

## REPORT ON THE IOTC RECORD OF AUTHORISED VESSELS

Prepared by the IOTC Secretariat

This document summarises compliance with IOTC Resolution 05/02 (previously 02/05) *Concerning the establishment of an IOTC record of vessels authorised to operate in the Indian Ocean area* by IOTC Members.

Resolution 05/02 requirements	Progress Achieved as of 13 April 2006
<p>The Commission shall establish and maintain an IOTC Record of fishing vessels that are:</p> <p>a) larger than 24 metres in length overall, or</p> <p>b) in case of vessels less than 24m, those operating in waters outside the economic exclusive zone of the flag state, and that are authorised to fish for tuna and tuna-like species in the IOTC Area ('Authorized Fishing Vessels', or AFV). Vessels not in the Record are deemed not authorised to fish for, retain on board, tranship or land tuna and tuna-like species. Each CPC to submit the list of those vessels referred to in 1.b) by 1 July 2006.</p>	<p>a) Sixteen Contracting, two Cooperating Non-Contracting Parties and Senegal<sup>1</sup> have reported AFVs over 24 metres (authorised to operate in the IOTC Area).</p> <p>b) Three Contracting and two Cooperating Non-Contracting Parties have registered lists of AFVs less than 24 metres (authorised to operate in waters outside their EEZs).</p> <p>Details on the vessels included in the Record are presented in Tables 1 and 2.</p>
<p>Each CPC to notify the IOTC Secretary of any addition to, any deletion from and/or any modification of the IOTC Record at any time such changes occur.</p>	<p>The Secretariat received a range of updates from CPCs including deletions, additions or modifications to existing records. In response to a request from the CoC in 2005, a summary of the historical changes in number of vessels and tonnage is presented in Tables 3 and 4. Details on all changes made to the database are available from the Secretariat.</p>
<p>The IOTC Secretary to maintain the IOTC Record, and making it public, including placing it on the IOTC website, in a manner consistent with confidentiality requirements noted by CPCs.</p> <p>Each CPC to notify the IOTC Secretary of any factual information showing that there are reasonable grounds for suspecting LSFVs not on the IOTC record to be engaged in fishing for and/or transhipment of tuna and tuna-like species in the IOTC Area.</p>	<p>The IOTC database was updated with new information from CPCs. The current internal procedure to handle the requests is outlined in Annex I.</p> <p><b>NOTE THE FOLLOWING OBSERVATIONS:</b></p> <p>The information provided for the "<b>Period authorised</b>" has caused importers some confusion.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Some members provide an authorisation period but forget to advise the Secretariat when it has expired – in some cases this has caused delays in the processing of shipments at customs, or refusal of fishing licenses in third countries.</li> <li>• Some members mistakenly provide information relating to the (domestic) licensing of vessels to fish in their EEZ (i.e information not relevant to IOTC).</li> <li>• Some members do not provide 'period authorised' information at all and while some importers may assume that these vessels are authorised in perpetuity others request confirmation of the authorisation period causing delays.</li> </ul> <p>Some vessels in the Record are under <b>parallel registration</b> i.e. simultaneously under the flag of a CPC and that of a non-Contracting Party. This can result in the over estimation of the numbers of vessels operating and catch statistics.</p> <p>It is still not clear whether <b>supply vessels</b>, should be included in the Record and in the GRT/GT estimates</p> <p>There has been no consistency in the reporting of tonnage in terms of <b>GRT or GT</b>. As a consequence, it becomes difficult to estimate either quantity accurately. Furthermore, in the absence of tonnage information being provided, when Length Overall is also not submitted (eg. Indonesia), it is difficult to estimate tonnage for vessels over 24 m.</p>

<sup>1</sup> The Commission during its 9<sup>th</sup> Session agreed to allow Senegal to add one ship to the list of Authorized Vessels until its application to become Cooperating Non-Contracting Party is considered by the Commission at its 10<sup>th</sup> Session.

