

## **Report of Implementation for the year 2013**

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF THE REPORT 2 APRIL 2014**

Reporting CPC: I.R.Iran

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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 13/01 On the removal of obsolete Conservation and Management Measures

- In each National IOTC Commission of Iran these resolutions are reviewed and based on change in fishing criteria and regulations are changed.

2. Resolution 13/02 Concerning the IOTC record of vessels authorised to operate in the IOTC Area of Competence<sup>a</sup>

- All statistics regarding Iran vessels data on IOTC are revised and according letter no. 32098 dated Jan 6, 2014 has been sent to IOTC Secretariat. Also, data on active fishing vessels (1230 vessels) has been sent by letter no. 37598 dated Feb. 16, 2014

3. Resolution 13/03 On the recording of catch and effort data by fishing vessels in the IOTC Area of Competence<sup>a</sup>

- According Iran Fisheries Organization's data and statistics software, all fishing fleet used for tuna fishing are covered and their data is recorded in it.

- In order to supply minimum data available for IOTC, and supplying data by fishing catch and effort according Garde 1 and IOTC format, some steps including development of VMS and logbook have been considered. With these alterations we can offer data and statistics by species, month, fishing method, by-catch, and ... until June 30 of 2014.

- With regard to some articles of this resolution, IOTC has prepared some special programs for implementation of it and therefore it is necessary for IOTC to coordinate and support it by training workshops, software and technical instruments.

4. Resolution 13/04 On the conservation of cetaceans

- The Resolution translated to Persian language and officially has been notified to all Tuna fisheries cooperatives and communities. Also we have had two meetings with head of cooperatives in February of 2014. We explain and discussed in detail about importance of the resolution and how fishermen must face with these kinds of situations.

- IFO has been prepared some posters and brochures about how fishermen should be released entanglement species from different fishing gears.

- Base on IFO regulation fishing of any Cetaceans are forbidden and offenders investigate and punished by court and IFO.

#### 5. Resolution 13/05 On the conservation of whale sharks (*Rhincodon typus*)

-The Resolution translated to Persian language and officially has been notified to all Tuna fisheries cooperatives and communities. Also we have had two meetings with head of cooperatives in February of 2014. We explain and discussed in detail about importance of the resolution and how fishermen must face with these kinds of situations.

- IFO has been prepared some posters and brochures about how fishermen should be released entanglement species from different fishing gears.

- Base on IFO regulation, there is no Sharks species catch as a target and intentionally fishing of any Sharks are forbidden and offenders investigate and punished by court and IFO.

#### 6. Resolution 13/06 On a scientific and management framework on the conservation of shark species caught in association with IOTC managed Fisheries

-The Resolution translated to Persian language and officially has been notified to all Tuna fisheries cooperatives and communities. Also we have had two meetings with head of cooperatives in February of 2014. We explain and discussed in detail about importance of the resolution and how fishermen must face with these kinds of situations.

-During a meeting with Iranian Fisheries Research Organization (IFRO) the resolution has discussed and emphasized on importance of related research in this field.

- IFO has been prepared some posters and brochures about how fishermen should be released entanglement species from different fishing gears.

- Base on IFO regulation, there is no Sharks species catch as a target and intentionally fishing of any Sharks are forbidden and offenders investigate and punished by court and IFO.

-We have received some data about incident Sharks Sp. catch and it will report during annual data report.

#### 7. Resolution 13/07 Concerning a record of licensed foreign vessels fishing for IOTC species in the IOTC Area of Competence and access agreement information<sup>a</sup>

- Iran Fisheries Organization has not issued any fishinf license for foreign vessels for it's EEZ and IOTC competent waters.

8. Resolution 13/08 Procedures on a fish aggregating devices (FADs) management plan, including more detailed specifications of catch reporting from fad sets, and the development of improved FAD designs to reduce the incidence of entanglement of non-target species

- Based on this resolution, all members are to prepare their managerial plan for FADs usage before 2014. Therefore, Iran Fisheries Organization with the help of Purse Sieners proposed a FADs plan. The Table prepared for this activity is to be used for daily reporting (Logsheet) of Purse Seiners and according letter no.34480 dated Jan6, 2014 has been sent to IOTC Secretariat and also it was sent separately for owners of these vessels in Iran.

