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

MAURITIUS

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Mauritius is fully committed to the implementation of the fisheries conservation and management measures of Regional Fisheries Management Organizations to which it is a party. In this context, it has just proclaimed a new Fisheries and Marine Resources Act 2007 which provides the legal basis for the implementation of international fishery conservation and management measures including the IOTC resolutions.

The status of implementation of IOTC resolution is as follows:

(a) Resolution 01/05 on mandatory fisheries statistics for IOTC members.

Catch and effort data collected from the local as well as foreign licensed vessels calling at Port Louis are processed and transmitted to the IOTC Secretariat regularly in line with the Resolution 01/05.

During the landing of catches of foreign licensed longliners, length frequency data are collected for about 150 to 200 fish. The fish landed by these vessels are mainly albacore and swordfish. These data are provided to IOTC.

Data provided so far to IOTC on sport and FAD fisheries are estimated statistics. However, these are being collected since recently under a new system and will be transmitted to IOTC.

(b) Resolutions 05/02 on IOTC record of authorized vessels

In line with Resolution 05/02, vessels characteristics of vessels above 24 meters fishing for tuna are transmitted to IOTC on a yearly basis. Vessels which undermine the IOTC or any fisheries management measure of any other organization to which Mauritius is a member are denied transshipment. In this regard, it is to be noted that, carrier vessels Permata 686 was denied transshipment facilities in Port Louis on 16.9.2007 as it was carrying catches of three ICCAT-IUU listed vessels. IOTC Secretariat was informed of the denial. Similarly vessel "Sibley" which is same as CCAMLR IUU- listed "Red Lion" was denied transshipment facilities at Port-Louis.

(c) Resolution 05/03 relating to Port inspection

Data on foreign fishing vessels calling at Port Louis are collected in line with the FAO Model Scheme on Port State Measures. As per provisions under Fisheries and Marine Resources Act 2007, vessels have to provide advanced notification (72 hrs.) of their arrival to Port Louis. Once authorized in the port, an inspection is carried out and data on catch, fishing position, vessels characteristics, vessel registration, nationality of crew and licence details are collected. Weight by species is also recorded during landings.

In line with the resolution 05/03, the data collected from these vessels are transmitted to the IOTC Secretariat.

(d) Resolution 01/06

All import of bigeye tuna except those imported from purse seiners and destined for canning purposes have to be accompanied by the Bigeye Tuna Statistical Documents. In the same line, all export of bigeye tuna caught by the local longliners are accompanied by validated catch documents. Import and export of swordfish follow the same principles.

(e) Resolution 05/05 on Conservation of Sharks

Unloading of shark by vessels calling at Port Louis are closely monitored by inspectors based at the port. Only vessels having shark fins 5% or less of the total shark weight on board are authorized to land.