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**Tuesday, April 10, 2018**

**Mr. Christopher O'Brien  
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Seychelles**

Dear Mr. O'brien,

**RE: SEYCHELLES FEEDBACK LETTER REGARDING COMPLIANCE ISSUES  
(IOTC REFERENCE: 6641)**

In reference to your letter dated 27<sup>th</sup> May 2017, we took note of the concerns raised by the compliance committee and would like to bring the following clarifications on the various points raised by the chairman of the Compliance Committee, as well as provide details of actions undertaken to address those concerns.

The table in annex I, provides a summary of actions implemented in regards to each of the compliance concerns raised in the letter.

It is to be noted that, despite human resource capacity limitation, Seychelles is allocating significant effort toward enhancing compliance level with its obligations *vis-a-vis* the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission. It is to be noted that Seychelles will continue to address outstanding matters within the coming two weeks.

I hope the explanations provided in table 1 bring clarity on the matters raised. I thank you for your understanding and continued support.

Yours Sincerely,

Calvin Gerry (Mr.)  
Deputy Chief Executive Officer  
For: Chief Executive Officer



**Annex I. Actions undertaken by the Seychelles to address Outstanding Compliance issues raise by CoC14 in 2017.**

<b>ISSUES IDENTIFIED</b>	<b>ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has not provided all the mandatory information on the fleet development plan (FDP terminated in 2016), missing: capacity &amp; origin of vessels, as required by Resolution 15/11.</li> </ul>	<p>Seychelles is in the process of developing a new Fleet Development Plan to cover the period 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017 – 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021. The new plan will address the missing information. The new plan will be submitted in April 2018.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has not reported Size frequency for the Coastal fisheries, as required by Resolution 15/02.</li> </ul>	<p>Seychelles is in the process of purchasing required equipment for the collection of length frequency data for tuna and tuna-like species from the coastal fisheries and will also be conducting training for its Statistical technicians so as to initiate routine data collection during the second semester of 2018. Data gathered from sport fishing tournaments in 2016, were provided to the secretariat in April 2018.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has not reported Size frequency (provisional) for the longline fisheries to IOTC standard, as required by Resolution 15/02.</li> </ul>	<p>Seychelles has increase the level of coverage of size frequency data for the longline fisheries from 20 to 30 fish per set. It must be noted that although the data has been collected, the data is yet to be captured in the database for submission. The delay in data capture is mostly due to priority in terms of capacity given for data collection and monitoring relevant to the implementation of IOTC resolution 17/01.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has not reported Size frequency (Final) for the longline fisheries to IOTC standard, as required by Resolution 15/02.</li> </ul>	<p>Seychelles has increase the level of coverage of size frequency data for the longline fleet from 20 to 30 fish per set. It must be noted that although the data has been collected, the data is yet to be captured in the database for submission. The delay in data capture is mostly due to priority in terms of capacity given for data collection and monitoring relevant to the implementation of IOTC resolution 17/01.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has not reported Nominal catch on sharks to IOTC Standard, as required by Resolution 05/05.</li> </ul>	<p>The logbook has been revised to allow for the reporting of data on shark species as per IOTC list. The fleet started using the new logbook in November 2017. Hence Seychelles will start reporting disaggregated data for shark species for year 2017 by 30<sup>th</sup> June 2018. Logbook templates were provided to the secretariat in April 2018.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has not reported Catch and effort on sharks to IOTC Standard, as required by Resolution 05/05.</li> </ul>	<p>The logbook has been revised to allow for the reporting of data for shark species as per IOTC list. The fleet started using the new logbook in November 2017. Hence Seychelles will start reporting disaggregated data for shark species for year 2017 by 30<sup>th</sup> June 2018.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has not reported Size frequency on sharks to IOTC Standard, as required by Resolution 05/05.</li> </ul>	<p>Seychelles has increase the level of coverage of size frequency data for the longline fleet from 20 to 30 fish per set. This will also address size data for shark species.