
Report of Implementation for the year 2014

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Reporting CPC: France (territories)

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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 French authorities disclosed the revocation of those Recommendations to the relevant operators and administrations.
2. Resolution 14/02 For the conservation and management of tropical tunas stocks in the IOTC area of competence
The French authorities communicated this information to the relevant operators and administrations.
3. Resolution 14/03 On enhancing the dialogue between fisheries scientists and managers
The relevant administrations and operators have been informed.
4. Resolution 14/04 Concerning the IOTC record of vessels authorised to operate in the IOTC area of competence ^a
Since January 1st 2014, there are no French territories-flagged vessels registered in the IOTC record of vessels authorised to fish IOTC species.
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
The IMO number is mandatory and part of the information requested from vessels applying for a fishing license in the waters under the jurisdiction of France (territories), according to Annex 1 of Decree No. 2012-48 dated June 12th 2012 issued by the prefect of French Southern and Antarctic Lands. The administrative authority responsible for delivering the license carries out a verification.
6. Resolution 14/06 On establishing a programme for transhipment by large-scale fishing vessels ^a
Since January 1st 2014, there are no French territories-flagged vessels registered in the IOTC record of vessels authorised to fish IOTC species.

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.*

The territory of Mayotte became a French department on January 1st 2014. The waters surrounding Mayotte are now under the jurisdiction of France in the context of its involvement in the European Union. The waters surrounding the French Southern and Antarctic Lands (TAAF) remain under French jurisdiction as overseas territories. Vessels registered in Mayotte are placed under French flag (EU). All reports and notifications provided under the Resolutions and Recommendations, and forwarded since the beginning of 2014 by the EU or France (territories), reflect these changes.

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

The report is attached to the implementation report:

Yes No

Additional information:

No export operation is currently made from a port of landing located in a French territory. None of the vessels authorized to fish in the French waters of the Mozambique Channel have landed their catch in a French port of the Southern Indian Ocean. Therefore, there has been no export of bigeye tuna originating from the French Overseas Territories.

- 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”.

First of all, the delivery of fishing licences is subject to an in-depth study of the technical, legal and financial capacity of the vessel owner. This includes, in particular, the study of all systems required on board to meet the technical requirements governing fisheries in the waters of the Scattered Islands, which are consistent with the 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.

Annex II of Decree No. 2014-51 dated April 23rd 2014, stating the rules governing tuna fisheries and other pelagic fisheries in the EEZs of the Scattered Islands, lays down provisions, applicable to vessels using longline and pole-and-line gears, allowing to mitigate incidental interactions with seabirds. These provisions include the mandatory use of circle

hooks and at least one additional device to avoid interactions, as well as measures in terms of waste management and reporting requirements.

- 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:

No landings or transhipments took place in the French Overseas Territories.

- 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.

Nine observers were deployed in 2014 on tuna purse-seiners licensed to operate in the waters of the Scattered Islands. These observers carried out observations for a total of 392,5 days, including 5 days in the French waters. Observer trip reports were communicated to French authorities and coastal States, for the part on their EEZ. The information collected under these observer trips was sent to the IOTC by the Institute of Research for Development (IRD).

- 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.

Annex II of Decree No. 2014-51 dated April 23rd 2014 (TAAF), stating the rules governing tuna fisheries and other pelagic fisheries in the EEZs of the Scattered Islands, provides for the recording of data on interactions with marine turtles and the requirement, for the various gear types (purse seine, net, handline-longline-pole and line), to release marine

turtles in order to increase their chances of survival, as well as a FAD design requirement to avoid all risks of marine turtle entanglement.

- 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:

NA. Besides, at sea-transhipments are prohibited in French waters.

- 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.

The use of gillnets is banned since 2008 (Article 5 of modified TAAF Decree No. 2008-06).

- 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.

NA (no French territories-flagged vessels registered in the IOTC record of authorised vessels since January 1st 2014). The intentional set of a purse seine net around a cetacean is forbidden in French waters, under Annex II of Decree No. 2014-51.

- 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.



NA (no French territories-flagged vessels registered in the IOTC record of authorised vessels since January 1st 2014). The intentional set of a purse seine net around a whale shark is forbidden in French waters, under Annex II of Decree No. 2014-51.

- 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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No agreement has been reached between governments regarding the exploitation of IOTC species in the waters of the French Overseas Territories under the jurisdiction of France.