

## IOTC Agreement – Article X

### Report of Implementation for the year 2015

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Reporting CPC: France (OT)

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*Please NOTE: this document is composed of 3 sections to report on the implementation of IOTC Resolutions*

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**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 Nineteenth Session.*

- Resolution 15/11 On the implementation of a limitation of fishing capacity of Contracting Parties and Cooperating Non-Contracting Parties.<sup>a</sup>

Since 1 January 2014, there are no more vessels flying the flag of France (Territories) on the Record of vessels authorized to fish for species under the IOTC mandate. The vessels previously listed in the IOTC record under the France (territories) flag and the corresponding capacity limitation plans were transferred to the flag of France as part of the the European Union.

- Resolution 15/10 On target and limit reference points and a decision framework.

French scientists have participated in the work of the Scientific Committee and its working parties to implement this resolution for France (territories).

- Resolution 15/09 On a fish aggregating devices (FADs) working group.

Several research activities are conducted by French scientists and may provide information for the activities and research of the future working party on fish aggregating devices. Research programs and work have been described in the national report provided by France (territories) to the 2015 Scientific Committee.

The number of DCP deployed by quarter and type of FAD were provided to IOTC for the time period 2010-2014. The logbooks of French purse seiners were extended in January 2013 to incorporate the deployment activities and a summary of the deployment areas by quarter was presented in document OTC-2014-WPTT16-20. The French vessel owners have set up a unique non entangling DCP design built on land in Victoria (Seychelles), following a design certified by Bureau Veritas. The documents describing this design were provided to IOTC.

- Resolution 15/08 Procedures on fish aggregating devices (FADs) management plan, including a limitation on the number of FADs, more detailed specifications of catch reporting from FAD sets, and the development of improved FAD designs to reduce the incidence of entanglement of non-target species.<sup>a</sup>



Decree No. 2014-51 of 23 April 2014 prescribing the rules governing the exercise of fishing for tuna and other pelagic fish in the EEZs of the Scattered Islands is currently being revised to incorporate provisions on the limitation of DCP in waters under the jurisdiction of France (territories). The provisions relating to declaration of data about sets on DCPs and the development of a better design of FADs to reduce non-target species entanglement are already integrated in Decree No. 2014-51 of April 23 2014.

- Resolution 15/07 On the use of artificial lights to attract fish to drifting fish aggregating devices. The use of artificial light to attract fish around FADs is prohibited in waters under the jurisdiction of France (territories) and will be included in the amended decree No. 2014-51 of April 23, 2014 prescribing rules governing the exercise of fishing for tuna and other pelagic fish in the EEZs of the Scattered Islands.

- Resolution 15/06 On a ban on discards of bigeye tuna, skipjack tuna, yellowfin tuna, and a recommendation for non-targeted species caught by purse seine vessels in the IOTC area of competence.

Decree No. 2014-51 of 23 April 2014 prescribing the rules governing the exercise of fishing for tuna and other pelagic fish in the EEZs of the Scattered Islands prohibits discards of bigeye, skipjack and yellowfin tunas and also the recommendation [*sic*] on non-target species in the IOTC area.

- Resolution 15/05 On conservation measures for striped marlin, black marlin and blue marlin.

Since 1 January 2014, there are no more vessels flying the flag of France (Territories) on the record of vessels authorized to fish for IOTC species. Some scientists from France (territories), have participated in the work of the Scientific committee that produced the recommendations on the management of these species.

- Resolution 15/04 Concerning the IOTC record of vessels authorised to operate in the IOTC Area of Competence.<sup>a</sup>

Since 1 January 2014, there are no more vessels flying the flag of France (Territories) on the record of vessels authorized to fish for IOTC species.

- Resolution 15/03 On the vessel monitoring system (VMS) Programme.<sup>a</sup>

Since 1 January 2014, there are no more vessels flying the flag of France (Territories) on the record of vessels authorized to fish for IOTC species. Decree No. 2014-51 of 23 April 2014 prescribing the rules governing the exercise of fishing for tuna and other pelagic fish in the EEZs of the Scattered Islands requires that authorized vessels be equipped with VMS, consistent with resolution 1503 .

- Resolution 15/02 On mandatory statistical reporting requirements for IOTC Contracting Parties and Cooperating Non-Contracting Parties (CPCs).

Since 1 January 2014, there are no more vessels flying the flag of France (Territories) on the record of vessels authorized to fish for IOTC species.



- Resolution 15/01 On the recording of catch and effort data by fishing vessels in the IOTC Area of Competence.

Decree No. 2014-51 of 23 April 2014 prescribing the rules governing the exercise of fishing for tuna and other pelagic fish in the EEZs of the Scattered Islands requires that the recording of catch and effort by vessels fishing in the IOTC area meet the regulatory requirements of the IOTC.

Note: <sup>a</sup> indicate that a template report exists for some of the requirements and can be downloaded at <http://www.iotc.org/compliance/reporting-templates>



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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.*

The entire regulatory framework of the IOTC adopted at previous sessions is incorporated into our domestic legislation.

**Part C.** Data and information reporting requirements for CPCs to be included in this report (please refer to the section “Implementation Report due by 16 March 2016” of the *Guide on data and information reporting requirements for Members and Cooperating Non-contracting Parties*, available for download at <http://www.iotc.org/compliance/reporting-templates>).

- 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].

**Nil report, specify the reason:**     No large scale longline vessels on the IOTC RAV  
 Do not export frozen big eye tuna

**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”.

a. Management in the fishing grounds (of flag vessels).

