

## NATIONAL REPORTS ON THE PROGRESS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT MEASURES

### SEYCHELLES



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**RE: IMPLEMENTATION OF IOTC CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT  
MEASURES**

Dear Sir,

Reference is made to the above mentioned subject.

SFA wishes to submit the annual statement of actions which has been taken to implement the binding conservation and management measures and would like to apologize for delay in submission.

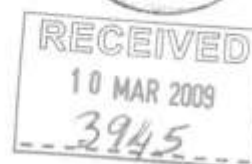
Thanking you for your cooperation.

Yours Sincerely,



E. Socrate  
Fisheries Administrator  
*for Managing Director*

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**Table 1: Summary of actions taken with respect to IOTC resolutions**

No.	Resolution	Application	Responsibility	Seychelles Action
01/01	01/01 Concerning the national observer programmes for tuna fishing in the Indian Ocean	Encouraged implement national observer programmes to observe and follow the application and compliance with IOTC measures in the area of competence of IOTC	Contracting Parties, and non-contracting Parties cooperating with the IOTC a	Steps are well underway for the implementation of a national observer programme in 2009.
01/03	Establishing a scheme to promote compliance by Non- Contracting Party vessels with resolutions established by IOTC	Implementation of an integrated control and inspection scheme to fight IUU	Contracting Parties and Cooperating Non-Contracting Parties	Seychelles is implementing the scheme
01/06	Concerning the IOTC big eye tuna statistical document programme	Collection of import data of big eye tuna for the period of 1 January – 30 June of the current year	Contracting Parties	Seychelles provides both export and re- export big eye tuna statistical documentation.
05/03	Relating to the establishment of an IOTC programme of inspection in port.(Supersedes and replaces 02/01)	Management measures; Inspection on port	Contracting Parties and Cooperating Non-Contracting Parties	Inspection is conducted and the information is reported in reported in a timely manner
06/01	On establishing a list of vessels presumed to have carried out illegal, unregulated and unreported fishing in the IOTC area	identification of vessels carrying out IUU activities	Contracting Parties and Cooperating Non-Contracting Parties	Seychelles Report any IUU vessels caught in its EEZ with tuna on board to IOTC
06/02	On establishing a programme from transshipment by large- scale fishing vessels (Replaced by 08/02)	Collection of catch data of such large scale long-line tuna to improve scientific assessment of those stocks	Contracting Parties and Cooperating Non-Contracting Parties	All transshipment at sea requires and authorisation from SFA, for Seychelles vessel and authorisation from foreign vessels for transshipment in Seychelles waters.
06/03	Relating to the establishment of a vessel monitoring system Pilot programme	Installation of satellite-base vessel monitoring system (VMS) for reporting of Seychelles flag vessels within IOTC	Contracting Parties and Cooperating Non-Contracting Parties	VMS System implemented since 2002
07/02	Concerning the establishment of an IOTC record of vessels over 24 meters authorised to operate in the IOTC area Supersedes and replaces 05/02)	Update list of authorised vessels by adding IMO number, and GT replaces GRT	Contracting Parties and Cooperating Non-Contracting Parties	Seychelles report on Seychelles flag vessels
07/04	Concerning registration and exchange of information on vessels, including flag of convenience vessels, fishing for tropical tunas in the IOTC area of competence.(Supersedes and replaces 05/04)	Amendments now include vessels fishing for Albacore tuna, and require IMO number and main target species	CP and CPCs; including those that issue licences to foreign flagged vessels	Seychelles has added these details to vessels notification requirement

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08/01	Mandatory statistical requirements for IOTC members and cooperating non contracting parties	Improved reporting by flag states on their vessels, and improved reporting of surface fisheries (FADs)	Contracting parties and Cooperating Non-Contracting Parties.	<p>Seychelles submitted final Catch &amp; Effort Data for all I fisheries by 30th December</p> <p>Size Data: Seychelles submitted data of Purse seine and Semi Industrial Longline fisheries by 30th December.</p> <p>Data for Industrial long liners was submitted in February 2009.</p> <p>FAD: Seychelles submitted number and characteristics of Supply vessels, however data relating to Number of days at sea and number and type of FADs set has not been submitted yet. Steps are being taken to compile those data in a database.</p>
08/02	On establishing a programme for transshipment by large-scale fishing vessels	Port transshipment is preferred, but a record of vessels authorized to receive transshipments at sea is established. Coastal states required to authorize at sea transshipments	Contracting parties and Cooperating Non-Contracting Parties.	Seychelles submitted data on transshipment by species unloaded in its Port for 2006 and 2007.
08/03	On reducing the incidental by-catch of seabirds in Longline fisheries	<p>The resolution applies to Longline fishing activities South of 30°S and requires the introduction of two sea bird mitigation measures.</p> <p>North of 30°S measures can optionally be introduced.</p>	Contracting parties and Cooperating Non-Contracting Parties.	<p>Seychelles : No- action – optional and</p> <p>seabird by-catch is not an issue for the Seychelles flagged vessels.</p>
08/04	Concerning the recording of catch by Longline fishing vessels in the IOTC area.	Sets minimum standards for reporting by Longline vessels	CP and flag CPCs	Seychelles is yet to amend the logbook currently being used to collect additional data as required by the resolution.