

Report of Implementation for the year 2010

Reporting CPC: Republic of Korea

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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 *The Korean Government informed our fishing industries of the closure set out in this Resolution as of 15 December 2010. In accordance with Article 13 (Compliance Requirements for Distant Fishermen) of our national legislation which is so-called "Distant Sea Fisheries Act (DSFA)" established in 2008, it is required for distant fishermen to comply with all compulsory resolutions and recommendations in terms of conservation and management measures for fisheries resources adopted in international fisheries organizations such as IOTC. In addition, Article 11 (Revocation and Suspension of Distant Fishing Licenses) and 36 (Correctional Fines) stipulate that distant fishermen who failed to comply with those kinds of measures to be fined, or their fishing licenses might be suspended or even cancelled depending on the level of noncompliance.*

Resolution 10/02 Mandatory Statistical Requirements For IOTC Members and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties (CPCs) *According to the Article 16 (Catch Reporting) of the DSFA, distant fishermen are required to submit their nominal catch data as well as catch-effort data to the National Fisheries Research Development Institute (NFRDI) to provide such information to the IOTC Secretariat as well as Scientific Committee.*

Resolution 10/03 Concerning the recording of catch by fishing vessels in the IOTC area *No Korean purse-seine vessel has operated in the IOTC Area of Competence until now. However, purse-seine vessels will use a revised logbook template set out in Annex 1 in this Resolution when they operate in the IOTC area.*

Resolution 10/04 On a Regional observer scheme *In accordance with Article 13 (Compliance Requirements for Distant Fishermen) of the DSFA, all distant fishermen shall comply with conservation and management measures adopted by international fisheries organizations. For the purpose of implementation of this Resolution, at least 5% of the number of operations shall be covered by our national scientific observer scheme.*

Resolution 10/06 On Reducing the Incidental Bycatch of Seabirds in Longline Fisheries *In accordance with Article 13 (Compliance Requirement for Distant Fishermen) of the DSFA, it is required for distant fishermen to comply with conservation and management measures adopted by international fisheries organizations. For the purpose of implementation of this Resolution, the Korean government has instructed all Korean longline vessels operating south of 25 degrees South to use both bird-scaring line (tori-lines) in Column A and offal discharge control in Column B in Table 1 (Seabird Mitigation Measures).*

Resolution 10/07 Concerning a Record of Licensed Foreign Vessels Fishing for Tunas and Swordfish in the IOTC Area *The Korean government has not issued licenses to foreign flag vessels to fish for tunas and swordfish in the portion of our EEZ that falls within the IOTC area of Competence. Therefore, this Resolution has not been applicable for the Republic of Korea.*

Resolution 10/08 Concerning a Record of Active Vessels Fishing for Tunas and Swordfish in the IOTC Area *In accordance with Article 16 (Catch Reporting) of the DSFA, all distant fishermen shall report their record of catch to the National Fisheries Research and Development Institute (NFRDI) and our Ministry as well as the Korean Overseas Fisheries Association (KOSFA). For the purpose of implementation of this Resolution, the Korean government shall submit to the Secretariat a list of its respective vessels that were active in the IOTC Area of Competence during the previous year.*

Resolution 10/10 Concerning Market Related Measures *For the purpose of this Resolution, the National Fisheries Products Quality Inspection Services(NFIS) has identified, collected and controlled data on import and re-export of tuna and tuna-like species from the IOTC Area of Competence. If the CPCs and NCPs including the Korean fishing vessels fail to discharge their obligations under the IOTC Agreement in respect of IOTC conservation and management measures, the NFIS can take market-related measures set out in this Resolution.*

Resolution 10/11 On Port state measures to prevent, deter and eliminate illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing *In accordance with Article 14(Port State Inspection) of the DSFA, the Korean Government inspectors can inspect fish products from foreign fishing vessels on board at ports in Korea to prevent, eliminate and deter any IUU activities. Even though this Resolution shall be applied to CPC's ports within the IOTC area of competence, the Republic of Korea situated outside the IOTC area of competence shall endeavour to apply this Resolution. In this sense, the Korean government has provided its designated ports to IOTC Secretariat, and also notified the Korean distant fishing vessels of this Resolution which they shall comply with the procedures of entry into ports designated and publicized from the IOTC.*

Resolution 10/12 On the Conservation of Thresher Sharks (Family Alopiidae) caught in Association with Fisheries in the IOTC Agreement Area *In accordance with the Article 13(Compliance Requirements for Distant Fishermen), distant fishermen shall be required to comply with conservation and management measures including limitation of shark species adopted by international fisheries organizations. For the purpose of implementation of this Resolution, the Korean Government has instructed distant fishermen to promptly release unharmed, to the extent practicable, thresher sharks when brought along side for taking on board the vessels.*

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 *No Korean purse-seine vessels have operated in the IOTC area of competence until now. However, purse-seine vessels will implement those provisions set out in this Recommendation of a ban on discards of skipjack tuna, yellowfin tuna, bigeye tuna and non targeted species when they operate in this area.*

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.*

At the last Session of IOTC in Busan in 2010, the Korean government reported the action taken under our Distant Sea Fisheries Act (DSFA) to implement conservation and management measures by the IOTC.