</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has not provided information on the implementation of the FAO guideline to reduce mortality of sea turtles, as required by Resolution 12/04.</li> </ul>	Reported under Section 5.3 of the IOTC-2017-SC20-NR22.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has not fully implemented the observer scheme, vessels monitored and coverage by gear type, as required by Resolution 11/04.</li> </ul>	Seychelles has exceeded the 5% minimum requirement for its purse seine fleet. Observer reports for this fleet were submitted to the IOTC secretariat in April 2018.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has not fully implemented the observer scheme, no observer coverage for the LL fishery for vessel &gt; 24m, as required by Resolution 11/04.</li> </ul>	Seychelles is looking in the possibility to extend the programme to cover its longline fleet, which include assessing the possibility of using Electronic Monitoring System.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has not implemented the observer scheme, no observer coverage at sea for vessel &lt; 24m, as required by Resolution 11/04.</li> </ul>	Seychelles is looking in the possibility to extend the programme to cover its longline vessel < 24m. This fleet is covered via field samplers. Relevant data collected were submitted to the secretariat in April 2018.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has not fully implemented the observer scheme for artisanal landing, as required by Resolution 11/04.</li> </ul>	Enumerators are located on various landing sites and are capturing data. Relevant data collected via their observations were submitted to the secretariat in April 2018.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has not provided observer reports for the LL fishery, as required by Resolution 11/04.</li> </ul>	This fleet is not currently covered by Observers. Seychelles is looking in the possibility to extend the programme to cover its longline fleet, which include assessing the possibility of using Electronic Monitoring System.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has not provided the mandatory annual report on BET to IOTC Standard, as required by Resolution 01/06</li> </ul>	All outstanding reports have been submitted to the IOTC secretariat and a new plan is being implemented to ensure data are submitted in a timely manner in the future.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has not inspected at least 5% of landing or transshipment, as required by Resolution 16/11.</li> </ul>	No data available for 2016 and 2017. A plan for Inspection is currently being implemented for 2018.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has not provided the mandatory report on progress on implementation of the FADs management plan, as required by Resolution 15/08.</li> </ul>	Mandatory report submitted in April 2018.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has not provided data on interactions with cetaceans, as required by Resolution 13/04.</li> </ul>	Revised logbook will cater for the reporting of such interactions. Interactions for purse seine fleet are also captured through observer programme and reports were submitted via observers report in April 2018.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has not provided data on interactions with whale sharks, as required by Resolution 13/05.</li> </ul>	Revised logbook will cater for the reporting of such interactions. Interactions for purse seine fleet are also captured through observer programme and reports were submitted in April 2018.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has not provided the mandatory VMS report on implementation and technical failures, as requested by Resolution 15/03.</li> </ul>	All outstanding reports were submitted during the 1 <sup>st</sup> quarter of 2018 and a new annual work plan is being implemented to ensure timely reporting in the future.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has not provided the list of active vessels in 2016, as requested by Resolution 10/08.</li> </ul>	All outstanding reports were submitted during the 1 <sup>st</sup> quarter of 2018 and a new annual work plan is being implemented to ensure timely reporting in the future.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has not provided the Report on import, landing and transshipment of tuna and tuna-like fish products in ports to IOTC Standard, as requested by Resolution 10/10.</li> </ul>	All outstanding reports were submitted during the 1 <sup>st</sup> quarter of 2018 and a new annual work plan is being implemented to ensure timely reporting in the future.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has not provided all inspection reports, as required by Resolution 16/11.</li> </ul>	Electronic copies of all reports have been submitted to IOTC secretariat in April 2018 as we were unable to report via the ePSM platform.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has not provided data on seabirds' interactions, as requested by Resolution 12/06.</li> </ul>	Revised logbook will cater for the reporting of such interaction. No interaction reported to date and data submitted in March 2018.