

Report of Implementation for the year 2014

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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 14/01 On the removal of obsolete Conservation and Management Measures

- All resolutions and recommendations received are considered in national commission of IOTC and management committee of Tuna Fishes. Afterwards, based on new recommendations all laws and regulations are updated.

2. Resolution 14/02 For the conservation and management of tropical tunas stocks in the IOTC area of competence

-Upgrading the capture fishery statistical software (Called AMAR Software) and formulating suitable reports in accordance with IOTC demands, designing the AMAR software under SQL 2008 and web system, Meet certain statistical hardware requirements for enumerators and computer operators, inter alia: fish measuring board, scale, computer, camera and train them.

-On time provision of catch statistics, fishing efforts, and fish biometry data in the breakdown of Province, Month, Species, Vessel class and fishing method.

-Designing logbook for gillnet fishery, print and disseminate it, Training of those who are involved in these issues in provincial levels, and the captain of fishing vessels.

- Persian translation of ID cards for bigeye tuna and yellowfin tuna, duplicate and disseminate it among related landing places.

-Evaluation and identification of bycatch in Oceanic Gillnet fishery and identifying shark species and reporting the bycatch results to IOTC.

-Complete and report the purse seiners logbooks.

-Two more landing centers have been added to compile length & weight data for tuna and tuna-like species.

-Annual reporting of the number and specification of active and registered fishing vessels in the Indian Ocean tuna Commission.

3. Resolution 14/03 On enhancing the dialogue between fisheries scientists and managers

- Holding continuous, related training courses with increase in participation of experts in these courses,
- The framework and structure of training courses should be re-considered to evaluate and omit some difficulties,
- The information and technology transfer must be considered as a goof potential.
- There must be a special allocated space in IOTC website for follow up of training related issues.

4. Resolution 14/04 Concerning the IOTC record of vessels authorised to operate in the IOTC area of competence ^a

- Statistics of registered and active vessels of Islamic Republic of Iran in IOTC region has been sent to IOTC Secretariat with letter no. 38507 on Feb 4, 2015.

5. Resolution 14/05 Concerning a record of licensed foreign vessels fishing for IOTC species in the IOTC area of competence and access agreement information ^a

- Iran Fisheries Organization has not issued any fishing license for foreign vessels to carry out Tuna Fishing activities in EEZ or IOTC related waters.

6. Resolution 14/06 On establishing a programme for transshipment by large-scale fishing vessels ^a

- Basically there is no transshipment occurred at sea in Iranian fishing vessels. By the way, this resolution is only for huge long liner vessel.

Note: ^a indicate that a template report exists for some of the requirements and can be downloaded at <http://www.iotc.org/compliance/reporting-templates>

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:

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. 12003 dated June 28, 2014. 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 12/06, During 2014, Iran did not have any active longline vessel and this resolution is not applicable for Iran.

* According resolution 13/08, Iran Fisheries Organization with the help of Purse Seiners 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 Jan 6, 2014 has been sent to IOTC Secretariat and also it was sent separately for owners of these vessels in Iran.

Part C. Data and information reporting requirements for CPCs to be included in this report (please refer to the *section February 2015 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):09/02/2015

No

The report is attached to the implementation report:

Yes

No

Additional information:

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

- 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.

-choosing and training observers and inspectors on board vessels for fishing gears cheking, 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.

-During 2014, Iran did not have any active longline vessel and this resolution is not applicable for Iran.

- 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 2014 have already been provided to the IOTC Secretariat:

Yes **Date of reporting (DD/MM/YYYY):** -Iran Fisheries Organization according letter no.39072 dated 09/02/2015 has been sent to IOTC Secretariat.

No

The report on import, landing or transhipment of tuna and tuna-like fish products landed or transhipped in port in 2014 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.

-Taking into account the need to increase the scientific information, in particular to provide the IOTC Scientific Committee working material in order to improve the management of the tuna and tuna-like species fished in the Indian Ocean and reiterating the responsibilities of flag States to ensure that their vessels conduct their fishing activities in a responsible manner, fully respecting IOTC Conservation and Management Measures and in spite of many problems that we have discussed before during Ecosystem and Bycatch working group meetings, Iran fisheries organization has tried to collect some information during port sampling.

