

Report of Implementation

Reporting CPC: France (Territories)

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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 Through the management principles and the fisheries control measures that are implemented in the area under its jurisdiction, France tries to ensure that all fishing activities are done with due respect to stock conservation and biodiversity. Specifically, the territorial regulation implemented to manage fishing activities in the waters of the Scattered Islands in the Indian Ocean ("îles éparses"), and notably the arrêté 2008-154 dated 17 December 2008 establishing a framework for fishing activities targeting tunas and other pelagic species in the EEZ of the Scattered Islands, implements all the measures adopted by IOTC and, on some points, even goes further and incorporates part of the recommendations in the IOTC Performance Review Panel report (January 2009). These measures are also in part implemented in the Agreement signed between the Préfet de Mayotte and Foreign Operators for the issuance of fishing licenses in the ZEE of Mayotte.

Resolution 09/02 On the implementation of a limitation of fishing capacity of Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties France has, on behalf of its Territories, submitted to IOTC a Fleet Development Plan in 2006, updated in 2007 and confirmed in 2009, according to IOTC Resolutions 06/05, 07/05 and 09/02. This updated plan mentions the number of vessels that have entered the Fleet since 2006 (as well as their characteristics: length, tonnage and power), the number of vessels planned to enter the fleet within the next 10 years (by gear type and vessel size), as well as a tentative schedule and estimations of catches by species.

Resolution 09/03 On establishing a list of vessels presumed to have carried out illegal, unregulated and unreported fishing in the IOTC area France actively monitors its EEZs by deploying at-sea control resources and participating in the Regional Fisheries Monitoring Programme implemented by the Indian Ocean Commission (COI). In the waters under its jurisdiction (Mayotte and Scattered Islands), France's surveillance resources have, in 2009, identified 37 vessels and made 25 inspections at sea. France has carried out a large-scale control operation in partnership with Seychelles targeting the vessel SHUEN MAN, suspected to have fished illegally in the EEZ of Europa Island: on the basis of the inspection team's report, France has submitted information pertaining to the observed infringements to the vessel's Flag State (Seychelles), which took severe sanctions against that fishing vessel.

Resolution 09/04 On a Regional observer scheme The Territorial Regulation giving the framework for fishing activities and the Agreement signed with Foreign Operators makes it mandatory for French and foreign fishing vessels to agree to having on-board observers. These

observers collect information and scientific & technic samples, data pertaining to tagging programmes and record interactions with fauna and flora. This regulation provides that an observer can carry out control missions (regulation enforcement) and collect information on the activities of vessels encountered in the EEZ. This year, eight observers have accomplished a total of 465 days at sea in the EEZ of Mayotte and the Scattered Islands, representing a coverage of almost 40% of fishing activities in this area.

Resolution 09/05 To prohibit the use of large-scale driftnets on the high seas in the IOTC area of competence In the waters of the Scattered Islands, the only authorized fishing techniques are purse seine, longline and pole-and-line. Any other technique is prohibited under arrêté n°2008-154 dated 17 December 2008 establishing a framework for fishing activities targetting tunas and other pelagic species in the EEZ of the Scattered Islands. In the waters of Mayotte, this type of gear is not used by the fishing fleet operating from Mayotte.

Resolution 09/06 On marine turtles The arrêté n°2008-154 dated 17 December 2008 establishing a framework for fishing activities targetting tunas and other pelagic species in the EEZ of the Scattered Islands provides, in its Appendix IV (Article 1,d,iii) that "it is mandatory to release as quickly as possible any marine turtle. Their handling must minimize stress to the animals and maximize their chances of survival". It also makes mandatory to carry on board line or net cutters and de-hookers in order to release turtles or sharks caught or entangled. Regarding Mayotte, similar dispositions are provided by the Agreement signed between the Préfet de Mayotte and Foreign Tuna Fishing Operators. Any incidental catch of a marine turtle must be declared.

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.*

Access to fishing grounds under French jurisdiction is strictly controlled. The Tuna and tuna-like species fishing campaign is open between 1 January and 31 December of each year, but requires to have a valid fishing license. Issuance of a fishing license or permit implies adhering to and respecting the regulations adopted by France. These regulations, updated regularly, contain notably:

- at-sea transhipments are prohibited
- each vessel must have on board a VMS system
- each vessel must have an on-board observer
- catches, bycatch and incidental catches must be recorded in a logbook
- it is mandatory to record the number (if possible by species) of all bycatch and incidental catch, and to evaluate their weight
- captured juvenile sharks, gravid females and marine turtles must be released alive

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- during longline setting operations, bird scaring lines must be used when seabirds targetting the bait are present
 - fishing gear must be marked
 - the number of DCPs on board must be declared
 - non biodegradable waste discharged is controlled and must be recorded

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 4
	Active Vessels (07/04)	Number of vessels active in the previous year 2
		Active vessels list provided to the Secretariat Yes
	Control of domestic vessels (01/02)	Number of inspections of flag vessels: At sea 3 In port -0
		Number of vessels issued with logbooks 4
		• Types of logbook: Paper type (bound) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Electronic <input type="checkbox"/>
		Number of vessels marked 4
	Number of vessels whose fishing gears are marked 4	
	Vessel Monitoring System (06/03)	Number of authorised vessels fitted with VMS transceiver/transponder 4
	Transhipment (08/02)	Number of carrier vessels authorised 0
		Number of authorisations issued for: Transhipments at sea 0 Transhipments 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 1
		Number of officials authorised to validate bigeye tuna statistical documents 1
		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 N/A
		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 Yes
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 50
		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