REPORT ON THE PROGRESS AND IMPLEMENTATION OF VMS PROGRAMMES

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This document summarises the information available to the Secretariat in accordance with IOTC Resolution 06/03 *On establishing a vessel monitoring system programme.*

Paragraph 10. Each CPC shall provide to the Secretary, by 30 June each year, a report on the progress and implementation of its VMS programme in accordance with this resolution.

Information on the status of reporting relating to IOTC Resolution 06/03 is given in Table 1.

The Secretariat received information from four CPCs (Japan, Korea, Seychelles and UK (I. O. Territories)) prior to the meeting. In view of the low level of reporting with regards to this resolution, the Secretariat has also used information gathered from other sources to produce Table 1.

Annex 1. Paragraph F. When the Flag State has not received for 12 hours data transmissions referred to in paragraphs 5 of the Resolution and E of this Annex, or has reasons to doubt the correctness of the data transmissions under paragraphs 5 of the Resolution and E of this Annex, it shall as soon as possible notify the master or the owner or the representative thereof. If this situation occurs more than two times within a period of one year in respect of a particular vessel, the Flag State of the vessel shall investigate the matter, including having an authorised official check the device in question, in order to establish whether the equipment has been tampered with. The outcome of this investigation shall be forwarded to the IOTC Secretariat within 30 days of its completion.

Japan has reported one case of multiple technical failures which required investigating.

The Secretariat has also received information from Malaysia, through the implementation of IOTC Resolution 09/03, that one of its fishing vessels suffered a technical failure that resulted in the non-functioning of the vessel monitoring device on board the vessel.

No information on investigations conducted by CPCs as a result of technical problems of VMS on board their fishing vessels have been sent to the Secretariat.

Report of the Thirteenth Session of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission, Paragraph 26. In an effort to improve reporting, the Commission requested the Secretariat to develop, in consultation with the Members, a report template for future use

A proposed VMS report template was circulated (IOTC CIRCULAR 2009/26) by the Secretariat on 21st September, 2009. At the time of preparing this report three CPCs (Japan, the Republic of Korea and Seychelles) have submitted their VMS report to the Secretariat,

Table 1: The status of implementation of VMS by CPCs (IOTC Resolution 06/03). Data as of 20 February, 2010.

As reported by	No. of vessels in the record of authorised vessels	Operational VMS			Remarks
		Yes	No	Percentage of coverage	
Australia	124	✔		100	Information from IOTC questionnaire
Belize	8	✔		100	Information from National report presented at the Thirteenth Session
China	76	✔		100	Information from IOTC questionnaire
Comoros	0	n/a			Does not have a fleet
Eritrea	0	n/a			Does not have a fleet
European Union	480	✔		100	Information from Report of Implementation and IOTC VMS questionnaire
France (OT)	4	✔		100	Information from IOTC questionnaire
Guinea	3		✔		Information from FAO VMS questionnaire
India	61	✔			Information from FAO VMS questionnaire
Indonesia	1018	✔			Information from FAO VMS questionnaire
Iran	764		✔		Reported at the Twelfth meeting of the Commission
Japan	83	✔		100	VMS report submitted 20th October, 2009
Kenya	2		✔		Information from FAO VMS questionnaire
Korea, Republic of	174	✔		100	VMS report submitted 3rd February, 2010
Madagascar	2	✔			Information from FAO VMS questionnaire
Malaysia	53	✔		100	Information from IOTC questionnaire
Mauritius	3	✔		100	Information from FAO VMS questionnaire
Oman	37	✔		100	Information from IOTC questionnaire
Pakistan	0	n/a			Does not have a fleet in the IOTC Area
Philippines	73		✔		Reported at the Twelfth meeting of the Commission
Seychelles	42	✔		100	VMS report submitted 15th February, 2010
Sierra Leone	0	n/a			Does not have a fleet in the IOTC Area
Sri Lanka	0	n/a			Does not have a fleet in the IOTC Area
Sudan	0	n/a			Does not have a fleet in the IOTC Area
Tanzania	0	n/a			Does not have a fleet in the IOTC Area
Thailand	14				No data was received or was available from other sources
U. K. (I. O. Territories)	0	n/a			Does not have a fleet in the IOTC Area
Vanuatu	48				No data was received or was available from other sources
Senegal	3	✔			Information from FAO VMS questionnaire
South Africa	11	✔			Information from FAO VMS questionnaire
Uruguay	0	n/a			Does not have a fleet in the IOTC Area