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Dear Executive Secretary

IOTC – REF 6645

FEED BACK REGARDING COMPLIANCE ISSUES SRI LANKA

This is reference to the IOTC letter REF-6645 issued by the Chair of the 14th session of the IOTC Compliance Committee, on the feedback of the compliance issues of Sri Lanka on implementation of Conservation and management measures of IOTC.

Please find the comments and additional information provided in the Annex –I responding to the raised compliance issues with regard to Sri Lanka.

Thank You
Yours Sincerely

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Director General

Annexure- i

Resolution No.	Compliance Issue raised	Implementation status up to date.
10/11,16/11	Has not implemented the requirement of at least 5% inspection of LAN or Trx , as required by resolution 16/11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PSMA conditions are regularized from 2015 onwards and conduct port inspections at designated ports of Sri Lanka. • The reason for N/C in 2016 was, non submission of monitoring forms with the port inspections reports. • There is no such data reporting template given in the IOTC website under reporting templates of resolution 10/11 or 16/11. Further no such requirement given in the resolution except for point 13.2 asking to send the inspection report to IOTC. • However Sri Lanka got the clarifications on this matter from the compliance officer of IOTC and monitoring forms submitted as per the guideline in 2017 submissions.
11/04.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has not implemented the observer scheme, no deployment, as required by Resolution 11/04. • Has not implemented the observer scheme, no deployment, no observer coverage at sea for vessel > 24m, as required by Resolution 11/04 • Has not provided observer report as required by Resolution 11/04 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Majority of Sri Lankan fishing fleet consists of vessels in the ranges from 10-15 m in length without the minimum requirements viz: safety, accommodation and space for deploying the observers. • Therefore Sri Lanka could not implement the national observer program as per the standard of Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC) Resolution 11/04. • However Sri Lanka initiated national observer programme (NOP) in September 2014 on a pilot basis. • Only one long line vessel >24m operated at high seas in 2015. The observer reports for the all fishing trips of this vessel were submitted to IOTC. The Final observer report for this vessel is submitted in 2016. • There were no vessels >24m operated in 2016. Renewal of the observer contract with Observers and other administrative work carried out under the pilot observer programme in 2016. • In 2017 on board observer scheme is implemented as per the resolution 11/04 for the vessels >24m and reports have been sent.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has not implemented the observer scheme, no deployment, no observer coverage at sea for vessel < 24m, as required by Resolution 11/04 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Port sampling programs conducted for the vessels <24m at the harbours as per the resolution 11/04. The coverage is > 5%. • Fisheries officers appointed to collect scientific data at the landing sites. Data reporting format are introduced to report artisanal landings as per the resolution 11/04 and 15/02 as well.

15/02	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • .Has not reported Nominal catch for the coastal fisheries at IOTC Standard, • Has not reported Catch and Effort for the coastal fisheries at IOTC Standard • Has not reported Size frequency for the coastal fisheries at IOTC Standard 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actions have been taken to produce catch data by gear in separate fleet segments by thorough port sampling and log book data in 2017. • Business process re-engineering study initiated in DFAR to network all district offices, harbor offices, Divisions of the Head office and the Ministry facilitating timely dissemination of data to use for report preparation at national and international requirements by using a common data sources.
05/05.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has not reported Size frequency for the surface fisheries at IOTC Standard, • Has not reported size frequency (provisional/final) for the long line fisheries at IOTC Standard, 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Size frequency data collection has been improved by increasing the number of port samplers in harbors • The class intervals of the length data corrected as per the instructions given by the IOTC data compliance officer for year 2016 and 2017
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has not reported Nominal catch on sharks to IOTC Standard • Has not reported Catch and Effort for on sharks at IOTC Standard • Has not reported Size frequency on sharks. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently Sri Lanka submit species wise catch data on sharks related to gear and the fishing area. The data collection further improved in 2017. • Size frequency data collection has been improved in 2017