

REPORT ON THE IOTC RECORD OF ACTIVE VESSELS

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This document summarises the information received in accordance with IOTC Resolution 05/04 (previously 98/04) *Concerning registration and exchange of information on vessels, including flag of convenience vessels, fishing for tropical tunas and swordfish in the IOTC Area of competence.*

Submission of active vessel lists for 2005

Paragraph 1. All Contracting Parties and Non-Contracting Parties cooperating with the IOTC with vessels fishing for tropical tunas and swordfish in the IOTC Area of Competence (hereinafter referred to as 'the Area'), by 30 June every year:

- shall submit to the Secretary a list of their respective vessels greater than 24 m LOA that have fished for tropical tunas and swordfish in the Area during the previous year;
- Shall submit to the Secretary a list of their respective vessels of less than 24 m LOA that have fished for tropical tunas and swordfish outside of their EEZ during the previous year.

Information on the status of reporting relating to IOTC Resolution 05/04 for 2005 is given in Table 1.

The Secretariat received information from 13 Members and three Cooperating non-Contracting Parties for the year 2005. All records (including historical data) were reviewed by the Secretariat to identify possible discrepancies between data from different sources.

The numbers of vessels reported as having operated within the IOTC Area from 2000 to 2005 are given in Table 2. Some parties have not provided any lists of active vessels to-date, while other parties have missed reporting their lists for one or more years. When no report is received from a flag state it cannot be assumed that none of their vessels were active in the Indian Ocean. For example, on some occasions, the Secretariat has received data from a port state that might indicate that a vessel not reported by a particular flag state was active. The Secretariat routinely contacts all parties involved to resolve these discrepancies, in order to improve the accuracy of the data listed in the Record of Active Vessels. Overall, those unresolved discrepancies and omissions in the reporting affect the accuracy and the completeness of the Record of Active Vessels.

Submission of lists of vessels licensed to operate in the EEZ's of coastal states

Paragraph 3. Contracting Parties which issue licences to foreign flag vessels to fish for tropical tunas and swordfish in the Area shall submit to the Secretary the same information on all vessels to which such licences have been issued, according to the same timetable

The numbers of foreign flagged vessels reported as being licensed to operate in the EEZ of an Indian Ocean country are given in Table 3. Some parties have reported instead a list of foreign vessels that entered into their ports (in the Indian Ocean) and this information is also included in Table 3.

For 2005, seven CPCs (Madagascar, Malaysia, Oman, Seychelles, Thailand, United Kingdom (OT) and Indonesia) and one non-CPC (Singapore) provided information.

Table 1: The record of active vessels for 2005 (IOTC Resolution 05/04): The number and size-class of vessels reported by each CPC. The completeness of information columns pertain to the percentage of vessels for which required information was submitted to the Secretariat. A blank square indicates that no data was received and n/a = not applicable. Data as of April 2007.

As reported by	IOTC active vessels in 2005								
	Ship No.	Length overall			Completeness of information (%)				
		>=24m	<24m	Unknown	Registration number	Radio call sign	Length overall	Registered tonnage	Owner
Australia	11	11	0	0	100	0	100	100	0
China	67	67	0	0	100	100	100	100	100
Comoros									
Eritrea									
European Community	348	71	277 ¹	0	100	59	100	100	100
France OT									
Guinea	3	1	0	2	100	100	33	100	0
India	4	4	0	0	0	100	100	100	100
Iran, Islamic Republic									
Japan									
Kenya									
Korea, Republic of									
Madagascar	5	4	1	0	100	100	100	100	100
Malaysia	18	18	0	0	100	0	100	100	100
Mauritius									
Oman	11	5	6	0	100	18	100	100	100
Pakistan									
Philippines	12	12	0	0	100	100	100	100	100
Seychelles	51	41	9	1	80	80	98	94	100
Sri Lanka	0								
Sudan									
Thailand	8	6	0	2	88	100	75	100	0
United Kingdom OT	0								
Vanuatu									
Belize	19	5	0	14	100	100	100	100	100
Indonesia	1168	394	343 ¹	431	100	81	63	100	100
Senegal	1	1	0	0	100	100	100	100	100
South Africa									

Comments

¹ Includes vessels under 24 m that do not necessarily fish outside the EEZ.

Regarding the completeness of the radio call sign information, some CPCs operate fleets of small sized, shore-based vessels that do not operate beyond the EEZ and may not use call sign systems.

Table 2: The record of active vessels for 2005 (IOTC Resolution 05/04): The numbers and size-classes of active vessels reported since 2000. A blank indicates that no data was received. Data as of April 2007.