**Table 1: IOTC authorised vessels (as of 13 April 2006). Numbers of vessels reported (left) and the degree to which required information was submitted to the Secretariat (as a percentage of the number of vessels registered).**

CPC	No. Vessels	No. >24m	No. <24m	No. unknown length	Registration number	Radio Call Sign	Period Authorised	Type of Ship	Gear	Tonnage (GRT or GT)	Name of Owner	Address of Owner
Australia	26	26			100	0	100	100	0	0	100	100
China	67	67			100	100	100	0	61	100	100	100
Comoros	0											
EC	226	217	9		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Eritrea	0											
France (IO territories)	1	1			100	100	100	0	100	100	100	100
Guinea	3	1		2	100	100	100	0	100	100	33	100
India	0											
Iran	8	8			100	75	100	0	100	100	100	100
Japan	573	572		1	100	100	100	0	100	100	100	100
Kenya	1	1			100	100	100	0	100	100	100	100
Korea, Republic of	202	202			100	100	100	100	99	100	100	100
Madagascar	2	2			100	100	100	0	100	100	100	100
Malaysia	20	13		7	100	0	100	0	100	100	65	100
Mauritius	3	3			0	100	100	0	100	100	100	100
Oman	11	5	6		100	18	100	100	100	100	100	100
Pakistan	0											
Philippines	72	72			100	100	100	97	100	100	100	100
Seychelles	45	44	1		100	100	100	100	84	100	100	100
Sri Lanka	0											
Sudan	0											
Thailand	12	7		5	100	100	100	92	100	100	58	100
UK (IO Territories)	0											
Vanuatu	0											
Indonesia	666	444	17	205	100	76	100	100	100	100	33	100
South Africa	6	4	1	1	50	67	100	100	83	83	83	83
Senegal	1	1			100	100	100	0	100	100	100	100
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,945</b>	<b>1,690</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>221</b>	100	89	100	65	98	99	76	100

**Table 2:** IOTC authorised vessels (as of 13 April 2006). Number of vessels reported per gear type.

CPC	Number Ships	Purse seine	Longline	Gill net	Pole and line	Trawl	Multipurpose	Supply vessel	Unknown
Australia	26						26		
China	67		67						
EC	226	85	122	6		13			
France (IO territories)	1		1						
Guinea	3		3						
Iran	8	7	1						
Japan	573	11	560		2				
Kenya	1		1						
Korea, Republic of	202		202						
Madagascar	2		2						
Malaysia	20		20						
Mauritius	3		3						
Oman	11		11						
Philippines	72	46	26						
Seychelles	45	11	26					8	
Thailand	12	8	3				1		
Indonesia	666	3	663						
South Africa	6		5						1
Senegal	1		1						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,945</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>1,717</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>

**Table 3:** IOTC authorised vessels (as of 13 April 2006). History of vessel numbers data submitted from 2003 (semester 2) to 2006 (semester 1).

