estimating Member contributions to take into account factors relating to the type of fisheries involved (which are mostly artisanal in the case of Indonesia) and the area where the catches were taken.
17. Belize raised the issue that the current formula used to estimate member contributions appears to be inequitable in that countries with large catches appear to pay less per tonne compared to countries with small catches.

**7) ADOPTION OF THE REPORT AND CLOSURE OF THE MEETING**

18. The report of the Fifth Session of the Standing Committee on Administration and Finance of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission was adopted on June 9<sup>th</sup> 2008.

**ANNEX I TO SCAF REPORT  
AGENDA**

1. OPENING OF THE SESSION
2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA
3. PROGRESS REPORT OF THE SECRETARIAT
4. AUDIT REPORT
5. PROGRAMME OF WORK & BUDGET FOR 2008-2009
6. ANY OTHER MATTERS
7. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

## ANNEX II TO THE SCAF REPORT

### *Summary of budgets for 2007-2009 and actual expenditures in 2007*

	Budget 2007	Actual 2007	Budget 2008	Budget 2009
<b>Administrative Expenditures</b>				
Professional Salaries	647,272	627,124		
General Service Salaries	55,422	51,677		
Overtime & additional clerical support		7,248		
Cost variance adjustments		20,189		
Salary Costs	702,694	706,238	738,393	822,310
Employer contributions to Pension Fund and Health Insurance	199,435	200,022	178,568	187,496
Employer contribution to FAO Entitlement Fund	316,627	207,296	143,020	150,171
<b>Total staff costs</b>	<b>1,218,757</b>	<b>1,113,556</b>	<b>1,059,981</b>	<b>1,159,977</b>
<b>Operating Expenditures</b>	374,000	291,943	535,000	535,000
Additional Contributions Seychelles	-26,400	-20,616	-17,143	-17,143
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,566,357</b>	<b>1,384,884</b>	<b>1,577,838</b>	<b>1,677,834</b>
FAO Servicing Costs	70,486	60,333	<b>71,774</b>	<b>71,774</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>1,636,843</b>	<b>1,445,217</b>	<b>1,649,612</b>	<b>1,749,608</b>

*Proposed budgets for the biennium 2008-2009 in US dollars.*

	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>
Professional		
Executive Secretary	142,456	149,578
Deputy Secretary	117,942	123,839
Data Coordinator	115,378	121,146
Data Analyst/ Programmer	103,447	108,619
Field Data Manager	86,543	90,870
Stock Assessment Expert	60,000	110,000
Tagging Expert	61,557	64,635
General Service		
Administrative Assistant	10,843	11,385
Publications Assistant	10,956	11,504
Database Assistant	11,720	12,306
Bilingual Secretary	7,722	8,108
Driver	7,829	8,220
Overtime	2,000	2,100
<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>	<b>738,393</b>	<b>822,310</b>
Employer contributions to Pension Fund and Health Insurance	178,568	187,496
Employer contribution to FAO Entitlement Fund	143,020	150,171
<b>TOTAL STAFF COSTS</b>	<b>1,059,981</b>	<b>1,159,977</b>
Operating Expenditures		
Consultants	<b>120,000</b>	120,000
Duty travel	<b>110,000</b>	110,000
Meetings	<b>80,000</b>	80,000
Interpretation	<b>75,000</b>	75,000
Equipment	<b>40,000</b>	40,000
Operating expenses	<b>65,000</b>	65,000
Miscellaneous	<b>45,000</b>	45,000
SUB-TOTAL	<b>1,594,981</b>	<b>1,694,977</b>
Additional Contributions Seychelles	-17,143	-17,143
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,577,838</b>	<b>1,677,834</b>
FAO Servicing Costs	71,774	76,274
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>1,649,612</b>	<b>1,754,108</b>

*Scheme of Member contributions for the year 2008*

Country	WB Classification	OECD	Average Catch	Contribution
Australia	High	Yes	7106	\$95,250.00
Belize	Middle	No	1236	\$31,912.00
China	Middle	No	144610	\$66,824.00
Comoros	Low	No	10565	\$15,855.00
Eritrea	Low	No	Below 400 t	\$6,110.00
European Community	High	Yes	298458	\$449,980.00
France(Terr)	High	Yes	1051	\$87,878.00
Guinea	Low	No	687	\$13,449.00
India	Low	No	93642	\$36,084.00
Indonesia	Middle	No	207571	\$82,156.00
Iran, Islamic Republic of	Middle	No	158934	\$70,312.00
Japan	High	Yes	42625	\$138,495.00
Kenya	Low	No	1851	\$13,733.00
Korea, Republic of	High	Yes	6177	\$94,118.00
Madagascar	Low	No	12091	\$16,226.00
Malaysia	Middle	No	17574	\$35,890.00
Mauritius	Middle	No	1889	\$32,071.00
Oman	Middle	No	31080	\$39,179.00
Pakistan	Low	No	26173	\$19,655.00
Philippines	Middle	No	3602	\$32,488.00
Seychelles	Middle	No	93337	\$54,339.00
Sri Lanka	Middle	No	102702	\$56,620.00
Sudan	Low	No	Below 400 t	\$6,110.00
Tanzania	Low	No	2027	\$13,775.00
Thailand	Middle	No	23108	\$37,238.00
United Kingdom(Terr)	High	Yes	Below 400 t	\$79,426.00
Vanuatu	Middle	No	Below 400 t	\$24,439.00

## **APPENDIX VIII**

### **RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED DURING THE SESSION**

#### **RESOLUTION 08/01**

#### **MANDATORY STATISTICAL REQUIREMENTS FOR IOTC MEMBERS AND COOPERATING NON-CONTRACTING PARTIES (CPC'S)**

##### **The Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC)**

GIVEN that the Agreement for the implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks (UNFSA) encourages coastal States and fishing States on the high seas to collect and share, in a timely manner, complete and accurate data concerning fishing activities on, inter alia, vessel position, catch of target and non-target species and fishing effort.

