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Dear Sir,

Subject: Feedback Regarding Compliance Issues

Dear Sir,

Please refer to your letter dated 26 May 2017, (ref: IOTC reference 6634) on the above subject.

2. The comments of this Ministry in response to the compliance issues raised in the letter are herewith annexed.
3. We remain at your disposal for any further clarification.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'A. Sheik Mamode'.

A. Sheik Mamode
for Senior Chief Executive

The Chairman
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Seychelles

Issues raised in the Feedback Letter:

1. Has not reported nominal catch, catch & effort and size frequency for coastal fisheries to IOTC standard, as required by Resolution 15/02:

- Nominal catch, catch & effort and size frequency data were reported for the semi-industrial fishery i.e for longline vessels less than 24M in length operating inside the FEZ. It is only for the artisanal anchored FAD fishery that data was not provided as we had a shortage of enumerators. Hence Mauritius is partially compliant to this Resolution. Measures are being taken to ensure that data from artisanal AFAD fishery is collected and transmitted to the IOTC. It is to be noted that the status of Mauritius with regard to this Resolution is: partially compliant.

2. Has not reported size frequency for surface fisheries:

- The two Mauritius-flagged purse seiners landed their catch in Seychelles and hence sampling exercises could not be carried out by our officers. Remedial action is being taken and data will be made available to the IOTC in the near future.

3. Has not reported size frequency for surface fisheries, as required by Resolution 15/02:

- The two Mauritius-flagged purse seiners landed their catches in the Seychelles during that year. Hence, sampling exercises could not be carried out by our officers. Action is being taken to remedy the situation and size frequency data will be made available for surface fisheries in the near future.

4. Has not reported nominal catch, catch & effort and size frequency on sharks to IOTC standard, as required by Resolution 05/05

- Mauritius is not a shark fishing nation. Occasional catches of sharks are reported in the logbooks of the semi-industrial vessels. The nominal catch for sharks for the semi-industrial longline fishery was reported to the IOTC on 23 June 2016 in form 1RC. Similarly the catch and effort data for the semi-industrial longline fishery was reported to the IOTC on 23 June 2016 in form 3CE. The size frequency for the sharks in the semi-industrial longline fishery could not be sampled as the sharks are landed with the head and tail cut off. Presently we are taking measurements of the distance between the first and second dorsal fins and we would wish to have the assistance of the IOTC in providing a conversion formula for this measurement.

The nominal catch, catch & effort and size frequency for the artisanal AFAD fishery could not be collected as there was a lack of enumerators for collection of the data. Action is being taken to remedy the situation. Mauritius is partially compliant to this resolution.

5. Has not fully implemented the requirement of at least 5% inspection of LAN or TRX, as required by Resolution 16/11

- Mauritius has partially complied to this Resolution, even though the required 5% coverage has not been achieved. Remedial action is being taken for at least 5% coverage.

6. Has not provided the Statistical Document Programme, as required by Resolution 01/06:

- Action will be taken to comply with this Resolution.