

Report of Implementation for the year 2014

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Reporting CPC: Seychelles

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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 relevant stakeholders were informed of the obsolete Conservation and Management Measures and these were removed as conditions on the Certificate of Authorisation.
2. Resolution 14/02 For the conservation and management of tropical tunas stocks in the IOTC area of competence
All Seychelles Longline and purse seine fishing vessels owners and operators operating in the IOTC Area of competence were informed that the time- area closure will no longer be applicable as of 08/10/2014
3. Resolution 14/03 On enhancing the dialogue between fisheries scientists and managers
Seychelles have actively participated in IOTC workshop on connecting the IOTC science and management process whereby our scientists and managers have improved their capacity and understanding of the IOTC process
4. Resolution 14/04 Concerning the IOTC record of vessels authorised to operate in the IOTC area of competence^a
Seychelles maintains an up-to-date register of all Seychelles vessels authorised to fish in the IOTC area of competence. Each time a Certificate of authorisation is issued to a vessel to fish in the IOTC area of competence a copy is also submitted to the IOTC secretariat. The secretariat is also notified of any deletion of Seychelles registered vessels so as to update the records accordingly.
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
Seychelles maintain a database of all foreign vessels that are issued with a license to operate inside the Seychelles EEZ. The list of licensed foreign vessels fishing for IOTC species in the IOTC area of competence was submitted to the IOTC secretariat on 28th March 2015.

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

All Seychelles flagged Vessels requires an authorisation from the Seychelles Fishing Authority to tranship at sea and the transshipment are conducted in accordance to IOTC resolution 14/06.

All foreign fishing Vessels requires an authorisation from the Seychelles Fishing Authority to tranship at sea in the Seychelles EEZ in accordance with IOTC resolution 14/06

A list of all carrier vessels that are authorised to receive at-Sea Transshipment from the Seychelles flagged vessels in the IOTC area of competence are submitted to the IOTC secretariat. The later is also notified of any addition, deletion and modification to the list.

Transshipment details are also submitted to the IOTC secretariat in accordance to the resolution 14/06.

Seychelles is also participating in the regional observer programme for at sea transshipment on carrier vessels.

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.*

Seychelles has enacted a new Fisheries Act in October 2014. Section 5 of the new act on management plans and management measures make provisions for Seychelles to implement conservation and management measures adopted by the Commission.

The new fisheries act also make provisions for regulations to be prescribed for cases where management measures adopted by the commission that are not specifically provided for in the act can be implemented.

A copy of the new fisheries Act was submitted to the IOTC secretariat in March 2015.

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): [Click here to enter text.](#)

No X

The report is attached to the implementation report:

Yes No X

Additional information:

Seychelles has initiated work to design a database to capture data from the Sta Doc programme so as to enable comparison between export data from Seychelles and import data into the market state to be made.

- 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”.

As previously reported, Seychelles takes all possible measures to meet the minimum management standard for all authorised vessels. All vessels must meet the following conditions prior to be issued with a Certificate of Authorisation to fish in IOTC area of competence:

1. An initial port inspections by enforcement officers
2. Must have on board a functional satellite based VMS
3. Must be willing to take onboard Scientific Observers as appropriate.
4. Are required to complete daily report of all activities and catches in a logbook.
5. Must report catch records electronically (weekly for longliners and every 3 days for purse seiners)
6. Must be inspected in port for all port calls.

At sea patrol are also undertaken whereby vessels are boarded and inspected to ensure compliance with IOTC management measures.

- 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 addition to what was previously reported by Seychelles on resolution 10/06, Seychelles has included provision related to the recording of seabird interaction in its Authorisation to Fish (ATF) certificate and has designed a new fishing logbook to include fields where such interaction will be recorded. Data on interaction with Sea bird will be submitted to the IOTC in September 2015 for the year 2014.

Seychelles has also submitted to the IOTC secretariat copies of the new ATF and logbook.

- 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):

No X

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 X

Additional information:

Seychelles has submitted details on landings and transhipment of tuna and tuna-like fish product in Port Victoria by foreign vessels for the years 2010 to 2013.

Seychelles is still compiling landing and transhipment data for the year 2014 and will submit to the IOTC secretariat by June 2015.

- 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.

At sea deployment under the Seychelles National Observer programme continued in 2014.

A total of 17 fishing trips (707 days) were covered in 2014.

Observers reports are yet to be provided to the IOTC secretariat.

Seychelles is still processing the data and will provide updates to the IOTC in its National Report at the next IOTC Scientific meeting.

Observers reports will be submitted to the Secretariate before end of June 2015.

- 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.

In addition to what was previously reported by Seychelles on resolution 12/04, Seychelles has included provision for Longliners to carry line-cutters and de-hookers and for purse seiners to carry deep nets in its Authorisation to Fish (ATF) certificate.

Seychelles has also submitted to the IOTC secretariat copies of the new ATF.

- 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):**
No X

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

Yes No X

Additional information:

Seychelles is still compiling landing and transshipment data by its flagged vessels for the year 2014 and will submit to the IOTC by June 2015.

- 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.

Seychelles has prohibited the use of large-scale driftnet. No incidence in regards to its use have been detected during the at sea patrols.

- 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.

There has been no incidence of encirclement of cetaceans by purse seiners reported.

- 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.

No interaction with whale sharks has been reported by the purse seine fleet from January to september 2014. The data for the whole year 2014 are still being compiled and Seychelles will provide update to IOTC during submission of 2014 data in June 2015.

Interaction will also be captured via our at sea observer program and will feature in Observer reports

- 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

Seychelles submitted copies of Government to Government access agreement in existence to IOTC in March 2015