NOTING that the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO) Code of Conduct for Responsible Fishing provides that States should compile fishery-related and other supporting scientific data relating to fish stocks covered by subregional or regional fisheries management organizations and provide them in a timely manner to the organization.

RECALLING the commitment made by members under Article V of the IOTC Agreement to keep under review the conditions and trends of the stocks and to gather, analyse and disseminate scientific information, catch and effort statistics and other data relevant to the conservation and management of the stocks and to fisheries based on the stocks covered by the Agreement.

COGNISANT that the above commitment can only be achieved when members meet the requirements of Article XI of the IOTC Agreement i.e. to provide statistical and other data and information to minimum specifications and in a timely manner.

ACKNOWLEDGING that the IOTC Scientific Committee has repeatedly stressed the importance of the timeliness of data submissions.

GIVEN that the activities of supply vessels and the use of Fish Aggregating Devices (FAD) are an integral part of the fishing effort exerted by the purse seine fleet.

RESOLVES in accordance with paragraph 1 of Article IX of the IOTC Agreement, that:

1. CPC's shall provide the following information to the IOTC Secretariat according to the timelines specified in paragraph 6:

2. **Nominal catch data:**

Estimates of the total annual catch by species and gear for all species under the IOTC mandate.

3. **Catch and effort data:**

- (a) **For surface fisheries:** catch weight by species and fishing effort shall be provided by 1° grid area and month strata. Purse seine fishery data shall be stratified by fishing mode (e.g. free swimming schools or schools in association with floating objects). The data shall be extrapolated to the total national monthly catches for each gear. Documents describing the extrapolation procedures (including raising factors corresponding to the logbook coverage) shall also be submitted routinely.

- (b) **Longline fisheries:** catch by species, in numbers or weight, and effort as the number of hooks deployed shall be provided by 5° grid area and month strata. Documents describing the extrapolation procedures (including raising factors corresponding to the logbook coverage) shall also be submitted routinely. For the work of relevant working parties under the IOTC Scientific Committee, longline data should be of a resolution of 1° grid area and month or finer. These data would be for the exclusive use of IOTC scientists, subject to the approval of the data owners and



IOTC Resolution 98/02 Data confidentiality policy and procedures (Resolution 98/02), and should be provided for scientific use in a timely fashion.

(c) **For coastal fisheries:** available catch by species, fishing gear and fishing effort shall be submitted frequently and may be provided using an alternative geographical area if it better represents the fishery concerned.

These provisions, applicable to tuna and tuna-like species, shall also be applicable to the most commonly caught shark species and, where possible, to the less common shark species. CPC's are also encouraged to record and provide data on species other than sharks and tunas taken as bycatch.

#### **4. Size data:**

Size data shall be provided for all gears and for all species covered by the IOTC mandate according to the guidelines set out by the IOTC Scientific Committee. Size sampling shall be run under strict and well described random sampling schemes which are necessary to provide unbiased figures of the sizes taken. Length data by species, including the total number of fish measured, shall be submitted by a 5° grid area by month, by gear and fishing mode (e.g. free swimming schools or schools in association with floating objects for the purse seiners).

**5.** Given that the activities of supply vessels and the use of **Fish Aggregating Devices (FAD)** are an integral part of the fishing effort exerted by the purse seine fleet, the following data shall be provided:

(a) The number and characteristics of supply vessels: (i) operating under their flag, (ii) assisting purse seine vessels operating under their flag, or (iii) licensed to operate in their exclusive economic zones, and that have been present in the IOTC Area.

(b) Number of days at sea by supply vessels by 1° grid area and month to be reported by the flag state of the supply vessel.

(c) The total number and type of FADs set by the supply vessel and purse seine fleet per quarter. Types of FADs are defined as 1) drifting log or debris, 2) drifting raft or fad with a net, 3) drifting raft or fad without a net, 4) other (e.g. Payao, dead animal etc). All types monitored by a tracking system.

These data would be for the exclusive use of IOTC scientists, subject to the approval of the data owners and Resolution 98/02 *Data confidentiality policy and procedures*, and should be provided in a timely fashion.

#### **6. Timeliness of data submission to the IOTC Secretariat:**

(a) Longline fleets operating in the high seas shall provide provisional data for the previous year no later than 30 June. Final data shall be submitted no later than 30 December.

(b) All other fleets (including supply vessels) shall submit their final data for the previous year no later than 30 June.

(c) In case where the final statistics cannot be submitted by that date, at least preliminary statistics should be provided. Beyond a delay of two years, all revisions of historical data should be formally reported and duly justified. These reports should be made on forms provided by the Secretariat and reviewed by the Scientific Committee. The Scientific Committee will advise the Secretariat if revisions are then accepted for scientific use.

**7.** This Resolution supersedes *Resolution 01/05 Mandatory statistical requirements for IOTC Members*

**RESOLUTION 08/02**  
**ON ESTABLISHING A PROGRAMME FOR TRANSHIPMENT BY LARGE-SCALE FISHING VESSELS**

**The Indian Ocean Tuna Commission,**

TAKING ACCOUNT of the need to combat illegal, unregulated and unreported (IUU) fishing activities because they undermine the effectiveness of the conservation and management measures already adopted by IOTC;

EXPRESSING GRAVE CONCERN that organized tuna laundering operations have been conducted and a significant amount of catches by IUU fishing vessels have been transhipped under the names of duly licensed fishing vessels;

IN VIEW THEREFORE OF THE NEED to ensure the monitoring of the transhipment activities by large-scale longline vessels in the Convention area, including the control of their landings;

TAKING ACCOUNT of the need to collect catch data of such large scale long-line tuna to improve the scientific assessments of those stocks;

ADOPTS, in accordance with paragraph 1 of Article IX of the IOTC Agreement, that:

**SECTION 1. GENERAL RULE**

1. Except under the special conditions outlined below in Section 2 for transhipment operations at sea, all transhipment operations of tuna and tuna like species in the IOTC Area must take place in port.
2. The Flag Contracting Party, Cooperating non Contracting Party (CPCs) shall take the necessary measures to ensure that large scale tuna vessels (hereafter referred as the “LSTVs”) flying their flag comply with the obligations set out in Annex 1 when transshipping in port.

