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Dear Sir,

Subject: Respond to Feedback Regarding Compliance Issues

Kindly refer to IOTC Reference 6956 dated 25 May 2018, outstanding compliance issues, CPCs shall submit the feedback regarding compliance issues by latest 60 days before the 2019 Commission Meeting.

In this connection, Department of Fisheries, Thailand is very pleased to submit the feedback regarding compliance issues as attached file.

Please be assured of our full cooperation.

Yours sincerely



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Feedback Regarding Compliance Issues - Thailand

Information Required	Observations by IOTC Secretariat	Remark
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Has not reported Size frequency for coastal fisheries to IOTC Standard, as required by Resolution 15/02. 	<p>Received 30.06.17; less than 1 fish per metric tons for some species and different species reported for NC and SF.</p>	<p>Thailand will verify the data to be consistent in the next reporting period.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Has not reported Nominal catch on sharks for all fisheries/gears, as required by Resolution 17/05. 	<p>No information provided.</p>	<p>Report on 30/06/2017 that the data from logbook indicated that there are no sharks have been caught during fishing (Res. 05/05)</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Has not reported Catch and effort on sharks all fisheries/gears, as required by Resolution 17/05. 	<p>Source IOTC-2017-SC20-NR29 "it was reported that sharks and rays were mainly caught by otter-board trawler and pair trawler where their fishing areas are located in the Thai's EEZ".</p>	<p>Regarding this data, it's submitted based on IOTC Resolution 15/02 paragraph 4. c) For coastal fisheries which refer to the fishing only within the EEZ. So, it is not industrial fleet. Their catch were only neritic tunas that usually distribute in our shallow coastal zone.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Has not reported Size frequency on sharks all fisheries/gears, as required by Resolution 17/05. 	<p>The data logbook indicated that there are no sharks have been caught during fishing as excel file attached. (Catch data of PS_JultoDec_2016), email recieved 30.06.17, no information provided for coastal fisheries.</p>	<p>For our internal framework, we have carried out the port sampling for all fishing gears that registered within the Thai registration system. However, we reported only the gear that targeting and catch neritic tunas which is purse seine. For the gillnet, the catch are small pelagic species, not tuna, eg. Sardines and anchovies, same as the trawlers that their catch contain only demersal fish. That's why they are not included in the report (Nil report).</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Has not reported Size frequency on sharks all fisheries/gears, as required by Resolution 17/05. 		<p>(Report on email to Lucia: 3 August 2017 and 22 September 2017).</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Has not implemented the observer scheme, as required by Resolution 11/04. 	<p>5% Mandatory, at sea (All vessel), no information provided.</p>	<p>Refer to Notification of the Department of Fisheries, Determine the criteria of provide observers onboard for who are permitted of oversea fishing B.E. 2558 (2015) and amendment, Clause 1 (1) (a) The fishing vessels which operate off Thailand waters shall be provided the observers onboard at least 5 percent of total fishing effort for collect the data and information under the prescribed.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Has not implemented the observer scheme, no observer coverage at sea, as required by Resolution 11/04. 	<p>Had 1 PS vessel active in 2016. Has reported 1 PS monitored in 2016, 0% coverage source IOTC-2018-CoC15-IR28. No observer onboard the vessel</p>	<p>However, for the only one Thai PS, CENTURY9, case, it can be</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has not provide observer report, as required by Resolution 11/04. 	<p>No information provide.</p>	<p>explained that approximately 30 days after port out from the port of Thailand for fishing operation, it had unexpectedly recalled to be reinspected and prosecuted. The fish onboard of the vessel were seized during the prosecution process. Thus it was not possible to collect the size frequency of fish as required by Res. 15/02. This case is the unusual case that happened before fulfillment of the 5% deployment of onboard observer.</p> <p>The case has been closed. The owner has been found guilty and the sanction had been applied as well as the fishing license had been revoked. Thailand withdraw this vessel from IOTC authorization vessel list since 24 April 2018.</p> <p>So, In this case we excercised national enforcement laws that lead to the impossible of double enforcement of IOTC Resolution. Thus, it shall apply N/A for the case.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has not reported Size frequency for Surface fisheries (PS, BB, BN) as required by Resolution 15/02. 	<p>No information provided. One purse seine vessel was operating during 2016.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has not provide the annual report to IOTC Standard, as required by Resolution 01/06. 	<p>Received 04.04.18: Has provided figure of 101 Mt of BET for TWN, CHN JPN imported 80 Mt of BET from THA in 2016.</p>	<p>Reported on 09.05.2018</p>