

## Report of Implementation

### Reporting CPC: Republic of Mauritius

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#### Mauritius Statement

Mauritius Fisheries Management regime comprises elements related to fisheries operations amongst others, licensing, management, port state control, monitoring control and surveillance. Access for fishing opportunities is granted to third countries to fish in the Mauritius EEZ under licence, with attached terms and conditions. The Mauritian Authorities operate a flag registry and has a small fleet of fishing vessels along with a sport fishery, which catches some tuna and tuna like species. The bulk of tuna catches in Mauritius EEZ emanates from foreign licensed vessels. This distinctiveness defines the framework in which IOTC resolutions are applied by Mauritius as appropriate.

**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*

Mauritius fundamental guiding principles are centered on responsible fishing practices with due regard to the sustainability of resources and conservation of biodiversity.

Resolution 09/02 *On the implementation of a limitation of fishing capacity of Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties*

Mauritius has a very small fleet capacity for fishing tunas and tuna like species in its EEZ.

Mauritius notifies annually the IOTC Secretariat the list of licensed vessels by gear type (third country vessels including Mauritius flagged vessels) in favour of which fishing opportunities are granted for fishing in Mauritius waters in accordance with Article 1 of this Resolution

Resolution 09/03 *On establishing a list of vessels presumed to have carried out illegal, unregulated and unreported fishing in the IOTC area*

No IUU fishing vessel was sighted in EEZ of Mauritius in 2009.

Furthermore, Mauritius prohibits the import of fish products caught by IUU vessels

The EU IUU Catch Document Scheme 1005/2009 is being implemented as from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2010

Resolution 09/04 *On a Regional observer scheme*

Not applicable as such as Mauritius does not have any industrial tuna fishing vessel. However, Mauritius endeavours to take advantage of the Regional observer scheme in the event such opportunity would be extended to our observers.

Resolution 09/05 *To prohibit the use of large-scale driftnets on the high seas in the IOTC area of competence*

Not applicable as Mauritius does not have any flagged vessels on the high seas using large scale driftnets in the IOTC area of competence.

Resolution 09/06 *On marine turtles*

Licence conditions would be amended to request third countries applying for fishing licences in the Mauritius EEZ to include appropriate handling techniques as well as proper mitigation and the use of appropriate equipment for the release of turtles.

**Other Resolutions**

Mauritius is implementing the other IOTC Resolutions as follows:-

- (a) Resolution 01/05 on mandatory fisheries statistics for IOTC members**
- (b) Resolutions 05/02 on IOTC record of authorized vessels**
- (c) Resolution 05/03 relating to port inspection**
- (d) Resolution 01/06 relating to Bigeye tuna Statistical Document programme – flag State and importing state.**
- (e) Resolution 05/05 on Conservation of Sharks**

**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*

Flag State Controls	Authorised Vessels (07/02)	Number of tuna vessels on the record of Authorised Vessels - 1
	Active Vessels (07/04)	Number of vessels active in the previous year - 1
Port State Controls	Programme of inspection in port (05/03)	Number of foreign vessels calling into your port(s) - 604
		Number of foreign vessels inspected - 604
Coastal State Controls	Foreign vessels licensed (07/04)	Number of foreign vessels licensed for the year 2009 - 150
		Number of foreign vessels that have been refused a licence - Nil
		Information on licensed foreign vessels has been reported to the Secretariat - Nil