

## **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*

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**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

*Sultanate of Oman is implementing the Precautionary Approach whenever salient information is not available, in line with its international obligations as a signatory to the United Nations convention of the Law of the Sea and the United Nations Fish Stocks Agreement.*

2. Resolution 12-02 Data Confidentiality Policy And Procedures

*Sultanate of Oman is applying the Confidentiality Policy And Procedures as it is stated in the Res 12-02.*

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

*Sultanate of Oman is developing a new logbook format and it will incorporate the Res 12-03 the and it will be implemented next year*

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)

*Sultanate of Oman Fishing law prohibits the fishing of marine turtles and the use of their eggs for any purpose. Furthermore, concerning data collection on vessels interactions with marine turtles, Ministry of Agriculture and fisheries in Oman is currently developing a monitoring system through logbooks which will incorporate the relevant information in marine turtles incidentally caught during fishing operations, in this course of action due consideration will be given to foster fishermen to mitigate the situation of incidental catches of marine turtles whenever it happens.*

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

*Sultanate of Oman is implementing Res 12-05*

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 (Sultanate of Oman does not have any Licensed Foreign fishing vessels nor Government to Government Access Agreement)*

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

*Sultanate of Oman is developing a project of FADs, starting from 2012, and management plan for Fish Aggregation Devices (FADs) will be submitted to IOTC secretariat in 2014.*

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

*Sultanate of Oman has ordered vessels owners to fully comply with this resolution.*

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

*Sultanate of Oman is implementaing the IOTC conservation and managemetn measures*

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

*Sultanate of Oman is monitoring its fishing capacity in tuna and tuna like species in conformity with the Resolution 12-11 and in accordance to the Fleet Development Plan submitted to IOTC in 2006.*

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)

*Sultanate of Oman fishing law does not allow using of LSD, in the high seas. Sultanate of Oman complys with Res 12-12 and does not issue licenses to any vessels in the high seas with LSD*

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)

*Sultanate of Oman informed the Omani Flagged Vessels owners to strictly comply with Res 12-13, and according to VMS records there were no violation of closed area.*

14. Recommendation 12/15 On The Best Available Science

*Sultanate of Oman is working toward applying the items of this recommendation such as data collecting system.*

**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.*

Sultanate of Oman is considering the incorporation IOTC conservation and management measures in its National legislation

**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.

Sultanate of Oman is implementing the Rec 01/06 and all the tuna exported are accompanied with the required document (BETSD).

- 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”.

Sultanate of Oman is applying the minimum management standards and Omani fishing vessels are fully monitored by VMS, and they regularly report on their catches.

- 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.

Omani flagged vessels have been instructed to comply with Res 10/06 and did not report any bycatch of seabirds

- 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.

Sultanate of Oman is implementing Res 10-10, and any imports and exports of tuna and tuna-like species are subject to the approval of the official authorities and every shipment should be accompanied with proper documentation

- 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.

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Sultanate of Oman has taken steps for implementing the National Observer Program, however we are facing some difficulties due to lack of manpower and capacity building matters.