**SECTION 2. PROGRAMME TO MONITOR TRANSHIPMENTS AT SEA**

3. The Commission hereby establishes a programme to monitor transhipment at sea which applies initially to large-scale tuna longline fishing vessels (hereafter referred to as the “LSTLVs”) and to carrier vessels authorised to receive transhipments from these vessels at sea. The Commission shall at its 2010 Annual Meeting, review and, as appropriate, revise this Resolution.
4. The CPCs that flag LSTLVs shall determine whether or not to authorize their LSTLVs to tranship at sea. However, if the flag CPC authorizes the at-sea transhipment by its flag LSTLVs, such transhipment should be conducted in accordance with the procedures defined in Sections 3, 4 and 5, and annexes 2 and 3 below.

**SECTION 3. RECORD OF VESSELS AUTHORISED TO RECEIVE TRANSHIPMENTS-AT-SEA IN THE IOTC AREA**

5. The Commission shall establish and maintain an IOTC Record of Carrier Vessels authorized to receive tuna and tuna-like species at sea in the IOTC Area from LSTLVs. For the purposes of this Resolution, carrier vessels not entered on the record are deemed not to be authorized to receive tuna and tuna-like species in at-sea transhipment operations.
6. Each CPC shall submit, electronically where possible, to the IOTC Secretary by 1 July 2008 the list of the carrier vessels that are authorized to receive at-sea transhipments from its LSTLVs in the IOTC Area. This list shall include the following information:
  - a) The flag of the vessel
  - b) Name of vessel, register number
  - c) Previous name (if any)

- d) Previous flag (if any)
  - e) Previous details of deletion from other registries (if any)
  - f) International radio call sign
  - g) Type of vessels, length, gross tonnage (GT) and carrying capacity
  - h) Name and address of owner(s) and operator(s)
  - i) Time period authorised for transshipping
7. Each CPC shall promptly notify the IOTC Secretary, after the establishment of the initial IOTC Record, of any addition to, any deletion from and/or any modification of the IOTC Record, at any time such changes occur.
8. The IOTC Secretary shall maintain the IOTC Record and take measures to ensure publicity of the record and through electronic means, including placing it on the IOTC website, in a manner consistent with confidentiality requirements notified by CPCs for their vessels.
9. Carrier vessels authorized for at-sea transshipment shall be required to install and operate a Vessel Monitoring System (VMS).

#### **SECTION 4. AT-SEA TRANSHIPMENT**

10. Transshipments by LSTLVs in waters under the jurisdiction of the CPCs are subject to prior authorization from the Coastal State concerned. CPCs shall take the necessary measures to ensure that LSTLVs flying their flag comply with the following conditions:

##### **Flag State Authorization**

11. LSTLVs are not authorized to tranship at sea, unless they have obtained prior authorization from their Flag State.

##### **Notification obligations**

##### ***Fishing vessel:***

12. To receive the prior authorization mentioned in paragraph 11 above, the master and/or owner of the LSTLV must notify the following information to its Flag State authorities at least 24 hours in advance of an intended transshipment:
- a) The name of the LSTLV and its number in the IOTC Record of Vessels,
  - b) The name of the carrier vessel and its number in the IOTC Record of Carrier Vessels authorized to receive transshipments in the IOTC area, and the product to be transhipped,
  - c) The tonnage by product to be transhipped,
  - d) The date and location of transshipment,
  - e) The geographic location of the tuna catches

13. The LSTLV concerned shall complete and transmit to its flag State, not later than 15 days after the transshipment, the IOTC transshipment declaration, along with its number in the IOTC record of fishing vessels, in accordance with the format set out in Annex 2.

##### ***Receiving carrier vessel:***

14. The master of the receiving carrier vessel shall complete and transmit the IOTC transshipment declaration to the IOTC Secretariat and the flag CPC of the LSTLV, along with its number in the IOTC Record of Carrier Vessels authorized to receive transshipment in the IOTC area, within 24 hours of the completion of the transshipment.
15. The master of the receiving carrier vessel shall, 48 hours before landing, transmit an IOTC transshipment declaration, along with its number in the IOTC Record of Carrier Vessels

authorized to receive transshipment in the IOTC area, to the competent authorities of the State where the landing takes place.

***Regional Observer Programme***

16. Each CPC shall ensure that all carrier vessels transshipping at sea have on board an IOTC observer, not later than 1 January 2009, in accordance with the IOTC Regional Observer Programme in Annex 3. The IOTC observer shall observe the compliance with this Resolution, and notably that the transhipped quantities are consistent with the reported catch in the IOTC transshipment declaration.
17. Vessels shall be prohibited from commencing or continuing at-sea transshipping in the IOTC area without an IOTC regional observer on board, except in cases of 'force majeure' duly notified to the IOTC Secretariat.