	<i>Scientific Observer boarding</i>	<i>Satellite-based vessel monitoring system</i>	<i>Daily or required periodic catch report</i>	<i>Entry/Exit report</i>
<b>Yes, No?</b>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Note</b>	% NA	% or number of vessels NA	Method NA	Method NA

b. Management of transshipment (from the fishing grounds to the landing ports; of flag vessels)

	<i>Transshipment report</i>	<i>Port inspection</i>	<i>Statistical document program</i>
<b>Yes, No?</b>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Note</b>	Method	Method	NA



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c. Management at landing ports (of flag vessels).

	<i>Landing inspection</i>	<i>Landing reporting</i>	<i>Cooperation with other Parties</i>
<b>Yes, No?</b>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Note</b>	Method NA	Method NA	NA

Additional information:

Since 1 January 2014, there are no more vessels flying the flag of France (Territories) on the record of vessels authorized to fish for IOTC species.

- 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].*

**Nil report, specify the reason(s):**  No landing from foreign vessels in national ports  
 No transhipment by foreign vessels in national ports  
 Do not import tuna and tuna-like fish products

**The report on import, landing or transhipment of tuna and tuna-like fish products landed or transhipped in port in 2015 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 2015 is attached to the implementation report:**

Yes  No

Additional information:

No such movement happened in the French overseas territories.

- Resolution 11/02 Prohibition of fishing on data buoys

CPCs are to notify the IOTC Secretariat of all reports of observations of damaged data buoys.

**Nil Report**

**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:

Since 1 January 2014, there are no more vessels flying the flag of France (Territories) on the record of vessels authorized to fish for IOTC species.

- 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.

Type of gear	No of vessels monitored in 2014	Coverage in 2014 (%)
Purse seine	Click here to enter text.	Click here to enter text.
Longline	Click here to enter text.	Click here to enter text.
Gillnet	Click here to enter text.	Click here to enter text.
Bait Boat	Click here to enter text.	Click here to enter text.
Hand line	Click here to enter text.	Click here to enter text.
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Additional information:

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).

In 2015, 10 observers from France (territories) have covered 18 trips of 5 French purse seiners, 2 Spanish purse seiners, 2 Seychellois purse seiners and 1 Italian purse seiner. These observations amount to a total of 518 days at sea, including 29 days (5.6%) in the waters of the Scattered Islands.

France (territories) participated in the coordination meetings of States managers for scientific fisheries observer organized by Smartfish-IOC. These biannual meetings allow to establish a provisional boarding list of regional fisheries observers from member states of the IOC and France (territories).

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

- Resolution 12 /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. Information on interactions were transmitted in the National report of France (territories) to the IOTC Scientific Committee.

- 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 Report 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.

**Not applicable (No PS vessels on the IOTC RAV in 2015);**





**No encirclement reported by flag vessels in 2015,**

**Encirclement reported by flag vessels in 2015 (Complete the table below):**

Name of the species	Number of instances of encirclement
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Additional information:

NA (no French (territories)-flagged vessels registered in the IOTC record of authorised vessels since January 1st 2014). The intentional setting 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 whale sharks have been encircled by the purse seine nets of their flagged vessels.

**Not applicable (No PS vessels on the IOTC RAV in 2015);**

**No encirclement reported by flag vessels in 2015,**

**Encirclement reported by flag vessels in 2015 (Complete the table below):**

Name of the species	Number of instances of encirclement
<b>Whale sharks (<i>Rhincodon typus</i>)</b>	Click here to enter text.

Additional information:

NA (no French (territories)-flagged vessels registered in the IOTC record of authorised vessels since January 1st 2014). The intentional setting 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),

*A report template exists and can be requested at [secretariat@iotc.org](mailto:secretariat@iotc.org)*

Additional information:

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- Resolution 14/06 On establishing a programme for transhipment by large-scale fishing vessels  
(Report of flag vessels transvesseling in foreign ports)

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 transvesselped, date and location of transhipment). *[A template report exists].*

**Nil report, specify the reason(s):**  No LSTVs on the RAV

Flag LSTVs do not transvessel in foreign ports

**The details on transhipment in ports for 2015 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 2015 are attached to the implementation report:**

Yes

No

Additional information:

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- Resolution 15/04 Concerning the IOTC record of vessels authorised to operate in the IOTC Area of Competence.

CPCs shall review their own internal actions and measures taken pursuant to paragraph 7, including punitive actions and sanctions and, in a manner consistent with domestic law as regards disclosure, report the results of the review to the Commission annually. In consideration of the results of such review, the Commission shall, if appropriate, request the flag CPCs of AFVs on the IOTC Record to take further action to enhance compliance by those vessels with IOTC Conservation and Management Measures.

The flag CPCs of the vessels on the record shall:

- take measures to ensure that their AFVs comply with all the relevant IOTC Conservation and Management Measures;

Describe the measures:

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- take measures to ensure that their AFVs on the IOTC Record keep on board valid certificates of vessel registration and valid authorisation to fish and/or transvessel;  
Describe the measures:  
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  - ensure that their AFVs on the IOTC Record have no history of IUU fishing activities or that, if those vessels have such a history, the new owners have provided sufficient evidence demonstrating that the previous owners and operators have no legal, beneficial or financial interest in, or control over those vessels; the parties of the IUU incident have officially resolved the matter and sanctions have been completed; or that having taken into account all relevant facts, their AFVs are not engaged in or associated with IUU fishing;  
Describe the measures:  
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  - ensure, to the extent possible under domestic law, that the owners and operators of their AFVs on the IOTC Record are not engaged in or associated with tuna fishing activities conducted by vessels not entered into the IOTC Record in the IOTC area of competence;  
Describe the measures:  
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  - take measures to ensure, to the extent possible under domestic law, that the owners of the AFVs on the IOTC Record are citizens or legal entities within the flag CPCs so that any control or punitive actions can be effectively taken against them;  
Describe the measures:  
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