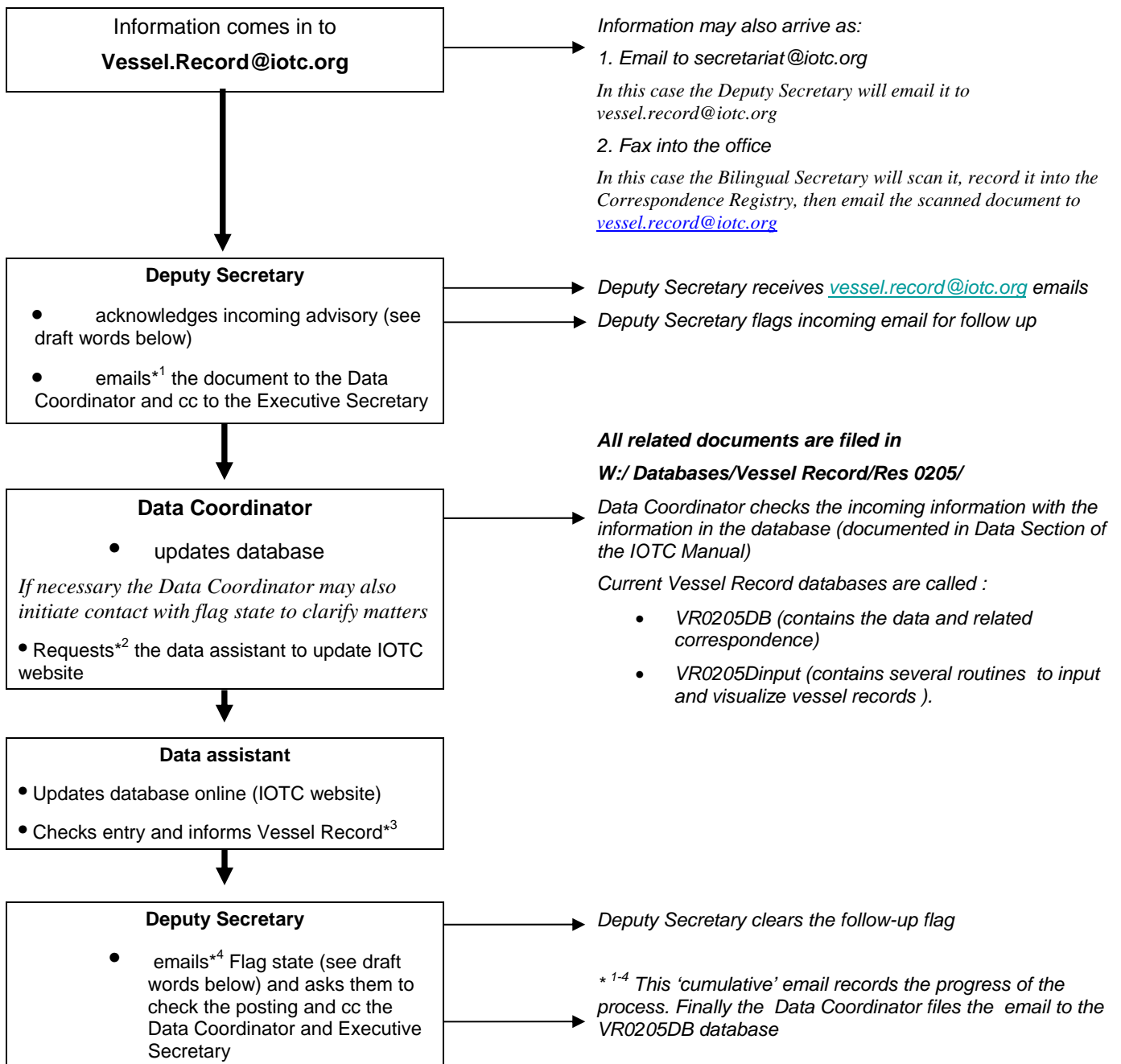
CPC	2003-2	2004-1	2004-2	2005-1	2005-2	2006-1	Vessels Added	Vessels Deleted	Vessels Unchanged
Australia	26	26	26	26	26	26	0	0	26
China	93	98	62	63	62	67	32	58	35
EC	266	262	255	251	216	217	35	84	182
France (IO territories)					1	1	1	0	0
Guinea				3	3	3	3	0	0
Indonesia	726	697	711	718	720	649	75	152	574
Iran	6	7	8	8	8	8	2	0	6
Japan	573	573	573	573	573	573	4	4	569
Kenya						1	1	0	0
Korea, Republic of	202	202	202	202	202	202	1	1	201
Madagascar				2	2	2	2	0	0
Malaysia						20	20	0	0
Mauritius		3	3	3	3	3	3	0	0
Oman						5	5	0	0
Philippines	70	70	71	71	71	72	2	0	70
Senegal				1	1	1	1	0	0
Seychelles	30	36	38	41	41	44	16	2	28
South Africa			5	5	5	5	5	0	0
Thailand	5	5	5	5	11	12	7	0	5
<b>Total number Vessels</b>	<b>1,997</b>	<b>1,979</b>	<b>1,959</b>	<b>1,972</b>	<b>1,945</b>	<b>1,911</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>301</b>	<b>1,696</b>

**Table 4:** IOTC authorised vessels (as of 13 April 2006). History of tonnage estimates for vessels with length overall above 24m from 2003 (semester 2) to 2006 (semester 1). The records are split depending on the type of tonnage reported by i.e, GRT above and GT below.