**SECTION 5 GENERAL PROVISIONS**

18. To ensure the effectiveness of the IOTC conservation and management measures pertaining to species covered by Statistical Document Programs:
  - a) In validating the Statistical Document, Flag CPCs of LSTLVs shall ensure that transshipments are consistent with the reported catch amount by each LSTLV.
  - b) The Flag CPC of LSTLVs shall validate the Statistical Documents for the transhipped fish, after confirming that the transshipment was conducted in accordance with this Resolution. This confirmation shall be based on the information obtained through the IOTC Observer Programme.
  - c) CPCs shall require that the species covered by the Statistical Document Programs caught by LSTLVs in the Convention area, when imported into the territory of a Contracting Party, be accompanied by statistical documents validated for the vessels on the IOTC record and a copy of the IOTC transshipment declaration.
19. The CPCs shall report annually before 15 September to the Secretary:
  - a) The quantities by species transhipped during the previous year.
  - b) The list of the LSTLVs registered in the IOTC Record of Fishing Vessels which have transhipped during the previous year.
  - c) A comprehensive report assessing the content and conclusions of the reports of the observers assigned to carrier vessels which have received transshipment from their LSTLVs.
20. All tuna and tuna-like species landed or imported into the CPCs either unprocessed or after having been processed on board and which are transhipped, shall be accompanied by the IOTC transshipment declaration until the first sale has taken place.
21. Each year, the Secretary shall present a report on the implementation of this Resolution to the annual meeting of the Commission which shall review compliance with this Resolution.
22. These provisions will be applicable from July 1st, 2008.
23. *Resolution 06/02 On establishing a programme for transshipment by large-scale fishing vessels* is superseded by this Resolution.

## **RESOLUTION 08/02 - ANNEX 1**

### **CONDITIONS RELATING TO IN-PORT TRANSHIPMENT BY LSTVs**

#### **General**

- 1 Transshipment operations in port may only be undertaken in accordance with the procedures detailed below:

#### **Notification obligations**

##### **2 Fishing vessel:**

- 2.1 Prior to transshipping, the Captain of the LSTV must notify the following information to the Port State authorities, at least 48 hours in advance:
  - a) the name of the LSTV and its number in the IOTC record of fishing vessels,
  - b) the name of the carrier vessel, and the product to be transhipped,
  - c) the tonnage by product to be transhipped,
  - d) the date and location of transshipment,
  - e) the major fishing grounds of the tuna and tuna like species catches
- 2.2 The Captain of a LSTV shall, at the time of the transshipment, inform its Flag State of the following:
  - a) The products and quantities involved
  - b) the date and place of the transshipment
  - c) the name, registration number and flag of the receiving carrier vessel
  - d) the geographic location of the tuna and tuna like species catches.
- 2.3 The captain of the LSTV concerned shall complete and transmit to its Flag State the IOTC transshipment declaration, along with its number in the IOTC Record of Fishing Vessels, in accordance with the format set out in Annex 2 not later than 15 days after the transshipment.

#### ***Receiving vessel:***

- 3 Not later than 24 hours before the beginning and at the end of the transshipment, the master of the receiving carrier vessel shall inform the Port State authorities of the quantities of tuna and tuna-like species transhipped to his vessel, and complete and transmit the IOTC transshipment declaration, to the competent authorities within 24 hours.

#### ***Landing State:***

- 4 The master of the receiving carrier vessel shall, 48 hours before landing, complete and transmit an IOTC transshipment declaration, to the competent authorities of the Landing State where the landing takes place.
- 5 The Port State and the Landing State referred to in the above paragraphs shall take the appropriate measures to verify the accuracy of the information received and shall cooperate with the flag CPC of the LSTV to ensure that landings are consistent with the reported catches amount of each vessel. This verification shall be carried out so that the vessel suffers the minimum interference and inconvenience and that degradation of the fish is avoided.
- 6 Each flag CPC of the LSTV shall include in its annual report each year to IOTC the details on the transshipments by its vessels.

## RESOLUTION 08/02 - ANNEX 2 IOTC TRANSHIPMENT DECLARATION

<b>Carrier Vessel</b>	<b>Fishing Vessel</b>
Name of the Vessel and Radio Call Sign:	Name of the Vessel and Radio Call Sign:
Flag:	Flag:
Flag state license number:	Flag state license number:
National Register Number, if available:	National Register Number, if available:
IOTC Register Number, if available:	IOTC Register Number, if available:

	Day	Month	Hour	Year	2_ 0_ _ _	Agent's name:	Master's name of LSTV:	Master's name of Carrier:
Departure	_ _	_ _	_ _	from	_ _ _ _			
Return	_ _	_ _	_ _	to	_ _ _ _	Signature:	Signature:	Signature :
Transshipment	_ _	_ _	_ _		_ _ _ _			

Indicate the weight in kilograms or the unit used (e.g. box, basket) and the landed weight in kilograms of this unit: |\_|\_|\_|\_|\_| kilograms

### LOCATION OF TRANSHIPMENT

Species	Port	Sea	Type of product										
			Whole	Gutted	Headed	Filletted							

If transshipment effected at sea, IOTC Observer Name and Signature:

### **RESOLUTION 08/02 - ANNEX 3**

#### **IOTC Regional Observer Programme**

- 1 Each CPC shall require carrier vessels included in the IOTC Record of Carrier Vessels authorised to receive transshipments in the IOTC Area and which tranship at sea, to carry an IOTC observer during each transshipment operation in the Convention area.
- 2 The Secretary shall appoint the observers and shall place them on board the carrier vessels authorized to receive transshipments in the IOTC Area from LSTLVs flying the flag of Contracting Parties and of Cooperating non-Contracting Parties that implement the IOTC observer program.

#### **Designation of the observers**

- 3 The designated observers shall have the following qualifications to accomplish their tasks:
  - a) sufficient experience to identify species and fishing gear;
  - b) satisfactory knowledge of the IOTC conservation and management measures;
  - c) the ability to observe and record information accurately;
  - d) a satisfactory knowledge of the language of the flag of the vessel observed.

