

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

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

Reporting CPC: MALAYSIA

Date: 28/03/2014

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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  
Malaysia takes note on this resolution. No immediate action is necessary at this stage.
2. Resolution 13/02 Concerning the IOTC record of vessels authorised to operate in the IOTC Area of Competence<sup>a</sup>  
Malaysia is strengthening its capacity to comply to this resolution. We have notified in verbally and writing with the vessel owner to strictly follow this resolution.
3. Resolution 13/03 On the recording of catch and effort data by fishing vessels in the IOTC Area of Competence<sup>a</sup>  
Malaysia have sent it's own logbook template. We will improve our logbook template in the future in accordance with the IOTC requirement.
4. Resolution 13/04 On the conservation of cetaceans  
Action have been taken to inform the vessel owner on this resolution and to report any interaction of cetaceans in the logbook and to relevant authorities.
5. Resolution 13/05 On the conservation of whale sharks (*Rhincodon typus*)  
Action have been taken to inform the vessel owner on this resolution and to report any interaction of whale sharks in the logbook and to relevant authorities.
6. Resolution 13/06 On a scientific and management framework on the conservation of shark species caught in association with IOTC managed Fisheries  
All Malaysian vessels are not targeting sharks. In the cases where sharks are caught, they are released back to the sea.
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>  
Not applicable

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

Not applicable.

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

Not applicable at present.

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

Malaysia take note on this resolution.

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

Not applicable

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.*

Conservation and management measures adopted by IOTC are mostly covered under Malaysia Fisheries Act 1985.

Effective from 2014, All Malaysian fishing vessels are prohibited to practice shark finning in the Malaysia fisheries water.

Since 2006, All Malaysian deep sea fishing vessels (> 70GRT) are required to install and activate the Mobile Tranceiver Unit (MTU) to be monitored by VMS.

All Malaysian fishing vessels are not allowed to fish outside Malaysia EEZ (including IOTC area of competence) without the permission from the Director General of Fisheries.

**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): [Click here to enter text.](#)

No ☒

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

Yes ☐

No ☒

Additional information:

Not applicable

- 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”.

All AFV's under Malaysian flag are required to comply with the minimum management standard before issuing or renewing the license.

- 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.

Malaysia has submitted annual report on any interaction with seabirds to the IOTC. All the vessel operator have been informed to comply and take action within the purview of this resolution. Malaysia will inform to IOTC the type of mitigation use by Malaysia longliners before 1<sup>st</sup> July 2014.

- 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 transshipment 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 transshipment of tuna and tuna-like fish products landed or transhipped in port in 2013 is attached to the implementation report:**

Yes ☐

No ☒

Additional information:

Not applicable

- 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.

Malaysia have only 5 longline fishing vessels operating in the IOTC area of competence.

Therefore Malaysia feels there is no need to initiate the regional observer scheme at this stage.

- 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.

Malaysia is fully committed in conservation and management of marine turtles. Under Section 27 of Malaysia Fisheries Act 1985, (1) No person shall fish for, disturb, harass, catch or take any aquatic mammal or turtle which is found beyond the jurisdiction of any state in Malaysia.

- 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): 09/09/2013

No ☐

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

Yes ☒

No ☐

Additional information:

The details of transshipment at sea in 2012 have been submitted to the secretariat.

- 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.

No Malaysian fishing vessels using large-scale driftnet fishing on the high seas in the area IOTC area of competence.

- 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): 23/01/2013

Purse seine vessels ☐

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

**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.

Not Applicable

- Resolution 13/05 On the conservation of whale sharks (*Rhincodon typus*)

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.

Not Applicable

- 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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Not Applicable