

Report of Implementation for the year 2014

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Reporting CPC: MOZAMBIQUE

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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

Mozambique has taken into consideration the obsolete measures stated in this Resolution during the revision of the Terms and Conditions for tuna licenses for the national and foreign fleets operating inside and outside Mozambique's EEZ. Equally, the measures in this Resolution are being considered in the ongoing process of the revision of the national fisheries regulations to conform with the new Fisheries Law. In addition, the national and foreign captains are briefed on the measures that are applicable, and those that are no longer applicable during the pre-fishing briefings which take place annually in Mozambican designated ports. It is expected that the flag State of the vessel, in meeting its responsibilities, will also have briefed the Master on the Issues.

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

To comply with this Resolution, Mozambique is continuing data collection for the industrial fleet, through implementation of the tuna longline logbook for its national fleet, implemented in December 2013. To strengthen our data collection, the next step is to extend our electronic system to all foreign fleets and build our capacity for further analysis of this data. The challenge in artisanal fisheries persists due to its complexity and although artisanal fishers are not targeting tuna, tuna species are caught as part of their multi-species fishery. Mozambique is seeking mechanisms to enhance data collection for this sector and is willing to work regionally on this issue.

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

Mozambique is very supportive of all workshops on this subject organized by the IOTC Secretariat. Mozambique attended the last meeting in Bangkok in February, and looks forward to continued participation in such meetings in future. At the national level, there are regular meetings involving both managers and scientists to discuss issues related to the management of our tuna fisheries.

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

To comply with this Resolution, Mozambique has developed and submitted to IOTC Secretariat its template for the Certificate of Authorization to fish outside its EEZ as well as the revised Terms and Conditions for Foreign Fishing Vessels licenses for tuna fishing in its EEZ. At the same time, Mozambique has submitted the list of 05 national longline vessels less than 24 metres to be registered in AFVs of IOTC and their respective certificates of authorizations to fish on high seas and in third party waters. This information was approved and placed on the IOTC Website.

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

Mozambique is fully complying with this Resolution. The detailed information on the foreign vessels licensed by Mozambique was submitted (February 2015) to the IOTC Secretariat together with Government to Government agreements. Additionally, Mozambique benefited from the compliance follow-up mission on the Implementation of Resolutions where, among other issues, this Resolution was further analysed.

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

Mozambique did not license any LSTLV to fish tuna in 2014. A 'Nil' report was submitted to the IOTC Secretariat.

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.*

Mozambique has updated its Terms and Conditions for tuna fishing licenses for both its national and the foreign tuna fishing vessels authorised to fish in its waters to incorporate all IOTC Resolutions. Mozambique also started the process of revising its general Fisheries Regulation to incorporate all IOTC Resolutions as part of its national legislation.

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 x Date of reporting (DD/MM/YYYY): Nil report sent 01/04/2014
No

The report is attached to the implementation report:

Yes No x

Additional information:

In 2014, Mozambique did not import Bigeye tuna and no bigeye tuna was exported.

- 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”.

Mozambique meets the minimum management standards by using two methods: 1) is the implementation of Terms and Conditions for national and foreign tuna vessels applying for licenses in Mozambique; and 2) by conducting pre-fishing briefings in Mozambican designated ports on all legislation and rules that must be followed in the tuna fishery.

- 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.

Regarding this Resolution Mozambique did not register any interaction or incidental catch with seabirds during the operations of its one small scale longliner (<24m) which operated only in December 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 2014 have already been provided to the IOTC Secretariat:

Yes x

Date of reporting (DD/MM/YYYY):

No

The report on import, landing or transshipment of tuna and tuna-like fish products landed or transhipped in port in 2014 is attached to the implementation report:

Yes x

No ☐

Additional information:

Mozambique does not import tuna. There was no transshipment of tuna in Mozambique's ports in 2014.

- 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.

Mozambique did not deploy any Observers in 2014.

- 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.

Compliance for this resolution is addressed annually at the pre-fishing briefing of the Masters of Mozambique's longliners. Moreover, this Resolution is also included in the Terms and Conditions of the Tuna License. The national longline logbook also addresses this issue, requiring the vessel Masters to record any interaction or catch of marine turtles in each set.

- 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 x

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 x

No ☐

Additional information:

There were no transhipments in Mozambique designated Ports in 2014.

- 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.

Regarding this measure, Mozambique introduced in 2004 a ban of the use of large scale driftnet in its EEZ. No licenses are issued for this gear in Mozambique.

- 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.

Mozambique has no purse seine vessels in its tuna fleet, consequently this Resolution was not applicable in 2014. Even so, to ensure this is addressed for the future, Mozambique has introduced this measure in the Terms and Conditions for Tuna license.

- 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.

Mozambique has no purse seine vessels in its tuna fleet, consequently this Resolution was not applicable in 2014, however, as noted above it is addressed in the the Terms and Conditions for Tuna licenses.

- 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

Mozambique submitted the Government to Government access agreements information on 15 February 2015 together with the final list of foreign fishing vessels licensed in 2014.



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