

Report of Implementation for the year 2014

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF THE REPORT 26 FEBRUARY 2015

Reporting CPC: Oman

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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
Res 14/01 was circulated to the stakeholders, to inform them about the CMMs that had been revoked by this resolution.

2. Resolution 14/02 For the conservation and management of tropical tunas stocks in the IOTC area of competence
Res 14/02 was circulated to the stakeholders, to inform them about the modification, and the removal of the area closure.

3. Resolution 14/03 On enhancing the dialogue between fisheries scientists and managers
Res 14/03 does not require any action.

4. Resolution 14/04 Concerning the IOTC record of vessels authorised to operate in the IOTC area of competence^a
We are taking into consideration the changes made to the previous resolution, while reporting the list of authorized vessels.

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
N/A (Sultanate of Oman does not have any Licensed Foreign Fishing Vessels nor Government to Government Access Agreement), Sultanate of Oman has already report against this resolution.

6. Resolution 14/06 On establishing a programme for transshipment by large-scale fishing vessels^a
We are taking into consideration the changes made to the previous resolution, while reporting about programme for transshipment by large-scale fishing vessels.



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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.*

Sultanate of Oman is in the process of reviewing the national legislation which will take into consideration the pertaining requirements of IOTC CMMs.

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): 18/01/2015

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”.

Sultanate of Oman is implementing Recommendation 05/07, the Omani fishing vessels which operate in the IOTC area of competence are fully monitored by VMS, and they regularly report on their catches, any transshipment occurred in the ports or at sea through the IOTC ROP programs, it has to be approved by the official authorities.

- 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.

The official authorities informed and instructed the Omani flagged vessels to implement the Res 10/06, during the last year, the fleet did not report any bycatch of seabirds

- 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

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 2014 is attached to the implementation report:

Yes

No

Additional information:

Any exports or imports of tuna and tuna-like species are subject to the approval of the official authorities, which examine all relevant information, and every shipment should be accompanied with the proper documentation, and there were no landing or transshipment took place in Omani ports during the last year.

- 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.

The official authorities prepare the ground to establish a national observer program, but due to funding and manpower constrain, the program is expected to be launched in the coming future. Other option are also being considered to implement this program.

- 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 law in the Sultanate of Oman prohibits the fishing of marine turtles and the use of their eggs for any purpose. The sultanate is giving due attention to the marine turtles, other projects are designed to monitor and collect data about marine turtles.

- 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): 04/11/2014

No

The details on transshipment in ports for 2014 are attached to the implementation report:

Yes

No

Additional information:

there were no landing or transshipment took place in Omani ports during the last year.

- 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.

Sultanate of Oman does not allow using of large-scale driftnet, in the high seas and thus comply with Res 12/12

- 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.

Sultanate of Oman does not have any purse seine fishing vessels working in the high seas, and no incidental has been reported by the longline fleet.

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

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Sultanate of Oman does not have any purse seine fishing vessels working in the high seas, and no incidental has been reported by the longline fleet.

- 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),

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