#### **Obligations of the observer**

- 4 Observers shall:
  - a) have completed the technical training required by the guidelines established by IOTC;
  - b) not be, to the extent possible, nationals of the flag State of the receiving carrier vessel;
  - c) be capable of performing the duties set forth in point 5 below;
  - d) be included in the list of observers maintained by the Secretariat of the Commission;
  - e) not be a crew member of an LSTLV or an employee of an LSTLV company.
- 5 The observer tasks shall be in particular to:
  - a) On the Fishing Vessel intending to tranship to the carrier vessel and before the transshipment takes place, the observer shall:
    - i. check the validity of the fishing vessel's authorisation or licence to fish tuna and tuna like species in the IOTC area;
    - ii. check and note the total quantity of catch on board, and the quantity to be transferred to the carrier vessel;
    - iii. check that the VMS is functioning and examine the logbook;
    - iv. verify whether any of the catch on board resulted from transfers from other vessels, and check documentation on such transfers;
    - v. in the case of an indication that there are any violations involving the fishing vessel, immediately report the violations to the carrier vessel master.
    - vi. report the results of these duties on the fishing vessel in the observer's report.

#### **b) On the Carrier Vessel:**

Monitor the carrier vessel's compliance with the relevant conservation and management measures adopted by the Commission. In particular the observers shall:

- i. record and report upon the transshipment activities carried out;
- ii. verify the position of the vessel when engaged in transshipping;
- iii. observe and estimate products transhipped;

- iv. verify and record the name of the LSTLV concerned and its IOTC number;
  - v. verify the data contained in the transshipment declaration;
  - vi. certify the data contained in the transshipment declaration;
  - vii. countersign the transshipment declaration;
  - viii. issue a daily report of the carrier vessel's transshipping activities;
  - ix. establish general reports compiling the information collected in accordance with this paragraph and provide the captain the opportunity to include therein any relevant information.
  - x. submit to the Secretariat the aforementioned general report within 20 days from the end of the period of observation.
  - xi. exercise any other functions as defined by the Commission.
- 6 Observers shall treat as confidential all information with respect to the fishing operations of the LSTLVs and of the LSTLVs owners and accept this requirement in writing as a condition of appointment as an observer;
- 7 Observers shall comply with requirements established in the laws and regulations of the flag State which exercises jurisdiction over the vessel to which the observer is assigned.
- 8 Observers shall respect the hierarchy and general rules of behaviour which apply to all vessel personnel, provided such rules do not interfere with the duties of the observer under this program, and with the obligations of vessel personnel set forth in paragraph 9 of this program.

#### **Obligations of the Flag States of carrier vessels**

- 9 The responsibilities regarding observers of the flag States of the carrier vessels and their captains shall include the following, notably:
- a) Observers shall be allowed access to the vessel personnel and to the gear and equipment;
  - b) Upon request, observers shall also be allowed access to the following equipment, if present on the vessels to which they are assigned, in order to facilitate the carrying out of their duties set forth in paragraph 5:
    - i. Satellite navigation equipment;
    - ii. Radar display viewing screens when in use;
    - iii. Electronic means of communication;
  - c) Observers shall be provided accommodation, including lodging, food and adequate sanitary facilities, equal to those of officers;
  - d) Observers shall be provided with adequate space on the bridge or pilot house for clerical work, as well as space on deck adequate for carrying out observer duties; and
  - e) The flag States shall ensure that captains, crew and vessel owners do not obstruct, intimidate, interfere with, influence, bribe or attempt to bribe an observer in the performance of his/her duties.
- 10 The Secretary, in a manner consistent with any applicable confidentiality requirements, is requested to provide to the flag State of the carrier vessel under whose jurisdiction the vessel transhipped and to the Flag CPC of the LSTLV, copies of all raw data, summaries, and reports pertaining to the trip.

#### **Obligations of LSTLV during transshipment**

- 11 Observers shall be allowed to visit the fishing vessel, if weather conditions permit it, and access shall be granted to personnel and areas of the vessel necessary to carry out their duties set forth in paragraph 5.



- 12 The Secretary shall submit the observer reports to the Compliance Committee and to the Scientific Committee.

**Observer fees**

- 13 The costs of implementing this program shall be financed by the flag CPCs of LSTLVs wishing to engage in transshipment operations. The fee shall be calculated on the basis of the total costs of the program. This fee shall be paid into a special account of the IOTC Secretariat and the IOTC Secretary shall manage the account for implementing the program;
- 14 No observer shall be assigned to a vessel for which the fees, as required under paragraph 13, have not been paid.

**RESOLUTION 08/03**

**ON REDUCING THE INCIDENTAL BYCATCH OF SEABIRDS IN LONGLINE FISHERIES**

**The Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC),**

RECALLING *Resolution 06/04 On reducing Incidental Bycatch of Seabirds in longline fisheries*, and in particular, its paragraph 7:

RECOGNISING the need to strengthen mechanisms to protect seabirds in the Indian Ocean;

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) International Plan of Action for Reducing the Incidental Catch of Seabirds in Longline Fisheries (IPOA-Seabirds);

NOTING the recommendations of the IOTC Working Party on Ecosystems and Bycatch (WPEB) on measures to mitigate seabird interactions as outlined in their 2007 Report;

ACKNOWLEDGING that to date some Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties (hereinafter referred to as “CPCs”) have identified the need for, and have either completed or are near finalizing, their National Plan of Action on Seabirds;

RECOGNISING the concern that some species of seabirds, notably albatross and petrels, are threatened with global extinction;

NOTING that the Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels, which opened for signatures at Canberra on 19 June 2001, has entered into force;