CPC	2003-2	2004-1	2004-2	2005-1	2005-2	2006-1	Tonnage Added	Tonnage Deleted
Australia	6,064	6,064	6,064	6,064	6,064	6,064		
China	20,425	22,863	21,458	21,777	23,423	26,371 <sup>2</sup>	15,666	9,720
EC	128,793	124,929	124,213	123,849	114,059	117,989	20,570	31,374
France (IO territories)					281	281	281	
Guinea				1,439	1,439	1,439	1,439	
Indonesia	100,603	96,456	98,389	99,776	100,363	92,827	12,228	20,004
Iran	6,732	8,568	10,666	10,666	10,666	10,666	3,934	
Japan	200,805	200,805	200,801	200,801	200,801	200,801	1,452	1,456
Kenya						250	250	
Korea, Republic of	81,043	81,043	81,043	81,043	81,043	80,861	258	440
Malaysia						1,931	1,931	
Mauritius		1,658	1,658	1,658	1,658	1,658	1,658	
Oman						598	598	
Philippines	37,805	37,805	38,366	38,366	38,366	39,101	1,296	
Senegal				285	285	285	285	
South Africa			1,209	1,209	1,209	1,257	1,257	
<b>Total GRT</b>	<b>582,270</b>	<b>580,191</b>	<b>583,867</b>	<b>586,933</b>	<b>579,657</b>	<b>582,379</b>	<b>63,103</b>	<b>62,994</b>
Madagascar				263	263	263	263	
Seychelles	35,042	41,385	45,956	45,277	45,277	46,606	15,498	3,934
Thailand	4,678	4,678	4,678	4,678	17,492	17,643	12,965	
<b>Total GT</b>	<b>39,720</b>	<b>46,063</b>	<b>50,634</b>	<b>50,218</b>	<b>63,032</b>	<b>64,512</b>	<b>28,726</b>	<b>3,934</b>

<sup>2</sup> See correspondence received from PRC authorities attached as Annex II.

**ANNEX I:** Documentation on the procedure followed in the Secretariat to process requests for additions to the IOTC Record of Vessels.



**Sample acknowledgement of request**

IOTC VESSEL RECORD REQUESTED UPDATE FOR country — ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Dear \_\_\_\_\_

I acknowledge your fax/email dated \_\_\_\_\_ that provided information for the IOTC Record of Vessels authorised to operate in the Indian Ocean. Posting this information is a priority activity for the Secretariat and you may expect to see it on the IOTC website within two working days

If necessary, the Data Coordinator will contact you to clarify certain information. This may delay the posting.

I will contact you again when the information is posted.

Sincerely,

\_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Secretary

**Sample notification of completion**

IOTC VESSEL RECORD UPDATE for country — NOTICE OF COMPLETION

Dear \_\_\_\_\_

The IOTC Record of Vessels authorised to operate in the Indian Ocean has been updated to include the information you provided in your communication dated \_\_\_\_\_.

As a final check, please review the current information listed on the IOTC website.

Sincerely

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Dear Mr. Anganuzzi

**Sub: Tonnage Over 20324 tons for Chinese Vessels in 2005**

Referring to your e-mail dated Feb.27 on above-mentioned subject, I would like to make following explanation as your reference:

1. As lacking tonnage data of some vessels, the total Chinese vessel tonnage (20324 tons) registered in IOTC in the year of 2003 is smaller than the real total tonnage of fishing vessels operating in Indian Ocean.
2. Although some registered vessels were reconstructed before going to high seas, the original tonnage certificates have not been adjusted to commensurate practical tonnage. In fact, the practical tonnage is 1 time higher than the figure of original certificate registered in IOTC record.
3. In 2003, China just registered those vessels operating in India Ocean rather than its total 105 large scale longline deep frozen tuna vessels. This is quite difference from other countries to have registered their total number of vessels in the whole world.
4. Due to the vessels tonnage registered in IOTC are not authentic, it is not of significance to implement conservation measures based on these data.
5. As China has already proclaimed in 2005 that it would control its total number of large scale super frozen tuna vessels under 113 in following 5 years, it will facilitate China to consult the issue of total tonnage permitted in IOTC waters with other major players, or even before the annual meeting if necessary.
6. China expects IOTC to formulate quota control measures as soon as possible to ensure sustainable utilization of tuna resources in IOTC area by both input ( vessels number and total tonnage) and output measures.

I hope these explanations will be helpful to you and Chinese delegation will continue the cooperation and consultation with you during the meeting.

Best regards.

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