
**CONCERNING A RECORD OF ACTIVE VESSELS FISHING FOR TUNAS
AND SWORDFISH IN THE IOTC AREA**

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The Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC):

CONSCIOUS of the duties of every State to exercise effectively its jurisdiction and control over vessels flying its flag;

RECALLING the responsibilities incumbent on States whose vessels fish for highly migratory fish stocks on the high seas;

NOTING that the information about the size of active fleets for implementing the limitation of fishing capacity as set forth in Resolution 09/02 On the implementation of a limitation of fishing capacity of Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties;

MINDFUL of the recommendation 17 of the Performance Review Panel, as listed in Resolution 09/01 On the performance review follow-up, that the obligation incumbent to a flag State to report data for its vessels be included in a separate Resolution from the obligation incumbent on Members to report data on the vessels of third countries they licence to fish in their exclusive economic zones (EEZs).

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

1. All Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties (CPCs) with vessels fishing for tunas and swordfish in the IOTC Area of Competence (hereinafter referred to as “the Area”), shall submit to the Secretary by 31 January every year a list of their respective vessels that were active in the Area during the previous year and that are:
 - a) larger than 24 metres in length overall, or
 - b) in case of vessels less than 24m, those operating in waters outside the economic exclusive zone of the flag state,
2. These lists shall contain the following information for each vessel:
 - The IOTC number;
 - Name and registration number;
 - IMO number, if available;
 - Previous flag (if any);
 - International radio call sign (if any);
 - Vessel type, length, and gross tonnage (GT);
 - Name and address of owner, and/or charterer, and/or operator;
 - Main target species,
 - Period active.
3. The Secretary shall maintain the IOTC Record of Active Vessels, and take any measure to ensure publicity of the Record and through electronic means, including placing it on the IOTC website, in a manner consistent with confidentiality requirements noted by CPCs.
4. The Secretary shall compile, for consideration by the Compliance Committee, a report on the information submitted by CPCs.
5. The objective of the report shall be to provide the Compliance Committee with an independent evaluation of the level of compliance to this resolution, and other pertinent IOTC resolution(s), by the concerned CPCs.

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6. The Compliance Committee shall after its evaluation of the Secretary's report, make appropriate recommendations to the Commission on actions that should be pursued against the non-complying CPCs. These should include, *inter alia*, taking actions under Recommendation 03/05.
 7. IOTC Resolution 07/04 *Concerning registration and exchange of information on vessels fishing for tunas and swordfish in the IOTC Area* is superseded by this Resolution.