NOTING that the ultimate aim of the IOTC and the CPCs is to achieve a zero bycatch of seabirds for fisheries under the purview of the IOTC, especially threatened albatrosses and petrel species in longline fisheries;

ADOPTS in accordance with paragraph 1 of Article IX of the IOTC Agreement, that:

1. CPCs shall seek to achieve reductions in levels of seabird bycatch across all fishing areas, seasons, and fisheries through the use of effective mitigation measures.
2. Fishing operations shall be conducted in such a way that hooklines<sup>2</sup> sink beyond the reach of seabirds as soon as possible after they are put in the water.
3. CPCs shall ensure that all longline vessels fishing south of 30°S use at least two of the mitigation measures in Table 1 below, including at least one from Column A. Vessels shall not use the same measure from Column A and Column B.
4. In all other areas, CPCs may require that longline vessels use at least one of the measures in Table 1.
5. Mitigation measures used shall conform to the minimum technical standards for the measures as shown in Annex 1.
6. The design and deployment for bird scaring lines shall meet the specifications provided in Annex 2.
7. CPCs shall provide to the Commission, as part of their annual reports, information on how they are implementing this measure and all available information on interactions with seabirds, including bycatch by fishing vessels carrying their flag or authorised to fish by them.

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<sup>2</sup> Hookline is defined as the groundline or mainline to which the baited hooks are attached by snoods.

This is to including details of species where available to enable the Scientific Committee to annually estimate seabird mortality in all fisheries within the IOTC area of competence.

**Table 1: Seabird mitigation measures**

Column A	Column B
Night setting with minimum deck lighting	Night setting with minimum deck lighting
Bird-scaring lines (Tori Lines)	Bird-scaring lines (Tori Lines)
Weighted branch lines	Weighted branch lines
	Blue-dyed squid bait
	Offal discharge control
	Line shooting device

8. The Scientific Committee, based notably on the work of the WPEB and information from CPCs, will analyse the impact of this Resolution on seabird bycatch no later than for the 2011 meeting of the Commission. It shall advise the Commission on any modifications that are required, based on experience to date of the operation of the Resolution and/or further international studies or research on the issue, in order to make the Resolution more effective.
9. *Resolution 06/04. On Reducing Incidental Bycatch of Seabirds in Longline Fisheries* is superseded by this Resolution.

**RESOLUTION 08/03 - ANNEX I**

<b>Mitigation Measure</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Specification</b>
Night setting with minimum deck lighting	No setting between nautical dawn and before nautical dusk. Deck lighting to be kept to a minimum	Nautical dusk and nautical dawn are defined as set out in the Nautical Almanac tables for relevant latitude, local time and date. Minimum deck lighting should not breach minimum standards for safety and navigation.
Bird-scaring lines (tori lines)	A bird-scaring line shall be deployed during longline setting to deter birds from approaching the branch line.	Design and deployment for bird-scaring lines are provided in Annex 2 of this Resolution.
Weighted branch lines	Weights must be attached to all branch lines in accordance with specifications provided	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– minimum of 45 grams weight attached to all branch lines;</li> <li>– less than 60 grams weight must be within 1 metre of the hook;</li> <li>– 60 grams or greater and less than 98 grams must be within 3.5 metres of the hook; and</li> <li>– 98 grams or greater must be within 4 metres of the hook</li> </ul>
Blue-dyed squid bait	All bait must be dyed to the colour and shade shown in the placard provided by the IOTC Secretariat.	The standardized colour shall be equivalent to bait dyed using “Brilliant Blue” food dye (Colour Index 42090, also known as Food Additive Number E133) mixed at 0.5% for a minimum of 20 minutes.
Management of offal discharge	No offal discharge during setting. Strategic offal discharge may occur during hauling.	No offal discharge during setting. Offal discharge during hauling should be avoided if possible. If offal discharge is essential during hauling, it must be from the opposite side of the boat to hauling activity.
Line-setter or line-shooter	Permits a mainline to be set slack (no tension astern)	<p>Position line-setter as close to the water line as feasible.</p> <p>Ensure mainline is pulled at a constant speed and slightly faster than the speed of vessel during line-setting, to ensure lines are set slack to aid sinking rate. Avoid setting into propwash.</p>

