

Report of Implementation

Reporting CPC: UK (BIOT)

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Part 1 A. *Describe the actions taken, under national legislation, in the previous year to implement conservation and management measures adopted by the Commission at the last Session.*

Resolution 09/01 *On the performance review follow-up* BIOT's core management principles are focussed on ensuring that all fishing is undertaken with due regard and concern for the stability of fish stocks and conservation of biodiversity. BIOT's local management exceeds the requirements of some IOTC resolutions (e.g. a ban on shark finning and targeted shark fishing) and ecosystem management is central. BIOT will fully support IOTC efforts to address deficiencies in the current agreement.

Cooperative capacity building occurs through bilateral British Seychelles Fisheries Commission meetings.

BIOT follows up on infringements to BIOT and IOTC regulations and reports infringements to IOTC Secretariat and Compliance Committee.

BIOT will support relevant resolutions presented to the Commission

Resolution 09/02 *On the implementation of a limitation of fishing capacity of Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties* Does not apply to BIOT (no commercial vessels / flag registry).

Resolution 09/03 *On establishing a list of vessels presumed to have carried out illegal, unregulated and unreported fishing in the IOTC area* BIOT and Seychelles proposed this amendment to the resolution. BIOT have been applying it and in 2009 reported the continuing infringement of IOTC and BIOT regulations particularly by vessels from Sri Lanka.

Resolution 09/04 *On a Regional observer scheme* BIOT does not have any industrial tuna fishing vessels; it is not clear that this would relate to the BIOT recreational fishery, although catch and length frequency sampling is undertaken for that fishery.

Resolution 09/05 *To prohibit the use of large-scale driftnets on the high seas in the IOTC area of competence* N/a for BIOT – no flag vessels

Resolution 09/06 *On marine turtles* BIOT has no fishing vessels. BIOT however could provide information to the Working Party on Ecosystems and Bycatch where relevant data is gathered by observers or SFPOS on fishing activities, or additionally the Environmental Advisor / Chagos

expedition on turtle nesting sites if available. To date in 2009 no records of any turtle bycatch have been reported.

Part 1 B. *Describe the actions taken, under national legislation, to implement conservation and management measures adopted by the Commission in previous Sessions, and which have not been reported previously.*

2008 previously reported - see summary details presented in 2009 UK (BIOT) Report of Implementation. 2007 previously reported in UK (BIOT) National Report to IOTC Science Committee.

All previous resolutions have been adopted as appropriate. However it is important to note that BIOT does not operate a flag registry and does not operate a commercial port. Therefore many of the resolutions do not apply directly. UK (BIOT) complies with all IOTC reporting requirements (several resolutions); before issuing licenses all vessels are checked against the IOTC vessel register (05/02); 'Fisheries Ordinance 1998 Ammendment SI No. 01 Of 2006, shark regulations' was incorporated in BIOT legislation (05/05); IUU vessels are reported (06/01, superceded by 09/03); No transhipment licences are issued (06/02); VMS not mandatory for BIOT as no flag registry vessels but introduced on foreign flagged vessels operating in the BIOT FCMZ in 2009 (06/03); any seabird interactions noted in observer programmes are reported (06/04).

NOTE IN COMPLETING PART 2 AS BIOT DOES NOT OPERATE A FLAG REGISTRY OR HAVE A COMMERCIAL PORT MOST DETAILS DO NOT APPLY. 08/01 IS REPORTED FOR RECREATIONAL FISHING; 05/05 AND 08/03 RELATES TO REPORTING BYCATCH OF VESSELS LICENCED TO FISH IN BIOT AND TO BIOT SHARK LEGISLATION BANNING WIRE TRACE AND FINNING; 07/04 RELATES TO THE BIOT SEASON APRIL 2008-MARCH 2009

Part 2. In order to assist the Secretariat to prepare more accurate reports for the Compliance Committee, CPCs are invited to complete the following form and submit it together with Part 1 of this document.

Application	Subject (Resolution number)	Information to be provided by CPCs
Flag State Controls	Authorised Vessels (07/02)	Number of vessels on the Record of Authorised Vessels 0
	Active Vessels (07/04)	Number of vessels active in the previous year 0
		Active vessels list provided to the Secretariat No
	Control of domestic vessels (01/02)	Number of inspections of flag vessels: At sea 0 In port 0
		Number of vessels issued with logbooks 0 • Types of logbook: Paper type (bound) <input type="checkbox"/> Electronic <input type="checkbox"/>
		Number of vessels marked 0
		Number of vessels whose fishing gears are marked 0
	Vessel Monitoring System (06/03)	Number of authorised vessels fitted with VMS transceiver/transponder 0
	Transshipment (08/02)	Number of carrier vessels authorised 0
		Number of authorisations issued for: Transshipments at sea 0 Transshipments in port 0
		Report on the quantities of fish, by species, transhipped at sea has been provided to the Secretariat No
		List of vessels that have transhipped has been provided to the Secretariat N/A
		Assessments of Observer reports have been provided to the Secretariat N/A
	Compliance of flag	Number of cases brought against vessels for undermining IOTC conservation and management measures 0

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	vessels (06/01; 09/03)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of cases reported to the Secretariat 0
	Scientific Data (08/01)	Information for active vessels has been provided to the Secretariat in relation to: Nominal catch data Yes Catch and effort data Yes Size data Yes
	Bigeye tuna Statistical Document Programme – flag State (01/06; 03/03)	Number of bigeye tuna export documents validated 0
		Number of institutions authorised to validate bigeye tuna statistical documents 0
		Number of officials authorised to validate bigeye tuna statistical documents 0
		Number of validated bigeye tuna export documents, which have been received from importing State(s) 0
	Bigeye tuna Statistical Document Programme – importing State (01/06; 03/03)	Quantities of bigeye tuna imported 0kg
		Number of valid bigeye tuna statistical documents received 0
		Number of invalid bigeye tuna statistical documents received 0
		Number of bigeye tuna statistical documents exchanged with flag State(s) 0
	By-catch and interactions with other species (05/05; 08/03)	Information has been provided to the Secretariat and Scientific Committee on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bycatch of Sharks Yes Interactions with Seabirds Yes
		Information has been provided to the Secretariat and Scientific Committee on the implementation of bycatch mitigation devices: For seabirds N/A For sharks Yes
		Has provided the Scientific Committee with information on research work undertaken to mitigate the

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		adverse effects of fishing activities on: Seabirds N/A Sharks N/A
Port State controls	Programme of inspection in port (05/03)	Number of foreign vessels calling into your port(s) 0
		Number of foreign vessels inspected 0
		Number of cases involving foreign vessels found to have undermined IOTC conservation and management measures 0 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of cases reported to the flag State 0 • Number of cases reported to the Secretariat 0
Coastal State controls	Foreign vessels licensed (07/04)	Number of foreign vessels licensed 65
		Number of foreign vessels that have been refused a licence 1
		Information on licensed foreign vessels has been reported to the Secretariat Yes
Responsibility of all CPCs	Control of nationals (07/01)	Number of cases detected where natural or legal persons have engaged in activities that undermine IOTC conservation and management measures 0 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of cases where actions have been taken 0 • Number of cases reported to the Secretariat 0