

Report of Implementation for the year 2013

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Reporting CPC: Philippines

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

The Philippines had started a study on the effects of the Resolution Number 13/01 on the legal framework on fishing operations in the Indian Ocean. However, with the promulgation of Executive Order Number 154 Series of 2013 on December 6, 2013, the Philippines needs to even further study the same as this particular Executive Order is entitled "Adoption of the National Plan of Action to Prevent, Deter and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing (NPOA-IUU)"

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

The Philippines regularly submits the list of authorized vessels and any changes thereto if needed. However, in view of the mistake which appeared in one Tuna RFMO, the Philippines had conducted a review of the said list. Should there be any changes, the Philippines will submit the changes.

The Philippine flagged fishing vessels have been advised on the requirements in this Resolution and will comply accordingly.

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

The Philippine flagged fishing vessels have been advised on the requirements in this Resolution. Data on the logbook submitted accordingly to the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources [BFAR]. All Philippine flagged fishing vessels operating during the year 2013 have been complying. Both have adopted and had been using the logbook format and logbook templates as had been previous been used. This has been covered by Fisheries Administrative Order [FAO] Number 198 Series of 2000 in compliance with the 1998 Fisheries Code. In compliance with the above Executive Order Number 154, this is now subject to a review to harmonize with other RFMOs and international commitments

4. Resolution 13/04 On the conservation of cetaceans

The Philippine flagged fishing vessels have been advised on the requirements in this Resolution and will comply accordingly. Though there are Philippine flagged purse seine fishing vessels in the list of authorized fishing vessels, none are active in 2013.

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

The Philippine flagged fishing vessels have been advised on the requirements in this Resolution and will comply accordingly. Though there are Philippine flagged purse seine fishing vessels in the list of authorized fishing vessels, none are active in 2013.

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

The Philippine flagged fishing vessels have been advised on the requirements in this Resolution and will comply accordingly. The Philippines has already promulgated a National Plan of Action on Sharks and has sent a copy of the same to the Commission through the Science Manager. Legislation on the various shark species covered by this NPOA is still being undertaken in the National Legislature.

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^a

The Philippines is not a coastal state in the convention area. Thus this is not applicable to the Philippines.

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

There are no Philippine flagged purse seine fishing vessels operating on the convention area, though there are Philippine flagged purse seine fishing vessels in the list of authorized fishing vessels. Thus this is not applicable.

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

The Philippine flagged fishing vessels have been advised on the requirements in this Resolution and will comply accordingly. Thus, the fishing vessels shall pay attention to gather of data on catch and effort on albacore.

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

The Philippine flagged fishing vessels have been advised on the requirements in this Resolution and will comply accordingly. Bearing on mind that scientific advice can only be derived from the best scientific data available, the fishing vessels shall pay attention to gather of data on catch and effort on all catches

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

Though this Resolution became effective only on January 1, 2014, the Philippine flagged fishing vessels have been advised on the requirements in this Resolution and will comply accordingly.

Note: ^a indicate that a template report exists for some of the requirements and can be requested at 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.*

Observer coverage is still work on progress as the Philippines still does not have enough trained observers that can be put in place in Philippine flagged vessels. The Philippines is still developing its advisory on the hiring of private maritime security personnel which are to be engaged when operating in high risk area. This being the case, the BFAR did not provide observer coverage as the Indian Ocean is a high risk 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): 25/03/2014

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”.

Not applicable to the Philippines as the Philippines is not a coastal state within the convention area.

- 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.

In the conduct of its fishing operations, the Vessel Captains ensures that the crew shall sink the hooks beyond the reach of seabirds as soon as possible after they are put in the water and utilize Tori lines. No changes to report last year. The Philippine does not operate longline vessels fishing south of 25°S .

- 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):10/02/2014

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 as the Philippines does not import tuna and tuna-like fish products, from the IOTC area of competence, nor are these products landed or transhipped in any of its designated fishports.

- 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.

Observer coverage is still work on progress as the Philippines still does not have enough trained observers that can be put in place in Philippine flagged vessels. The Philippines is still developing its advisory on the hiring of private maritime security personnel which are to be engaged when operating in high risk area. This being the case, the BFAR did not provide observer coverage as the Indian Ocean is a high risk area

- 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.

The above activities are merely an extension of the existing Pawikan Conservation Project, though this is mostly done within Philippine jurisdiction. By virtue of Executive Order No. 542, signed on 26 June 1979, the Task Force Pawikan (Marine Turtle Task Force as Pawikan is a local term for sea turtles), now referred to as the Pawikan Conservation Project (PCP), became the Philippine government's urgent response to conserve and manage the dwindling marine turtle resources of the country. The PCP is responsible for the development and implementation of conservation and protection policies, management and propagation schemes, and public information and education programs to ensure the survival and growth of the country's remaining marine turtle populations. At present, the project is attached to the Wildlife Division of the Protected Areas and Wildlife Bureau now renamed the Biodiversity Management Bureau of the Department of Environment and Natural

Resources (DENR). The project has a nationwide scope with pilot sites in the Turtle Island Group in Tawi-Tawi and El Nido (Bacuit Bay in Northwestern Palawan).

- 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): 10/02/2014
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.

In this case, the Philippines have never been using large scale driftnets.

- 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): 19/03/2013
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 as there are no active purse seine fishing vessel in the convention area.

- 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 as there are no active purse seine fishing vessel in the convention area.

- 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),

A report template exists and can be requested at secretariat@iotc.org

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