

Report of Implementation

Reporting CPC: Republic of Korea

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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 Most of recommendations arising from the IOTC Performance Review Panel have been reflected in the National Distant Sea Fisheries Act(hereinafter referred to as "DSFA"). In this sense, Korea, a responsible fishing nation, is ready to cooperate with other members of IOTC on issues of common interest related to IOTC Performance Review, and complement all deficiencies in the IOTC Agreement consistent with internationally-agreed principles of fisheries conservation and management.

Resolution 09/02 On the implementation of a limitation of fishing capacity of Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties For the purpose of the paragraph 1 of this Resolution, Korean government has limited to 38 vessels as the maximum level of fishing vessels in the IOTC area for tropical tunas as main target species and swordfish and albacore as bycatch.

Resolution 09/03 On establishing a list of vessels presumed to have carried out illegal, unregulated and unreported fishing in the IOTC area According to the Article 13(Compliance for Distant Sea Fishermen) of the DSFA, Korean fishing vessels are prohibited from illegal, unregulated and unreported activities.

Resolution 09/04 On a Regional observer scheme According to the Article 13(Compliance for Distant Sea Fishermen) of the DSFA, all distant fishermen shall apply to the Conservation and Management Measures adopted by International Fisheries Organizations. For the purpose of this Resolution, at least 5% of the number of operations shall be covered by observer scheme in order to improve the collection of scientific data. Three scientific observers on board already have been dispatched in 2009. Those data from observer scheme will be available in 2010.

Resolution 09/05 To prohibit the use of large-scale driftnets on the high seas in the IOTC area of competence According to UNGA Resolution 46/215(1991) and its decision(1993), it has been totally prohibited Korean distant fishing vessels from using large-scale driftnets while on the high seas since 1997.

Resolution 09/06 On marine turtles For the purpose of this Resolution, all distant fishermen are required to use proper mitigation and handling techniques and keep on board all necessary equipment for the release of turtles. Especially, operators of all Korean longline vessels are required to carry line cutters, de-hookers, where appropriate, dip-nets in order to facilitate the appropriate handling and prompt release of marine turtles caught or entangled.

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.*

Resolution 08/01 Mandatory statistical requirements for IOTC members and cooperating non-contracting parties;

According to the Article 16(Reporting of Catch Data etc) of the DSFA, it is required for all distant fishing vessels to submit their nominal catch data as well as catch and effort data to the National Fisheries Research Development Institute(NFRDI) to provide those information to the IOTC Secretariat as well as Scientific Committee. Furthermore, Korean government has been currently revising our data collection system in order to raise logbook coverage ratio and collect amendable data scientific analysis.

Resolution 08/02 On establishing a programme for transshipment by large-scale fishing vessels;

According to the Article 13(Compliance for Distant Sea Fishermen) of the DSFA, it is required for all distant fishing vessels authorized to fish to comply with all transshipments procedures set out in a recommendation or resolution adopted by International Fisheries Organizations.

Resolution 08/03 On reducing the incidental bycatch of seabirds in longline fisheries;

According to the Article 13(Compliance for Distant Sea Fishermen) of the DSFA, it is required to comply with conservation and management measures adopted by International Fisheries Organizations such as mitigation measures against incidental bycatch of seabirds, turtles and sharks. Especially, for the purpose of this Resolution, it was agreed that all Korean longline vessels fishing south of 30 degrees shall use both bird-scaring lines(tori lines) in Column A and offal discharge control in Column B in the Table(Seabird mitigation measures).

Resolution 08/04 Concerning the recording of catch by longline fishing vessels in the IOTC area;

According to the Article 13(Compliance for Distant Sea Fishermen) of the DSFA, all distant fishing vessels are required to keep a bound logbook on board, record their catch as well as bycatch such as sea turtle, seabirds, sharks, and report the National Fisheries Research and Development Institute(NFRDI). Since 2009, NFRDI has been distributing to the longline fishing vessels logbooks reflecting newly complementing factors and its respective sheets for information on sharks species in Annex 1 and 2 set out in this Resolution.

Others Resolutions;

Korean government established its domestic legislation called "Distant Sea Fisheries Act"(DSFA) on March 2008 to implement all compulsory recommendations and resolutions adopted by International Fisheries Organizations such as ICCAT, IOTC, CCSBT etc. This Act consists of five Sections and 36 Articles which stipulate provisions all Korean distant fishing vessels shall comply with such as Authorization to Fish, Port Inspection, Installation of VMS etc. This Act came from the atmosphere where many regional fisheries management organizations and international fisheries organizations have been adopting conservations and management measures each year. However, if the new and urgent measures such as Statistical Document Scheme are adopted, Korean government shall establish a separate Notification of the Ministry for Food, Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries even though the DSFA contains some relevant provisions. In case distant fishermen breach any provisions set out in the DSFA, they shall be punished from severe fine to abolition of their fishing licenses depending on the level of noncompliance.

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 174
	Active Vessels (07/04)	Number of vessels active in the previous year 24
		Active vessels list provided to the Secretariat Yes
	Control of domestic vessels (01/02)	Number of inspections of flag vessels: At sea 0 In port 3
		Number of vessels issued with logbooks 174
		• Types of logbook: Paper type (bound) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Electronic <input type="checkbox"/>
		Number of vessels marked 174
		Number of vessels whose fishing gears are marked 0
	Vessel Monitoring System (06/03)	Number of authorised vessels fitted with VMS transceiver/transponder 174
	Transshipment (08/02)	Number of carrier vessels authorised 17
		Number of authorisations issued for: Transshipments at sea 14 Transshipments in port 14
		Report on the quantities of fish, by species, transhipped at sea has been provided to the Secretariat Yes
		List of vessels that have transhipped has been provided to the Secretariat Yes
		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 99
		Number of institutions authorised to validate bigeye tuna statistical documents 13
		Number of officials authorised to validate bigeye tuna statistical documents 44
		Number of validated bigeye tuna export documents, which have been received from importing State(s) 99
	Bigeye tuna Statistical Document Programme – importing State (01/06; 03/03)	Quantities of bigeye tuna imported 1612662kg
		Number of valid bigeye tuna statistical documents received 261
		Number of invalid bigeye tuna statistical documents received 0
		Number of bigeye tuna statistical documents exchanged with flag State(s) 72
	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 No
		Information has been provided to the Secretariat and Scientific Committee on the implementation of bycatch mitigation devices: For seabirds Yes 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 No Sharks No
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 0
		Number of foreign vessels that have been refused a licence 0
		Information on licensed foreign vessels has been reported to the Secretariat N/A
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