
ON THE LIMITATION OF FISHING CAPACITY AND FLEET DEVELOPMENT PLANS

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This document has been produced in response to the request from the European Community. The document summarises the information received in accordance with IOTC Resolution 06/05 *On the limitation of fishing capacity, in terms of number of vessels, of IOTC contracting parties and co-operating non contracting parties* and IOTC Resolution 07/05 *Limitation of fishing capacity of IOTC Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties in terms of number of longline vessels targeting swordfish and albacore*.

Paragraph 1 of the said Resolutions indicate: “Contracting Parties and Cooperating Non-Contracting Parties (hereafter named CPCs) shall limit the number of their vessels, by gear type, of 24 m overall length and over, and under 24 metres if they fish outside their EEZ, fishing for tropical tunas [swordfish and albacore] in the IOTC Area, to the number of their vessels notified to IOTC for 2006 [2007] in accordance with IOTC Resolution 05/04 *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*.”

Table 1 indicates the baseline limits on fishing capacity based on the tonnage and numbers of vessels declared as active in 2006 and 2007 and the species that these vessels are targeting.

Paragraph 4. In relation to paragraph 1, the Commission takes note of the interests of the Coastal States, in particular small island Developing States and Territories within the IOTC Area whose economies depend largely on fisheries, and recognises their rights and obligations in accordance with paragraph 3 and 4 of IOTC Resolution 03/01 *On the limitation of Fishing Capacity of Contracting Parties and Cooperating Non-Contracting Parties* and paragraph 4 of Resolution 05/01 *On Conservation and Management Measures for Bigeye Tuna*. In the application of the Fleet Development Plans, each CPC should implement a reasonable programme for the phasing-in of the increase of its fleet.

The Commission has received the following Fleet Development Plans:

2005: Thailand

2006: Seychelles, Pakistan, Iran, France (OT), Oman, Vanuatu, EC (France)

2007: France, South Africa

2008: Mauritius, Malaysia, Belize

Table 2 indicate the numbers of vessels that are expected to join the fishery according the Fleet Development Plans presented by CPCs.

Table 1: Baseline numbers and tonnage for the limitation of fishing capacity according to Resolutions 06/05 and 07/05, based on the number of active vessels reported by CPCs for the year 2006 (targeting tropical tunas) and 2007 (targeting swordfish and albacore tuna). A blank square indicates that no data was received. The highlighted rows refer to CPCs that have submitted Fleet Development Plans. Data as of February 2009.

CPC	Target species - 2006						Target species - 2007					
	Tropical Tunas			Tropical tunas and swordfish or not identified			Swordfish			Tropical tunas and swordfish or not identified		
	No. Vessels	GT	GRT	No. Vessels	GT	GRT	No. Vessels	GT	GRT	No. Vessels	GT	GRT
Australia				10		3,312				9		3,002
Belize				8		1,235				10		1,620
China				67		27,216				67	27,216	
Taiwan,China				1,110		166,287				782		149,886
Comoros												
Eritrea												
EC	44	97,516	66,108	9	3,815	2,469	32	13,579	7,049	57	41,102	27,929
FRA(OT)				2	1,390							
Guinea				3		1,439						
India												
Indonesia				1,202	124,135							
Iran				752	56,949							
Japan				227	91,076					217	86,896	
Kenya												
Korea, Republic of				29		11,190				33		12,859
Madagascar				2	263	116				1	25	
Malaysia				28		2,299				62		6,773
Mauritius				8		1,931				10		2,444
Oman				24		3,126				29		3,121
Pakistan												
Philippines				18		10,304				17	9,958	
Seychelles				44	42,949					45	46,046	
Sri Lanka										2		
Sudan												
Tanzania										3		
Thailand	9		13,771	4	4,342					11	12,556	
UK (OT)												
Vanuatu												
Senegal				3		1,251						
South Africa				13		3,013				14		3,213
Uruguay				1		1,016						
Grand Total	53	97,516	79,879	3,564	233,843	236,204	32	13,579	7,049	1,152	136,903	210,847

Table 2: Fleet Development Plans: Schedule of deployment of additional vessels by CPCs.

CPC	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Australia										
Belize	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
China										
Comoros										
Eritrea										
EC	10 ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
France (OT)	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	15
Guinea										
India										
Indonesia										
Iran	63	63	63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Japan										
Kenya										
Korea, Republic of										
Madagascar										
Malaysia	-	-	51	16	21	23	24	-	-	-
Mauritius	-	-	10	13	14	14	14	-	-	-
Oman	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50
Pakistan	150	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Philippines										
Seychelles	-	20	33	4	4	4	-	-	-	-
Sierra Leone ²										
Sri Lanka										
Sudan										
Tanzania										
Thailand	5	5	5	-	5	-	-	-	-	-
UK (OT)										
Vanuatu	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Senegal										
South Africa	-	9	28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Uruguay										
Total	175	107	209	55	69	71	73	40	45	65

¹ The EC has indicated that a further five vessels will be added in the future, but no reference year has been provided

² Sierra Leone became a Contracting Party in July 2008