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**Tuesday, April 30, 2019**

**Mr. Christopher O'Brien  
Executive Secretary  
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Victoria, Seychelles**

Dear Mr. O'brien,

**RE: SEYCHELLES FEEDBACK LETTER REGARDING COMPLIANCE ISSUES  
(IOTC REFERENCE: 6949)**

In reference to your letter dated 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018, 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 Vice Chairperson of the Compliance Committee, as well as provide details of actions undertaken to address those compliance issues.

Please find as attachment 1, a table providing 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.

I thank you for your understanding and continued support.

Yours Sincerely,

Vincent Lucas (Mr.)  
Chief Fisheries Officer  
**For: Chief Executive Officer**



**ATTACHMENT I. FEEDBACK REGARDING COMPLIANCE ISSUES - 2017 MATTERS**

NUMBER	ISSUES IDENTIFIED	ACTIONS TO BE UNDERTAKEN
1	Has not provided all the mandatory information on the fleet development plan (FDP terminated in 2016), missing: capacity & origin of vessels, as required by Resolution 15/11.	No longer a requirement as 15/11 is no longer in force.
2	Has not reported Size frequency for the Coastal fisheries, as required by Resolution 15/02.	No data for coastal fisheries were collected and submitted for year 2017. Field samplers were trained in 2018 and data collection protocol was pilot tested. Data collection started January 2019
3	Has not reported Size frequency (provisional) for the longline fisheries to IOTC standard, as required by Resolution 15/02.	Coverage for self-sampling increased from 20 to 30 individuals of relevant IOTC species per set
4	Has not reported Nominal catch on sharks to IOTC Standard, as required by Resolution 17/05.	New logbook has been issued to operators to record sharks catches in disaggregated format
5	Has not reported Catch and effort on sharks to IOTC Standard, as required by Resolution 17/05.	New logbook has been issued to operators to record sharks catches in disaggregated format
6	Has not reported Size frequency on sharks to IOTC Standard, as required by Resolution 17/05.	Coverage for self-sampling increased from 20 to 30 individuals of relevant IOTC species per set
7	Has not provided information on the implementation of the FAO guideline to reduce mortality of sea turtles, as required by Resolution 12/04.	This is a voluntary and non-binding guideline. Information has been provided in the National report for the Scientific Committee.
8	Has not fully implemented the observer scheme, vessels monitored and coverage by gear type, as required by Resolution 11/04.	All observer data for 2017 will be provided to the IOTC Secretariat before the 10 <sup>th</sup> of May 2019.



		A EMS pilot project of on the industrial LL fleet will be initiated in 2019.
<b>9</b>	Has not fully implemented the observer scheme, no observer coverage for the LL fishery, as required by Resolution 11/04.	A EMS pilot project of on the industrial LL fleet will be initiated in 2019.
<b>10</b>	Has not fully implemented the observer scheme for artisanal landings, as required by Resolution 11/04.	Enumerators are located on various landing sites to collect data and data has been captured for year 2017 with major delays due to implementation of a new data management system. Reports of their observations to be compiled and submitted to the IOTC Secretariat by June 2019.
<b>11</b>	Has not provided observer reports to IOTC Standard and for the LL fishery, as required by Resolution 11/04.	All observer reports for purse seine fleet has been provided in the required standards. There are no coverage for other fleets
<b>12</b>	Has not inspected at least 5% of landing or transshipment, as required by Resolution 16/11.	The 5% coverage was not met in 2017. The report for a single inspection undertaken during 2017 has been submitted to the secretariat.
<b>13</b>	Has not provided all inspection reports, as required by Resolution 16/11.	All inspection reports were subsequently submitted to the secretariat.
<b>14</b>	Has not provided data on interactions with cetaceans, as required by Resolution 13/04.	Data were submitted. See attached report
<b>15</b>	Has not provided data on interactions with whale sharks, as required by Resolution 13/05.	Data will be submitted before May 10 <sup>th</sup> 2019.
<b>16</b>	Has not provided data on seabirds' interactions, as requested by Resolution 12/06.	Data were submitted. See attached report
<b>17</b>	Has not provided data on marine turtle interactions, as requested by Resolution 12/04.	Data were submitted. See attached report
<b>18</b>	Not reported the DFAD management plan at IOTC standard as required by Resolution 17/08	All relevant data will be submitted to the IOTC Secretariat before 10 <sup>th</sup> May 2019. Seychelles is drafting a new plan which will be submitted in 2019.

