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**RE: FEEDBACKS REGARDING TO COMPLIANCE ISSUES**

Please refer to your letter with Ref No. IOTC Reference: 6955 dated 25th May 2019 in regards to Compliance issue of the United Republic of Tanzania to IOTC Resolutions.

The United Republic of Tanzania would like to reiterate our commitment towards sustainable management and utilization of tuna and tuna-like species in the IOTC Area of Competence. Regarding to the Feedback Letter, the URT worked without delay to correct some of non-compliance issues as requested by the Chair of the Commission.

S/N	Non-compliance issue	Feedback
1.	Has not fully implemented the ban on large scale-driftnets as required by Resolution 17/07	URT acknowledges receipt of the legal expert from FAO who identified the gaps of existing policy, laws and regulations in relation to International laws and IOTC resolution. Recently the DSFA has been finalised and submitted new Draft Bill to the Ministries responsible for Fisheries in Tanzania for approval then will be presented to the Cabinet and finally to the Parliament.
2.	Has not provided all the mandatory information to IOTC Standard on the List of vessels for SWO and ALB during 2007, as required by Resolution 15/11	Tanzania has been DE flagged the vessel. In 2019 however, Tanzania has registered one long liner fishing vessel, ALMAIDA.  In this context Tanzania will continue to submit the list of vessels as required by Resolution 15/11.



3.	Has not reported Nominal catch to IOTC Standard for the coastal fisheries, as required by Resolution 15/02	URT has reported the Statistical data for Coastal fisheries according to the IOTC Standard for the coastal fisheries, as required by Resolution 15/02
4.	Has not reported Catch and effort to IOTC Standard for the coastal fisheries, as required by Resolution 15/02	
5.	Has not reported Size frequency for the Coastal fisheries, as required by Resolution 15/02.	URT through DSFA is currently implementing SWIOFish Program to develop the standard forms for collecting size frequency for Coastal fisheries, and in particular the steps has been taken to develop the Fish Information System (FIS) which would store data for tuna and tuna-like species.
6.	Has not reported Size frequency for the longline fisheries, as required by Resolution 15/02.	
7.	Has not reported Nominal catch on sharks to IOTC Standard, as required by Resolution 17/05.	URT has reported all data according to IOTC standard, as required by Resolution 17/05.
8.	Has not reported Catch and effort on sharks to IOTC Standard, as required by Resolution 17/05.	
9.	Has not reported Size frequency on sharks, as required by Resolution 17/05.	
10.	Has not fully implemented the ban on Thresher Sharks as required by Resolution 12/09.	URT acknowledges receipt of the legal expert from FAO who identified the gaps of existing policy, laws and regulations in relation to International laws and IOTC resolutions. Recently the DSFA has been finalised and submitted new Draft Bill to the Ministries responsible for Fisheries in Tanzania for approval then to be presented to the Cabinet and finally to the Parliament.
11.	Has not fully implemented the ban on oceanic Whitetip Sharks as required by Resolution 13/06.	
12.	Has not provided the report on progress of implementation of the FAO guidelines and this resolution, as required by Resolution 12/04.	URT through the DSFA has hired the International MCS expert to develop the NPOA, MCS strategies, and SOP for MCS.




13.	Has not reported data on interactions with marine turtles, as required by Resolution 12/04.	No Tanzanian fishing vessels were reported to interact with marine turtles. However, the data was submitted according to the IOTC standard.
14.	Has not implemented the observer scheme for artisanal landing, as required by Resolution 11/04.	URT is underway to develop a National Framework Observer Scheme to abide with the IOTC requirements. The DSFA has signed the Letter of understanding (Lou) on the implementation of the IOTC Pilot Project for Regional Observer Scheme (ROS) in URT. The aim of this project is to support URT in the implementation of their national scientific observer programmes to improve compliance with Res. 11/04. ROS is expected to improve compliance not only Resolution 11/04, but also Resolutions: 15/02, 15/01, 17/05, 12/09, 13/05, 13/06, 12/06, 12/04 and 13/04.
15.	Has not reported Data on interactions with Cetaceans, as required by Resolution 13/04.	No Tanzanian fishing vessels were reported to interact with Cetaceans. However, the data was submitted as required by Resolution 13/04
16.	Has not reported Data on interactions with Whale Sharks, as required by Resolution 13/05.	No Tanzanian fishing vessels were reported to interact with Whales Sharks. However, the data was submitted as required by Resolution 13/05
17.	Has not provided the national scientific report, as requested by the SC	Action has already been taken and the National scientific report for year 2018 submitted as requested by the SC
18.	Has not provided the VSM report on implementation and technical failures in 2016, as required by Resolution 15/03	The VSM Report was submitted as required by Resolution 15/03
19.	Has not provided all the port inspection reports, as required by Resolution 16/11.	No DWFNs were calling port in the URT. However, the Report was submitted as required by Resolution 16/11.
20.	Has not inspected at least 5% of landing or transshipment, as required by Resolution 16/11.	No Tanzania flagged vessels were participated in the landing process. However, the report was submitted as required by Resolution 16/11
21.	Has not provided the seabird report, as required by	No Tanzanian fishing vessels were reported to interact with Seabirds. However, the data was

	Resolution 12/06.	submitted as required by Resolution 12/06
22.	Has not provided the two mandatory report on at-sea transshipment, as requested by Resolution 17/06	No Tanzania flagged vessels were participated in the landing process. However, the report was submitted as required by Resolution 17/06
23.	Has not fully paid ROP contribution in 2016, as requested by Resolution 17/06	No Tanzania fishing vessels were transshipped at sea as requested by Resolution 17/06. However, Tanzania will continue to pay ROP contribution and other related fees in relation to CPC requirements
24.	Has not provided the report on landing by foreign vessels in its port, as requested by Resolution 05/03.	Since 2018, no fishing license has been issued by the DSFA. However, the report was submitted as required by Resolution 05/03.

The DSFA remain at your disposal for any further clarification on non-compliance issues in the URT.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours

  
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**DIRECTOR GENERAL**