#### ANNUAL REPORT OF IMPLEMENTATION TO IOTC FOR YEAR 2010

**Reporting CPC: BELIZE** 

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Part 1 A: Actions taken under national legislation, in 2010 to implement conservation and management measures adopted by the Commission at the last session.

Resolution 10/01: For the Conservation and Management of Tropical Tuna Stocks in the IOTC Area of Competence.

The attached notice regarding compliance with this Resolution was sent to all our vessel owners and operators and is currently accessible on our website.

Resolution 10/02: Mandatory Statistical Requirements for IOTC Member and Cooperation non-Contracting Parties

All mandatory data under this Resolution is attached.

**Resolution 10/03: Concerning the recording of catch by fishing vessels in the IOTC Area.** Belize currently has no purse seine vessels in its fleet which operates in the IOTC Area. However, in the event that any such vessel should be introduced in accordance with our fleet development plan we will ensure compliance with this Resolution.

#### Resolution 10/04: On a Regional Observer Scheme

Belize already has a collection of qualified flag State observers who will be deployed to our vessels for observer inspection as required and in accordance with the aforementioned Resolution. We also intend to utilize the IOTC's observers as necessary once the contribution factor and procedures for this Scheme has been finalized.

Resolution 10/06: On Reducing the Incidental Bycatch of Seabirds in Longline Fisheries. In compliance with this Resolution as advised in our submission dated 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2009 and Annual Report dated 29<sup>th</sup> January 2009, Belize issued Fishing Vessel Circular FVC-08/02 in compliance with previous resolution on this topic. We have issued notice as per attached concerning the implementation of this new Resolution.

Resolution 10/07: Concerning a Record of Licensed Foreign Vessels Fishing for Tunas and Swordfish in the IOTC Area

This Resolution is not applicable to Belize as we are not a coastal State within the IOTC area of competence.

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### Resolution 10/08: Concerning a Record of Active Vessels Fishing for Tunas and Swordfish in the IOTC Areas.

Please see attached List of Active Belize flagged vessels that are authorized to fish in the IOTC area of Competence.

#### Resolution 10/10 Concerning Market Related Measures

This Resolution is not applicable to Belize as we are not an importing country for fish products caught in the IOTC area, nor are we a Coastal State within this area of competence.

## Resolution 10/11: On Port States Measures to Prevent, Deter and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated fishing.

This Resolution is not applicable to Belize as we are not a Port State within the IOTC Convention Area.

## Resolution 10/12: On the Conservation of Thresher Sharks caught in Association with Fisheries in the IOTC Agreement Area.

Attached notice was sent to all concerned party regarding the implementation of this Resolution.

# Resolution 10/13: On the Implementation of a Ban on Discards of Skipjack Tuna, Yellowfin Tuna, Bigeye Tuna and non-Targeted Species Caught by Purse Seiners

Belize currently has no purse seine vessels in its fleet which operates in the IOTC Area. However, in the event that any such vessel should be introduced as part of our fleet we will ensure compliance with this Resolution.

## Part 1B: Actions taken under national legislation to implement conservation and management measures adopted by the Commission in previous sessions.

In accordance with the above, please note that Belize had in its past submissions to the Commission, reported on the actions taken to implement conservation and management measures in accordance with the following Resolution.

- Resolution 09/01 On the performance of review follow-up.
- Resolution 09/02 On the implementation of a limitation of fishing capacity of Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties.
- Resolution 0903 On establishing a list of vessels presumed to have carried out illegal, unregulated and unreported fishing in the IOTC Area.
- Resolution 09/04 On a Regional Observer Scheme.
- Resolution 09/05 To prohibit the use of large-scale drfitnets on the high seas in the IOTC Area of Competence
- Resolution 09/06 On Marine Turtles