

Report of Implementation

Reporting CPC: Japan

Date: 9 February

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* Under consideration

Resolution 09/02 *On the implementation of a limitation of fishing capacity of Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties* Japan had notified to the IOTC Secretariat the lists of vessels, by gear type, in accordance with Article 1 of this resolution. Japan established a Vessel Reduction Program in early 2009 and 64 distant-water longline fishing vessels ceased their fishing operation before the end of March, 2009 and then were sent to shipyards for scrapping.

Resolution 09/03 *On establishing a list of vessels presumed to have carried out illegal, unregulated and unreported fishing in the IOTC area* Japan prohibits the import fish products caught by IUU-vessel. In case fishing vessels are presumed to have carried out IUU activities in the IOTC Area, Japan has transmitted to Secretary a list of these vessels. In 2009 there was no information on IUU fishing activities collected by Japan.

Resolution 09/04 *On a Regional observer scheme* Japan prepares to establish its Observer Scheme, which will have started on 1 July 2010.

Resolution 09/05 *To prohibit the use of large-scale driftnets on the high seas in the IOTC area of competence* Japan has prohibited its fishing vessels from using large-scale driftnets on the high seas all over the world including in the IOTC Area.

Resolution 09/06 *On marine turtles* Japan collects data on their vessels' interactions with marine turtles.

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.*

N/A

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 387
	Active Vessels (07/04)	Number of vessels active in the previous year 227
		Active vessels list provided to the Secretariat No
	Control of domestic vessels (01/02)	Number of inspections of flag vessels: At sea In port 113
		Number of vessels issued with logbooks 227
		• Types of logbook: Paper type (bound) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Electronic <input type="checkbox"/>
		Number of vessels marked 227
	Vessel Monitoring System (06/03)	Number of vessels whose fishing gears are marked 227
		Number of authorised vessels fitted with VMS transceiver/transponder 227
	Transhipment (08/02)	Number of carrier vessels authorised 35
		Number of authorisations issued for: Transhipments at sea 17 Transhipments in port 138
		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 Yes
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 No
	Bigeye tuna Statistical Document Programme – flag State (01/06; 03/03)	Number of bigeye tuna export documents validated 433
		Number of institutions authorised to validate bigeye tuna statistical documents 1
		Number of officials authorised to validate bigeye tuna statistical documents 3
		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 27973kg
		Number of valid bigeye tuna statistical documents received 3929
		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 No Interactions with Seabirds No
		Information has been provided to the Secretariat and Scientific Committee on the implementation of bycatch mitigation devices: For seabirds No For sharks No
		Has provided the Scientific Committee with information on research work undertaken to mitigate the adverse effects of fishing activities on: Seabirds No Sharks No

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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

Note:

With regard to By-catch and interactions with other species (05/05; 08/03), subject presented in Part2 of Report of Implementation, Japan has/will have implemented the following action.

Bycatch of Sharks

According to Resolution 08/04 *Concerning the Recording of Catch by Longline Fishing Vessels in the IOTC Area*, Japan will have provided data to the IOTC Secretariat and the Scientific Committee after 2009.

Interactions with Seabirds

Japan requests its longline vessels to collect information on interactions with seabirds but its reliability is not enough to provide to the IOTC Secretariat and the Scientific Committee because it is quite difficult to distinguish what kind of seabirds had been caught incidentally.

Implementation of bycatch mitigation devices for seabirds

According to Resolution 08/04 *On reducing the Incidental Bycatch of Seabirds in longline fisheries*, Japan seeks to achieve reduction in levels of the incidental bycatch of seabirds through the use of effective mitigation measures.