

Report of Implementation for the year 2010

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Part A. *Describe the actions taken, under national legislation, in the previous year to implement conservation and management measures adopted by the Commission at its Fourteenth Session.*

Resolution 10/01 For the Conservation and Management of Tropical Tuna Stocks in the IOTC Area of Competence *Concerning this resolution and IOTC Circular no. 2011/03 regarding time and geographical restrictions for long liner vessels in 2011, we would like to inform you that none of our long liners with Iran Flag have not been fishing Tuna in the Indian Ocean during this time period.*

In order to monitoring and control of Iranian fishing vessels, IFO have been developed a plan during past years. Based on this plan IFO is going to implement the system during 2011-2012.

In order to Implement VMS system, IFO is going to equip all the vessels by the online and offline vessel monitoring system. IFO has been equipped 50 vessels by on line VMS system which 10 of them belongs to tuna vessels. Also at this time we equipped 300 vessels by on line system which all of them are active in the Persian Gulf and Oman Sea.

Based on the plan during 2011 and 2012 IFO are going to equip all the industrial fishing vessels by online system (satellite) and all the artisanal fishing vessels and boats by off line system. According to the plan the purse seiners who are active in the Indian Ocean should be equipped by on line system.

Resolution 10/02 Mandatory Statistical Requirements For IOTC Members and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties (CPCs) *Iran Fisheries Organization has taken following steps regarding this resolution:*

1 - Nominal Catch Data according to each species, fishing methods like gilnet, trawling and purseine has been sent to IOTC,

2 - For fishing Pelagic fishes catch & effort including number of vessels and level of effort in previous formats based on fishing vessels class and fishing methods like Trawl, Gilnet and Purseine were sent to IOTC.

3 - We have no longlining of Tuna (N/A)

4 - Biometric data including number of Biometries and average length according to Various Species and their Purseine and Gilnetting Methods were made available to IOTC.

Resolution 10/03 Concerning the recording of catch by fishing vessels in the IOTC area *According to Annex no. 1 of this Resolution, Bilingual Logbook in Persian and English were prepared and filling of them is undergoing but, specially designed Logbooks were prepared by IOTC Statistical Workgroup for gilnetters of Iran which is in introduction & extension period for fishermen and in feasibility study period by Iran Fisheries Organization.*

Resolution 10/04 On a Regional observer scheme *In order to implement a responsible fishing activities and based on different fishing activities IFO have had a vessel monitoring system which one of the most important activities is on board observation.*

In this way, in addition to in implementation of online system, IFO has had on board observation plan randomly on Industrial vessels.

Base on our system, observer has a clear responsibility, which mostly is related with composition and amount of catch, CPUE, place and date of catch, and etc. But for Gillnet vessels due to lack of accomodations, we have not been able to install observers on board the vessels.

Regarding item no. 4 of this resolution and according to our own deploying observers on board and statistical plan, smplers will be deployed at harbors and landing places and will be recording the

length and weight of fish besides data about fishing methods and fish species. This activity is covering 10% of active vessels.

Resolution 10/06 On Reducing the Incidental Bycatch of Seabirds in Longline Fisheries *None of our long liner vessels are active in IOTC competence area*

Resolution 10/07 Concerning a Record of Licensed Foreign Vessels Fishing for Tunas and Swordfish in the IOTC Area *Iran Fisheries Organization did not receive any request from Foreign Vessels during 2010 and 2011 and has not issued any license in this regard*

Resolution 10/08 Concerning a Record of Active Vessels Fishing for Tunas and Swordfish in the IOTC Area *Iran Fisheries Organization sends each year, list of vessels fishing Tuna and sword fishes in IOTC area according to defined Formats by the Secretariat. Statistics of 2009 was sent by email to Gerard Domingue on August 12, 2010 and we will send 2010 Statistics in due time*

Resolution 10/10 Concerning Market Related Measures *All imported Tuna Fishes are imported by non-fishing vessels (Container and refer) and no foreign vessel is handling our catch or deliver our catch to landing places*

Resolution 10/11 On Port state measures to prevent, deter and eliminate illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing *Iran Fisheries Organization has announced suitable harbors which has the qualifications to accept vessels. In the meantime, benefiting IOTC experiences and training services would benefit our job via capacity building activities*

Resolution 10/12 On the Conservation of Thresher Sharks (Family Alopiidae) caught in Association with Fisheries in the IOTC Agreement Area *The importance of conservation of Shark fishes during Tuna fishing is emphasised by Iran Fisheries Org. too and in each fishing license we emphasis the importance of prohibiting any kind of by-catch to the sea. By the way, landing and selling these kind of fishes are prohibited and illegal in Iran*

Recommendation 10/13 On the Implementation of a Ban On Discards Of Skipjack Tuna, Yellow Fin Tuna, Bigeye Tuna, And Non Targeted Species Caught By Purse Seiners *According our regulations for Tuna fishing, no part of catch will be discarded by vessels and in our fishing harbors, we have installed a quality system. During human consumed fish landing if they see it is not suitable for human consumption, they will hinder its entrance into human and other related markets*

Part 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.*

Iran Fisheries Organization has developed an inter-sectional National Tuna Committee with participation of public & private sector presence to follow up all Tuna related issues. Gradual omit of subcidese has become faster and regarding fuel, there has been a drastic reduction. All unlawful acts of wrong doers are also surveyed in High Commission of Combating IUU in Headquarter of Iran Fisheries Organization and there is written notifications and penalties (sanctions) for IUU vessels if any. Also, considerable amount of money for annual contibution of Iran fisheries organization has been recently handed to FAO Office in Tehran