

Report of Implementation for the year 2014

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF THE REPORT 26 FEBRUARY 2015

Reporting CPC: South Africa

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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 obsolete Conservation and Management measures removed in line with Resolution 14/01 and changes effected in 2015 Permit Conditions for the Large Pelagis Sector.
2. Resolution 14/02 For the conservation and management of tropical tunas stocks in the IOTC area of competence
South Africa does not have an artisanal tuna fisheries but an Offshore Recreational Angling that catches and lands tuna and tuna-like species. The recreational fishing sector has a bag limit of 10 tunas per person per day as stipulated in the Regulations in terms of the Marine Living Resources Act (1998) and the sector is managed through licenses and permits. There is an annual limit of number of permits and licenses issued. The minimum size limits as stipulated by the Regulations in terms of the Marine Living Resources Act (1998) also applies to the recreational sector. No statistical system is in place to quantify catches made by the recreational fishery. Recreational fishes are not permitted to sell their catch.
3. Resolution 14/03 On enhancing the dialogue between fisheries scientists and managers
South Africa is keen to participate in intercessional Science and Management Dialogue Workshops established with the objective of enhancing communication and to foster mutual understanding between fisheries managers, scientist and stakeholders. South Africa has already identified two Fisheries Managers in this regard.
4. Resolution 14/04 Concerning the IOTC record of vessels authorised to operate in the IOTC area of competence^a
Request for listing of Authorised vessel has been ammended for 2015 to include additional vessel information on the technical specifications as well as owner ifnformation.
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
South Africa has entered in to an access agreement with Japan.

IOTC Secretariat has been notified and all copies of licences and agreements forwarded to the Secretariat.

6. Resolution 14/06 On establishing a programme for transshipment by large-scale fishing vessels^a
South Africa does not allow at-sea transshipments but only in-port transshipment after a permit has been applied for and issued. All in-port transshipments are monitored. Transshipment can only be authorised to vessels that comply with relevant RFMOs (CCAMLR, ICCAT, IOTC, CCSBT, and SEAFO) and in to carrier vessels that appear on the respective authorized list of carrier vessels. The following information shall be furnished to the Department 48 Hours before the transshipment:

- a.) Manifest of fish onboard,
- b.) Place/position of transshipment,
- c.) Date and time of transshipment,
- d.) Estimated time to complete the transshipment,

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.*

South Africa has adopted and published the National Plan of Action for the Management of Sharks.

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): 25th March 2014

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”.

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- 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.

South Africa fleet has been implementing a number of seabird mitigation measure listed in Table one of Resolution 10/06. Our Permit Conditions clearly dictate that setting of lines should be conducted at night only. During setting of each line, bird scarring lines (Tori-lines) should be deployed. Specification for construction and deployment of tori-lines are clearly outlined in the permit conditions. All vessels are also required to complete the “Seabird mitigation checklist for tuna vessels” prior to sailing. All requirements should be met prior to vessels leaving port. Each vessel participating in the fishery is limited to a number of birds which the can catch as by-catch per season. Once the limit is reached, additional mitigation measures will be imposed upon the vessel and if the situation does not improve, the vessel will be required to cease fishing operation. Since the launch of the National Plan of Action

for Reducing Incidental Catch of Seabirds in Longline Fisheries, the seabird mortality has reduced tenfold to almost level of 0.05 birds for 1 000 hooks.

- 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:

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- 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.

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- 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.

None of the Tuna fishing sector are allowed to land turtles. All by-catch of turtles are to be released alive at sea.

- 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 transshipment in ports for 2014 are attached to the implementation report:

Yes

No

Additional information:

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- 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.

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- 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. South African fleet does not use purse seine nets.

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

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Not Applicable. South African fleet does not use purse seine nets.

- 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

Information in terms of Resolution 14/05 submitted.