

Report of Implementation for the year 2014

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Reporting CPC: THAILAND

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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
The resolution was noted
2. Resolution 14/02 For the conservation and management of tropical tunas stocks in the IOTC area of competence
The tasks to response this resolution have been assigned and prepared for the consideration by the Scientific Committee
3. Resolution 14/03 On enhancing the dialogue between fisheries scientists and managers
The full participation of Thai scientists in the 1st Workshop on connecting science and management processes (SMWS01) 25 to 27 June 2014, Phuket, Thailand
4. Resolution 14/04 Concerning the IOTC record of vessels authorised to operate in the IOTC area of competence^a
Thailand already submitted the list of official authorised vessels and it is updated in the IOTC website. The information concerning these ATF.
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
Not applicable.
According to the Act Governing the Right to Fish in Thai Water, 1939, foreign vessels are not allowed to fish in Thai Water.
6. Resolution 14/06 On establishing a programme for transshipment by large-scale fishing vessels^a
Not applicable.
The at sea transshipment occurred in 2013.
Referencing the official letter to IOTC secretariat on 14th May, (B.E. 2557) 2014, Thailand had submitted the report of Investigation on the Possible Infraction of Thai Tuna Longliners during At-Sea Transshipment in 2013. The transshipment had been inspected by the deployed

regional observer. The report addressed that the transshipment at sea have been implemented in accordance to the IOTC. Regarding this, the Thai authorized fishing vessels have been informed, by the DOF, the IOTC authorized carrier vessel list.

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.*

- Thailand seeks assistance on capacity building for its fishery officers to enable to complete the task stipulated in Resolution 10/04 on a regional observer scheme.
- FAO has financially and technically supported Thailand on the Pilot Port Model Project with a view to implementing Port State Measure and to learning difficulties Thailand may experience when it engages in implementation of Port State Measure Agreement and Resolution 10/11.
- Existing out-of-date Fisheries law had been revised to accommodate new obligations such as control of its fishing operation in areas under national jurisdiction of foreign countries and in the high seas and port state measures. A new Chapter on overseas fisheries of Thai fishing vessels beyond national jurisdiction and their management is established.
- Thailand has implemented regulation regarding traceability and catch certification for fish and fishery products exported to the EU markets.
- Thailand, by support of FAO, held the Workshop on National Eco-label for Marine Capture Fisheries during 12nd-15th January, 2015, Bangkok

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): 26/02/2015

No

The report is attached to the implementation report:

Yes No

Additional information:

The report was drafted and will be submitted to the Secretary in a separated document

- 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".

Fishing Operation of its AFVs is managed in compliance with the Thai Fisheries Act, 1947, its' Decrees and related Regulations. The renewal of the vessel authorization have been submitted to the IOTC. These authorized fishing vessel have been monitored through VMS. Their fishing logbook have been submitted to the Department of Fisheries in regular manner. Apart for the purpose of monitor and investigation, the information derived from their logbooks are used for the scientific purpose.

- 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.

With highly concern in reducing the incidental bycatch of seabirds in longline fisheries, Thai tuna longliner operate their fishing with the bird scaring lines.

- 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):** [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 2014 is attached to the implementation report:

Yes No

Additional information:

The report of import and re-export of bigeye tuna and the tuna unloading in the Thai fishing ports by foreign vessels have been reported yearly. However, for 2014, the data of tuna unloading in the Thai fishing ports by the foreign vessels is in the progress of compiling and filling in the requested form (Reporting foreign fishing vessels that landed tuna and tuna-like species (caught in the IOTC area of competence) in national ports). They will be send soon after completed.

- 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.

Information on the at-sea transhipment have been provided and the report of Investigation on the Possible Infraction of Thai Tuna Longliners during At-Sea Transhipment in 2013 had been submitted in May B.E. 2557 (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.

According to the Thai Fisheries Act, 1947, the exploitation of marine turtles is prohibited. The article 32(7) of the Act addressed that no person shall absolutely catch, trap, injure or kill all kinds of turtles and tortoises. If any turtle or tortoise has been stuck with or by any fishing gears of fishing appliance, it must be freed into the sea immediately. The Act also addressed that, no person shall, absolutely at any beach, collect eggs of sea turtle and tortoise.

- Resolution 14/06 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 transhipments 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 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 transhipment in ports for 2014 are attached to the implementation report:

Yes No

Additional information:

The information are in progress of compilation and it will be sonnest submitted in the required forms after completed.

- 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.

Not applicable.

Thailand does not employ drifnet fishing in the highseas

- 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.

Not applicable.

Thailand currently have none purse seiners listed in the IOTC Record of Fishing vessel or authorized to fish tuna and tuna-like species managed by the IOTC on the high seas

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

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Not applicable.

Same rational as appeared in Resolution 13/04

- 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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Not applicable.

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