**RESOLUTION 08/03 - ANNEX II**  
**DESIGN AND DEPLOYMENT OF BIRD SCARING LINES (TORI LINES)**

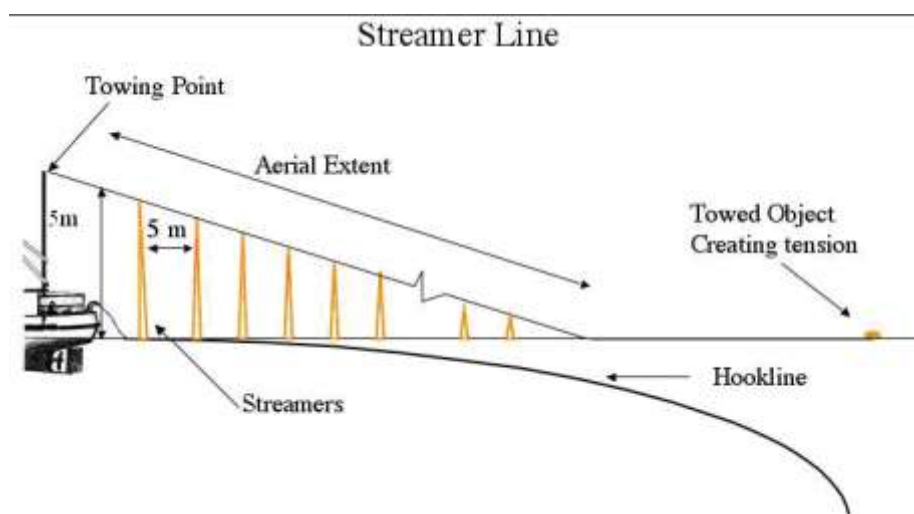
**Bird-Scaring Line Design**

1. The bird-scaring line shall be a minimum of 100 m in length and if less than 150 m in length will include an object towed at the seaward end to create tension to maximise aerial coverage. The section above water shall be a strong fine line of a conspicuous colour such as red or orange.
2. The above water section of the line shall be sufficiently light that its movement is unpredictable to avoid habituation by birds and sufficiently heavy to avoid deflection of the line by wind.
3. Streamers for the bird-scaring line shall be made of material that is conspicuous and produces an unpredictable lively action (e.g. strong fine line sheathed in red polyurethane tubing) and shall be suspended in pairs from a robust three-way swivel attached to the bird scaring line and shall hang just clear of the water.
4. There shall be a maximum of 5 m between each streamer pair.
5. The number of streamers shall be adjusted for the setting speed of the vessel, with more streamers necessary at slower setting speeds.

**Deployment of Bird scaring Lines**

1. The line shall be deployed before longlines enter into the water.
2. The line should have an aerial coverage of at least 100 metres. To achieve this coverage the line shall be suspended from a point a minimum of 5 metres above the water at the stern on the windward side of the point where the branch line enters the water.
3. The bird scaring line shall be set so that streamers pass over baited hooks in the water. The position of the object towed shall be maintained so as to ensure, even during crosswinds, that the aerial extent of the bird-scaring line is over the branch line as far astern of the vessel as possible.
4. Because there is the potential for line breakage and tangling, spare bird scaring lines shall be carried onboard to replace damaged lines and to ensure fishing operations can continue uninterrupted.

*Figure 1. Diagram of Bird-scaring Streamer Line.*



**RESOLUTION 08/04**  
**CONCERNING THE RECORDING OF CATCH BY LONGLINE FISHING VESSELS IN THE IOTC AREA**

**The Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC),**

TAKING NOTE of the results of the Inter-sessional Meeting on an Integrated Control and Inspection Scheme held in Yaizu, Japan from 27 to 29 March 2001;

CONSIDERING the provisions set forth in Resolution 01/05 Mandatory Statistical Requirements for IOTC Members, and in particular the requirements set out for surface fisheries/purse-seine fleets adopted by the Commission in 2001;

CONSIDERING the deliberations of the 9th Session of the IOTC Scientific Committee held in Victoria, Seychelles from 6 to 10 November 2006 where it agreed that a standardised logbook would be advantageous and agreed on the minimum data requirements for all purse-seine and bait boat fleets operating in the IOTC Area of Competence, in order to harmonize data gathering and provide a common basis for scientific analysis for all IOTC Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties (CPCs);

CONSIDERING the IOTC Resolution 07/03 *Concerning the Recording of Catch by Fishing Vessels in the IOTC Area*, and in particular its paragraph 3, whereby the CPCs committed themselves to adopt at 2008 annual session a minimum standard for logbooks for all longline vessels over 24 metres and those under 24 metres if they fish outside the EEZ of their flag State;

FURTHER CONSIDERING the works of the small task force created by the IOTC Scientific Committee during its 10th Session held in Seychelles in November 2007, in order to harmonise the various forms currently used by the fleets and the IOTC Scientific Committee agreement on the minimum standard requirements for all longline fleets as well as the produced logbook template;

ADOPTS, in accordance with paragraph 1 of Article IX of the IOTC Agreement, that

1. Each flag CPC shall ensure that all long line fishing vessels flying its flag and authorized to fish species managed by IOTC be subject to a data recording system. Within the IOTC Area of Competence, all long line vessels over 24 metres length and those under 24 metres if they fish outside the EEZs of their flag States shall keep a bound or electronic logbook to provide data for use by Working Parties and the Scientific Committee that includes, as a minimum requirement, the information and data in the logbook set forth in Annex I and II. Annex III provides a logbook template for illustrative purposes only.
2. This logbook format consists of two parts, Annex I and Annex II.  
Annex I includes information on vessel, trip and gear configuration, and should be written once for each trip.  
Annex II, which contains information of longline operation and catch, should be filled for each set.
3. The logbook data shall be provided by the fishing masters to the flag State administration, as well as to the coastal State administration where the vessel has fished in that coastal State's EEZ. The flag State and the States which receive this information shall provide all the data for any given year to the IOTC Secretariat and the Scientific Committee by June 30th of the following year on an aggregated basis. The confidentiality rules set out in Resolution 98/02 *Data Confidentiality Policy and Procedures* for fine-scale data shall apply.

## **RESOLUTION 08/04 - ANNEX I**

### **Record once in one cruise**

#### **1-1 INFORMATION OF REPORT**

- 1) Date of the submission of logbook.
- 2) Name of reporting person

#### **1-2 VESSEL INFORMATION**

- 1) Vessel name
- 2) Call sign: If call sign is not available, other identical code as registration number should be used.
- 3) Vessel size: Gross tonnage (in MT) and/or overall length (in m)

#### **1-3 CRUISE INFORMATION**

- 1) Departure date and port
- 2) Arrival date and port

#### **1-4 GEAR CONFIGURATION**

- 1) Average Branch line length (m): Straight length in meter between snap and hook. See Figure 1.
- 2) Average Float line length (m): Straight length in meter from the float to the snap
- 3) Average Length between branch (m): Straight length of main line in meter between successive branch lines.
- 4) Main line material classified into four categories, Thick rope (Cremona rope), Thin rope (PE or other materials), Nylon braided and Nylon monofilament.

