

## UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA DEEP SEA FISHING AUTHORITY

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Executive Secretary, Indian Ocean Tuna Commission, P.O.BOX 1011, MAHE, SEYCHELLES

## **RE: RESPONSE TO FEEDBACK LETTER 2017**

Please, refer to the above mentioned caption.

The United Republic of Tanzania (URT) would like to acknowledge the concerns raised by the Commission with regard to Compliance to IOTC Resolutions. We would also like to reiterate our commitment towards the sustainable management of Tuna and Tuna like species within the Indian Ocean.

Further to the feedback letter received on 08 June 2017 the URT worked to immediately correct some of the concerns raised. These include:

Installation of a new data capture/processing system - Fisheries Information System (FIS);

• the process to ratify the FAO PSMA is underway following a stakeholder's consultative meeting in Zanzibar on 26 October 2017 which brought together government officials, civil society and regional organizations.

Furthermore, in an effort aimed at further improving to the IOTC Resolutions, and implementation, Tanzania is in the process of reviewing its Act and regulations, and Consideration to transpose IOTC Resolution in Act and Regulations is already underway.

Yours Sincerely,

Dr. Omar Ali Amir

For ACTING DIRECTOR GENERAL