As reported by	Year 2000				Year 2001				Year 2002				Year 2003				Year 2004				Year 2005			
	No. Ship	Length overall			No. Ship	Length overall			No. Ship	Length overall			No. Ship	Length overall			No. Ship	Length overall			No. ship	Length overall		
		>=24m	<24m	Unkno wn		>=24m	<24m	Unkno wn		>=24m	<24m	Unkno wn		>=24m	<24m	Unkno wn		>=24m	<24m	Unkno wn		>=24 m	<24m	Unkn own
Australia	79	26	53	0	81	28	53	0	23	23	0	0	21	21	0	0	17	17	0	0	11	11	0	0
China	98	91	7	0	92	78	3	11	90	88	0	2	62	62	0	0	62	62	0	0	67	67	0	0
Comoros																								
Eritrea																								
European Community					63 ¹	63 ¹	0	0	70 ¹	56 ¹	13	1	42 ¹	42 ¹	0	0	56 ¹	55 ¹	1	0	348 ²	71	277 ²	0
France OT					2	2	0	0	2	2	0	0												
Guinea					3	1	0	2	3	1	0	2	3	1	0	2	3	1	0	2	3	1	0	2
India					3	3	0	0	3	3	0	0	2	2	0	0	2	2	0	0	4	4	0	0
Iran, Islamic Republic	4	4	0	0	5	5	0	0	6	6	0	0												
Japan	500 ³	499 ³	0	1	496 ³	495 ³	0	1	189	189	0	0	170	170	0	0	181	181	0	0				
Kenya																								
Korea, Republic of	54	54	0	0					155 ³	155 ³	0	0	202 ³	201 ³	0	1	36	36	0	0				
Madagascar	0				0				0				1	0	1	0					5	4	1	0
Malaysia	0				0				13	10	3	0	7	6	1	0	14	14	0	0	18	18	0	0
Mauritius									5	2	3	0	7	3	4	0	8	4	4	0				
Oman	0				0				0				0				4	4	0	0	11	5	6	0
Pakistan	0				0				0				0				0							
Philippines	17	17	0	0	17	17	0	0	33	33	0	0	16	16	0	0	25	25	0	0	12	12	0	0
Seychelles	15	12	1	2	28	28	0	0	36	27	9	0	59	53	6	0	51	47	4	0	51	41	9	1
Sri Lanka																	0							
Sudan																								
Thailand	3	0	0	3	2	0	0	2	4	2	0	2	2	0	0	2	2	0	0	2	8	6	0	2
United Kingdom OT	0				0				0				0				0				0			
Vanuatu																								
Belize	109	0	0	109	38	0	0	38	24	24	0	0	8	6	2	0	19	11	8	0	19	11	8	0
Indonesia																	751 ⁴	295	208	248	1168	394	343	431
Senegal													1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0
South Africa													12	12	0	0	9	7	2	0				
Panama	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0			
Netherlands Antilles	2	2	0	0																				
Uruguay																	0				0			

Comments. ¹.- It does not include vessels targeting swordfish. ².- Includes vessels under 24 m that do not necessarily fish outside the EEZ. ³.- Includes active vessels and authorized vessels that did not necessarily fish in the Indian Ocean. ⁴.- Indonesian authorities are currently re-examining their submissions for 2004 and 2005.

Table 3: The record of active vessels for 2005 (IOTC Resolution 05/04): The numbers of foreign flagged vessels reported for 2005 as either being licensed to operate in the EEZ of an Indian Ocean country or making a port calls to a port in the Indian Ocean. These reports are expected only from Indian Ocean countries. A blank indicates that no data was received and n/a = not applicable. Data as of April 2007.

Reported by	Number of foreign vessels	Type of Information		Foreign flags identified in the reports
		Licensed to operate in their EEZ	Port Calls	
Australia				
China	n/a			
Comoros				
Eritrea				
European Community				
France OT				
Guinea	n/a			
India				
Iran, Islamic Republic				
Japan	n/a			
Kenya				
Korea, Republic of	n/a			
Madagascar	113	✓		Netherlands Antilles, Belize, China, EC, Indonesia, Japan, Republic of Korea, Mongolia, Seychelles, Unknown
Malaysia	21		✓	Bolivia, Taiwan, China, Honduras
Mauritius				
Oman	68	✓		Taiwan, China
Pakistan				
Philippines	n/a			
Seychelles	283	✓		EC, Islamic Republic of Iran, Japan, Republic of Korea, Netherlands Antilles (supply vessels), Panama (supply vessels), Taiwan, China
Sri Lanka				
Sudan				
Thailand	198		✓	China, Taiwan, China, India, Indonesia
United Kingdom OT	54	✓		Netherlands Antilles, EC, Japan, Seychelles
Vanuatu	n/a			
Belize	n/a			
Indonesia	11		✓	China, EC, Georgia, Senegal, Togo
Senegal	n/a			
South Africa				
Singapore	190		✓	Belize, China, Taiwan, China, Equatorial Guinea, Indonesia, Japan, Cambodia, Republic of Korea, Panama, Philippines, Seychelles, Vanuatu, Togo, Yemen