- In the end of 2014 Iran Fisheries organization employed 20 experts who all of them graduated from university in fishery field and they have high motivation to work as on board observers. We trained the observers during a three days workshop but surely they need more training courses. We are going to hold another workshop to define more detail of their responsibilities and we are following put them on board as observers .

- Iran Fisheries Organization offer his request to held a workshop for new observers by IOTC

- 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.

-Recognizing that the populations of marine Turtles species are listed as Vulnerable, Endangered or critically endangered on the IUCN red list species, the resolution 12/04 translated and served to all fishermen.

-Fishery management deputy of Iran Fisheries Organization emphasized on the resolution importance through the national IOTC committee meetings in 2014, where the representatives of fishermen are the member of the committee.

-A colorful guidance about safe release of unintentionally encircled Turtles by purse seines or entangled in gillnets, is printed and distributed among fishermen.

-Base on Iran Fisheries Organization regulations (IFO) all unintentionally entangled turtles must be released from the nets. Also base on I.R.Iran Law of protection and utilization marine fish resources, offenders are punished by courts and IFO fishermen infraction commission by paying penalties, confiscated fishing gears and their catch and proscribed from catch for a period of time.

-In order to rescue turtle from nets, we trained all the purse seiner crews and since 2014 all the active purse seines carried dip nets on board.

-Base on 2014 reports we have not received any report through the logbooks, port state controls or expertise reports about incident.

- Resolution 14/06 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 2014 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 2014 are attached to the implementation report:

Yes

No

Additional information:

- In fact there is no transshipment carried out in Iranian fishing vessels at sea

- 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 large-scale gillnets is banned since 2010 and the regulation has been announced by Iran Fisheries Organization to vessels and other stakeholders.

- All gillnets and driftnets which are taken by Iranian fishermen in IOTC competence of area are controlled by fisheries experts in fishing harbors before and after fishing operation.

-Base on 2014 reports we have not received any report through the port state controls by experts about using large scale driftnets/gillnets with more than 2.5 Km in length.

- 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.

-Recognizing the ecological significance of Cetaceans and concerning about the potential impacts of purse seine fishing operation on the sustainability of the Order, the resolution 13/04 translated to Persian language and officially notified to all cooperatives and fishermen.

-Fishery management deputy of Iran Fisheries Organization emphasized on the resolution importance through the national IOTC committee meetings in 2014, where the representatives of fishermen and their cooperatives are present as a member of the committee.

- A colorful guidance about safe release of unintentionally encircled Cetaceans by different gears especially purse seiners is printed and distributed among fishermen.

-Base on Iran Fisheries Organization regulations (IFO) intentionally catch of Cetaceans are forbidden and no licenses issued for their catch. Base on I.R.Iran Law of protection and utilization marine fish resources, offenders are punished by courts and IFO fishermen infraction commission by paying penalties, confiscated fishing gears and their catch and proscribed from catch for a period of time.

-Base on 2014 reports we have not received any report through the logbooks, port state controls or expertise reports about incident.

-It is considerable that I.R.I had only four active Purse seines vessels in 2014.

- 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.

-Recognizing the ecological significance of Whale Sharks (*Rhincodontypus*), and concerning about the potential impacts of purse seine fishing operation on the sustainability of the species, the resolution 13/05 translated and served to all fishermen.

- Fishery management deputy of Iran Fisheries Organization emphasized on the resolution importance through the national IOTC committee meetings in 2014, where the representatives of fishermen and their cooperatives are present as a member of the committee.

-A colorful guidance about safe release of unintentionally encircled Whale Sharks (*Rhincodontypus*) by different gears especially purse seiners is printed and distributed among fishermen.

-Base on Iran Fisheries Organization regulations (IFO) intentionally catch of all Sharks species are forbidden and no licenses issued for sharks catch purposes. Base on I.R.Iran Law of protection and utilization marine fish resources, offenders are punished by courts and IFO fishermen infraction commission by paying penalties, confiscated fishing gears and their catch and proscribed from catch for a period of time.

-Base on 2014 reports we have not received any report through the logbooks, port state controls or expertise reports about incident.

- It is considerable that we had only four active Purse seines vessels in 2014.

- Resolution 14/05 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

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