## **RESOLUTION 08/04 - ANNEX II**

### **Record one record for each set**

#### **2-1 OPERATION**

- 1) Date of set (YYYY/MM/DD).
- 2) Position in latitude and longitude: either at noon (local time) position or position of start of gear setting, area code of operation (e.g. Seychelles EEZ, High Seas, etc.) may be used optionally;
- 3) Local Time (24hr) of starting setting gear;
- 4) Sea surface temperature at noon with one decimal point, if available (XX.X °C);
- 5) The number of hooks between floats: If different hooks between floats were used in a single set, record the most representative one;
- 6) The number of hooks used in the set;
- 7) Number of lightsticks used in the set;
- 8) Type of bait used in the set

#### **2-2 CATCH**

- 1) Catch in number and weight by species per set for each of the species and form of processing in section 2-3

#### **2-3 SPECIES**

- 1) Southern bluefin,
- 2) Albacore,
- 3) Bigeye,

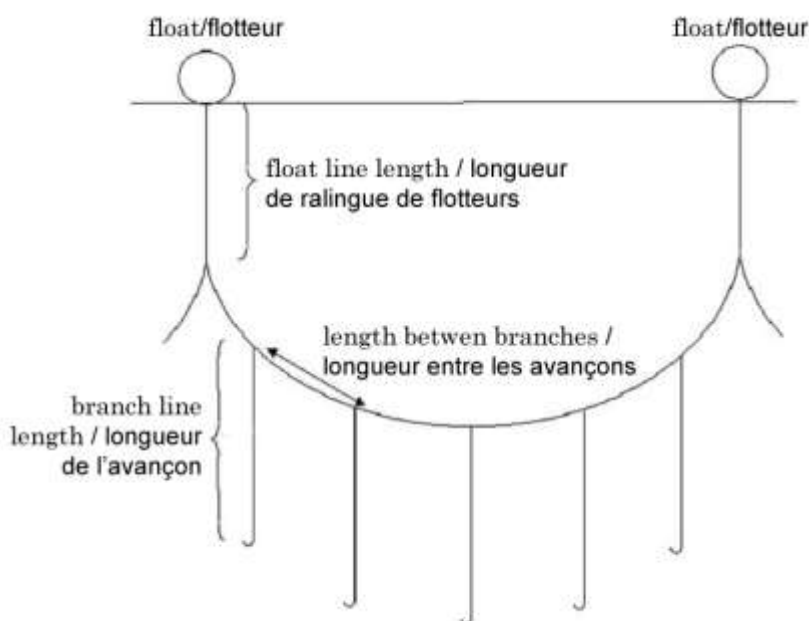
- 4) Yellowfin,
- 5) Skipjack
- 6) Swordfish
- 7) Marlins
- 8) Shortbill spearfish
- 9) Sailfish
- 10) Blue shark
- 11) Porbeagle
- 12) Mako shark
- 13) Other sharks
- 14) Other fishes

## 2-4 REMARKS

- 1) Discard of tuna, tuna-like fish and sharks should be recorded in the remarks.
- 2) Other information is also written in the remarks.

**Note a:** These species included in the logbook is regarded as minimum requirement. Optionally other shark and/or fish species should be added. Maybe, other shark and fish species caught frequently would be different by area and fishery.

*Figure 1. Schematic diagram of longline gear / Diagramme schématique d'une palangre.*





**RESOLUTION 08/04 - ANNEX III – for ILLUSTRATIVE PURPOSES ONLY**  
**LOGBOOK TEMPLATE: Tuna Longliners / MODÈLE DE FICHE DE PÊCHE: palangriers thoniers**

Flag country / Pavillon			
Date reported / Date de déclaration †		Name of captain / Nom du capitaine	
Reporting person / Personne déclarante	Name / Nom	Phone / Téléphone	
Departure date / Date de départ †		Departure port / Port de départ	
Arrival date / Date d'arrivée †		Arrival port / Port d'arrivée	

Name of boat / nom du navire			
Vessel size / Taille du navire	GT (tons)/TB (tonnes)	LOA (m) / LHT (m)	
License number / Numéro de licence			
Call sign / Indicatif radio			
Number of crew / Effectif équipage			

† use YYYY/MMDD for dates / utilisez AAAA/MMJJ pour les dates

Gear configuration / configuration de l'engin	
Branch line length / Longueur des avançons (m)	
Float line length / longueur des ralingues de flotteurs (m)	
Length between branch lines / longueur entre les avançons (m)	
Target / cibles	1. Tuna/thons ( ) 2. Swordfish/espadon ( ) 3. Other/ autres ( )

Type of weight / type de poids
<input type="checkbox"/> whole / entier
<input type="checkbox"/> processed / transformé

**In each set, catch should be given both in number and weight (in kg) in upper and lower row, respectively**

**Pour chaque calée, les captures doivent être indiquées en nombre et poids (kg) respectivement dans les lignes supérieure et inférieure.**

Date	Position									Tunas / thons					Billfishes / Portes-p"e						Sharks / requins					Remarks (discard or other information) / remarques (rejets ou autres informations)
	Latitude		Longitude							southern bluefin / thon rouge	albacore / germon	bigeye / patudo	yellowfin / albacore	skipjack / listao	Swordfish / espadon	Stripped marlin / marlin ray	blue marlin / marlin bleu	black marlin / marlin noir	Sailfish / volier	Shortbill spearfish / marlin □ rostre court	Blue shark / Peau bleue	Porbeagle / requin taupe	Mako / petite taupe	Other / autres		
	Degree / Degr's a	NS	Degree / Degr's a	EW																						
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for dates, use the YYYY/MMDD format / pour les dates, utiliser le format AAAA/MMJJ

a for positions, use the format: / pour les positions, utiliser le format: XX° XX'

\*\* for SST, use a value with one decimal point / pour la SST, utiliser une valeur □ une d'cimale