9. Resolution 13/09 On the conservation of albacore caught in the IOTC Area of Competence

- As it was mentioned in country report, fishing vessels of Iran don't fish Albacora

10. Resolution 13/10 On interim target and limit reference points and a decision framework

- Management of Tuna fishing is monitored, controlled based on IOTC regulations.

11. Resolution 13/11 On a ban on discards of bigeye tuna, skipjack tuna, yellowfin tuna, and a recommendation for non-targeted species caught by purse seine vessels in the IOTC Area of Competence

-The Resolution translated to Persian language and officially has been notified to all Tuna fisheries cooperatives and communities. Also we have had two meetings with head of cooperatives in February of 2014. We explain and discussed in detail about importance of the resolution and how fishermen must face with these kinds of situations.

-During a meeting with fisheries cooperatives and communities they express on use of all fishes which they catch. They remarked because of the good market of all kind of species even small size we handle and landed them in Iranian fishing ports. We also use some of them as a food of crew on board. They emphasize, we have never caught a huge amount of fish which it impel us to discard small Bigeye, Skipjack, Yellowfin or any other Tuna or non targets species.

-Base on IFO experts' experiences and also fishermen declaration, this resolution is not applicable for Iranian Purse seines.

Note: <sup>a</sup> indicate that a template report exists for some of the requirements and can be requested at [secretariat@iotc.org](mailto:secretariat@iotc.org)

**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.*

\* Iran Fisheries Organization has been actively implementing "Guide on data and information reporting" and sent related reports in due time to IOTC Secretariat:

- According resolution 01/06, regarding import and export of Big eye Tuna no shipment has been recorded in our custom offices.

- Regarding resolution 10/10, tuna import to Iran is carried out by non-fishing vessels (Container and refer vessels) and during 2011 no foreign fishing vessel has delivered catch directly in our ports.

- Regarding resolutions 05/03 and 10/11: We would like to inform you that ports named by Iran Fisheries Organization to IOTC has not posted any report on entrance of fishing vessels with foreign flags. And this was sent to you by letter no. 10925 dated July 2, 2013. Regarding coordination with foreign vessels, focal points for Iran have been endorsed and all vessels can apply for Port Entrance at least Ten days sooner.

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- Regarding resolution 12/05, Not applicable for Iran Because, Iran has no active longline fishing vessel in the Indian Ocean Area.

**Part C.** Data and information reporting requirements for CPCs to be included in this report (please refer to the *section April 2014 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 [A template report exists]).

**The report has already been provided to the IOTC Secretariat:**

Yes ☐

**Date of reporting (DD/MM/YYYY):** According this resolution, regarding import and export of big eye Tuna no shipment has been recorded in our custom offices.

No

**The report is attached to the implementation report:**

Yes\*

No ☐

Additional information:

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- 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”.

- Iran Fisheries Organization is authorized and carries out port controls over fishing vessels on time of entering and exiting time in port through online and offline data, controlling LogBook, checking personnel data of Crew onboard vessel.

- Installing observers and inspectors on board vessels to check fishing gears, Standards of Fishing, catch and release of endangered species.

- 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.

- Not applicable for Iran, Because Iran has no active long line vessel in the tuna catch in IOTC competence area; therefore there is no potential for seabird bycatch by Iranian vessels. Also IFO has never received any reports regarding to seabirds bycatch because of gillnet fisheries by Iranian fishermen

- 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. *[A template report exists]*.

**The report on import, landing or transhipment of tuna and tuna-like fish products landed or transhipped in port in 2013 have already been provided to the IOTC Secretariat:**

Yes ☐

Date of reporting (DD/MM/YYYY): [Click here to enter text.](#)

No ☐

**The report on import, landing or transhipment of tuna and tuna-like fish products landed or transhipped in port in 2013 is attached to the implementation report:**

Yes\*\*

No ☐

Additional information:

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- 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.

- I.R.Iran started his regional observer scheme from 2013. On this way I.R.Iran developed and implemented some training courses for on board observers. As you know Iran has got a big fleet and we tried to cover 5% observer coverage. We trained around 70 observers but unfortunately there are some problems that impact negatively the results of receiving reports. The main problem is about Identification of species by observers which it is the main problem of observers. For this the received reports did not fully complete. We also have tried to recheck and compare the results of observer reports with completed logbook forms. In fact I.R.Iran seriously is keen to implement regional observer scheme on its vessels

- Resolution 12/04 On marine turtles

CPCs shall report to the Commission, in accordance with Article X of the IOTC Agreement, their progress of implementation of the FAO Guidelines and this Resolution.

