

Report of Implementation for the year 2012

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Please NOTE: this document is composed of 3 sections to report on the implementation of IOTC resolutions

Part A. *Describe the actions taken, under national legislation, in the previous year to implement conservation and management measures adopted by the Commission at its sixteenth Session.*

1. Resolution 12-01 On The Implementation Of The Precautionary Approach

No additional measures undertaken in 2012, though it should be noted that no commercial fishing has taken place in the BIOT MPA during 2012.

2. Resolution 12-02 Data Confidentiality Policy And Procedures

No additional measures undertaken in 2012. No data requests of the Commission have been made, although data confidentiality mechanisms similar to those enforced at IOTC are used in relation to all data held by the British Indian Ocean Territory.

3. Resolution 12-03 On The Recording Of Catch And Effort By Fishing Vessels In The IOTC Area Of Competence

N/A. BIOT does not operate a flag registry and no commercial vessels are licensed to fish.

4. Resolution 12-04 On The Conservation Of Marine Turtles (Including in accordance with Article X of the IOTC Agreement, their progress of implementation of the FAO Guidelines and this Resolution)

BIOT does not operate a flag registry and therefore has submitted NULL reports relating to industrial fishery interactions. No interactions with turtles were recorded in the BIOT recreational fishery. The BIOT Administration is supporting additional research on the location of nesting sites and turtle migration which will be reported to the Commission when complete.

5. Resolution 12-05 On Establishing A Programme For Transshipment By Large-Scale Fishing Vessels

N/A. BIOT does not operate a flag registry and has no vessels that could engage in transshipment activities.

6. Resolution 12-06 On Reducing The Incidental Bycatch Of Seabirds In Longline Fisheries

In force in July 2014

7. Resolution 12-07 Concerning A Record Of Licensed Foreign Vessels Fishing For IOTC Species In The IOTC Area Of Competence And Access Agreement Information

N/A. The BIOT Administration no longer licenses fishing vessels and has no fishing agreements in force.

8. Resolution 12-08 Procedures On A Fish Aggregation Devices (FADs) Management Plan

N/A. BIOT does not operate a flag registry and no commercial vessels are licensed to fish using FADs.

9. Resolution 12-09 On The Conservation Of Thresher Sharks (Family Alopiidae) Caught In Association With Fisheries In The IOTC Area Of Competence

N/A. BIOT does not operate a flag registry and have no vessels fishing in the Indian Ocean that could catch thresher sharks. All sharks caught in the BIOT recreational fishery are released alive.

10. Resolution 12-10 To Promote Implementation Of Conservation And Management Measures Already Adopted By IOTC

All data and proposals have been submitted to IOTC meetings submitted in advance of the required deadlines.

11. Resolution 12-11 On The Implementation Of A Limitation Of Fishing Capacity Of Contracting Parties And Cooperating Non-Contracting Parties

Historical data has previously been submitted. BIOT does not have any plans to introduce a Fleet Development Plan.

12. Resolution 12-12 To Prohibit The Use Of Large-Scale Driftnets On The High Seas In The IOTC Area (Including a summary of monitoring, control, and surveillance actions related to large-scale driftnet fishing on the high seas in the IOTC Area of Competence)

N/A. BIOT does not operate a flag registry and have no vessels fishing in the Indian Ocean that could use driftnets.

13. Resolution 12-13 For The Conservation And Management Of Tropical Tuna Stocks In The IOTC Area Of Competence (Including a summary of VMS records related to their fleet operation in the previous year for the consideration of the Compliance Committee)

N/A. BIOT does not operate a flag registry and have no vessels fishing in the Indian Ocean.

14. Recommendation 12/15 On The Best Available Science

No additional measures undertaken in 2012.



Part B. *Describe the actions taken, under national legislation, to implement conservation and management measures adopted by the Commission in previous Sessions, and which have not been reported previously.*

No other actions undertaken.

Part C. Data and information reporting requirements for CPCs to be included in this report (please refer to the *section March 2013 of the Guide on data and information reporting requirements for Members and Cooperating Non-contracting Parties*).

- Resolution 01/06 *Concerning the IOTC bigeye tuna statistical document programme*

CPCs which export bigeye tuna shall examine export data upon receiving the import data from the Secretary, and report the results to the Commission annually.

N/A. BIOT has no imports or exports of bigeye tuna.

- Recommendation 05/07 *Concerning a management standard for the tuna fishing vessels*

The CPC flag states which issues licenses to their AFVs should report annually to the Commission all measures taken to meet the minimum management standards when they issue fishing licenses to their “authorised fishing vessels”.

N/A. BIOT does not operate a flag registry.

- Resolution 10/06 *On Reducing the Incidental Bycatch of Seabirds in Longline Fisheries*

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. This is to include details of species where available to enable the Scientific Committee to annually estimate seabird mortality in all fisheries within the IOTC Area of Competence.

N/A. BIOT does not operate a flag registry.

- Resolution 10/10 *Concerning market related measures*

For CPCs that import tuna and tuna-like fish products, or in whose ports those products are landed or transhipped, should report, a range of information (e.g. information on vessels / owners, product data (species, weight), point of export) annually.

N/A. BIOT does not import tuna and tuna-like fish products. There are no commercial ports where products can be landed or transhipped.

- Resolution 11/04 *On a Regional observer scheme*

CPCs shall provide to the Executive Secretary and the Scientific Committee annually a report of the number of vessels monitored and the coverage achieved by gear type in accordance with the provisions of this Resolution.

N/A. BIOT does not operate a flag registry and therefore does not have an observer programme.