



Report of Implementation for the year 2013

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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
India fully agree with the concerns expressed by the resolutions and urges for more concerted efforts to overcome the difficulties faced by CPC in implementing the conservation and management measures.
2. Resolution 13/02 Concerning the IOTC record of vessels authorised to operate in the IOTC Area of Competence^a
India complies the resolution
3. Resolution 13/03 On the recording of catch and effort data by fishing vessels in the IOTC Area of Competence^a
Indian tuna fishing vessels in the IOTC records are mandated to use and submit the log book to the Government. Developed a system for online log book submission for the industrial longline vessels. The data thus collected is being submitted to the IOTC
4. Resolution 13/04 On the conservation of cetaceans
Fishing of cetaceans is banned in Indian waters
5. Resolution 13/05 On the conservation of whale sharks (*Rhincodon typus*)
Fishing of whale shark is banned in India
6. Resolution 13/06 On a scientific and management framework on the conservation of shark species caught in association with IOTC managed Fisheries
Fishing of certain shark species is banned in India
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
No licence issued to fish in Indian waters to foreign flag vessels



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
India does not have a major tuna fishery which uses FAD's
9. Resolution 13/09 On the conservation of albacore caught in the IOTC Area of Competence
No target fishery on albacore tuna exists in India
10. Resolution 13/10 On interim target and limit reference points and a decision framework
India does not follow any quota system in marine fishery
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
Discard of tunas were never reported from Indian waters.

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

India has already provided the report on implementation of conservation and management measures adopted by the IOTC



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): 13.02.2014

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".

Authorised fishing vessels are being monitored and inspected by Indian Coast Guard, Mandatory to report entry/exit in advance . AFVs are required to submit voyage report in the prescribed form.

- 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

- 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:

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.

Under consideration

- 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.

Fishing and trade of marine turtles are banned in the country. Incidental catch are released back to sea on live condition

- Resolution 12/05 On establishing a programme for transhipment 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 transhipment). *[A template report exists].*

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

Yes

No

Additional information:

Not applicable

- 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 large scale drift net fishery exists in India

- 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): Click here to enter text.
- 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:

Installation of VMS set up is under progress

- 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.

No

- 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.

No

- 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