- In order to implementation of resolution 12/04, Iran Fishery Organization trained some observers and we put especial colume through the logbooks and observer programs to collect marine turtles through them, but we have not received any report up to now. In order to reducing accidentalcatchs of marine turtles I.R.Iran prepared a colorfulguid line as a catalog and distrbuted them between gilnet fishermen cooperatives. Also related guidelines which prnited by FAO and the printed bycatch

identification cards by IOTC are under translation an IFO expect some money to publish and distribute them between Tuna fishermen. On this way some training courses were developed and implemented to train fishermen how they released alive the entangled turtles

- Resolution 12/05 On establishing a programme for transshipment by large-scale fishing vessels

Each flag CPC of the LSTV shall include in its annual report each year to IOTC the details on the transshipments in ports by its vessels (Name of LSTV, IOTC Number, name of carrier vessel, species and quantity transhipped, date and location of transshipment). *[A template report exists]*.

**The details on transshipment in ports for 2013 have already been provided to the IOTC Secretariat:**

Yes ☐

**Date of reporting (DD/MM/YYYY):** [Click here to enter text.](#)

No ☐

**The details on transshipment in ports for 2013 are attached to the implementation report:**

Yes\*\*

No ☐

Additional information:

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- Resolution 12/12 To Prohibit the use of large-scale driftnets on the high seas in the IOTC Area

CPCs shall include in their Annual Reports a summary of monitoring, control, and surveillance actions related to large-scale driftnet fishing on the high seas in the IOTC area of competence.

- According to article 3-3 on National Fishing Tuna using huge gill-net fishing gear is banned since 2010 and the regulation has been announced by Iran Fisheries Organization to vessels And other stakeholders.

- Resolution 12/13 For the Conservation and Management of Tropical Tunas Stocks in the IOTC Area of Competence

CPCs flag states shall monitor the compliance of their vessels with this Resolution through VMS, and will provide a summary of VMS records related to their fleet operation in the previous year for the consideration of the Compliance Committee. *[A template report exists]*.

**The summary of VMS records has already been provided to the IOTC Secretariat for:**

**Longline vessels \*\***

**Date of reporting (DD/MM/YYYY):** Date of reporting

(01/02/2014: Based on Resolutions regarding geographical and time closure for purse-seine and longline vessels has been introduced by Iran Fisheries Organization and been announced to Fisheries Authorities and purse seine vessels, and no licence been issued for such areas. This issue has been informed by letter No. 35254 dated 01.Feb.2014 to IOTC Secretariat.



**Purse seine vessels\*\***      **Date of reporting (DD/MM/YYYY):** Date of reporting  
(01/02/2014: Iran has no active longliner in 2013)

**The summary of VMS records is attached to the implementation report:**

Yes ☐

No ☐

Additional information:

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- Resolution 13/04      On the conservation of cetaceans

CPCs shall report, in accordance with Article X of the IOTC Agreement, any instances in which cetaceans have been encircled by the purse seine nets of their flagged vessels.

- We have not received any report about entangled Cetaceans up to now

- Resolution 13/05      On the conservation of whale sharks (Rhincodontypus)

CPCs shall report, in accordance with Article X of the IOTC Agreement, any instances in which cetaceans have been encircled by the purse seine nets of their flagged vessels.

- We have not received any report about entangled Cetaceans up to now.

- Resolution 13/07      Concerning A Record Of Licensed Foreign Vessels Fishing For IOTC Species In The IOTC Area Of Competence And Access Agreement Information

For Government to Government access agreement in existence prior to the entry into force of this resolution, where coastal CPCs allow foreign-flagged vessels to fish in waters in their EEZ in the IOTC Area for species managed by IOTC through a CPC-to-CPC agreement, CPCs involved in the referred agreement:

- Shall submit copy of the access agreement,
- Shall submit information concerning these agreements (paragraphs 3a, b, c, d, e, f, g),

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-Iran Fisheries Organization has not been requested to issue any licence for foreign vessels inside Iran EEZ or IOTC competent area and no licence been issued.