

Report of Implementation for the year 2010

Reporting CPC: THAILAND

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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

Fishing operators were contacted and informed of the Resolution in particular the closure area and periods for purse seiners and longliners. Their fishing operation has been closely and daily monitored via VMSS.

Resolution 10/02 Mandatory Statistical Requirements For IOTC Members and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties (CPCs)

Data and information have been collected, analyzed and reported back to IOTC based on their timelines.

Resolution 10/03 Concerning the recording of catch by fishing vessels in the IOTC area

The vessels have maintained their logbooks which then been provided to the Thai authority for analysis.

Resolution 10/04 On a Regional observer scheme

Due to no experienced and qualified Thai observers available, the fishing operators were requested to use non-Thai observers for the regional observer scheme. the action will be carried out in correspondence to the Resolution.

Resolution 10/06 On Reducing the Incidental Bycatch of Seabirds in Longline Fisheries

The company having longline vessels was officially informed of the Resolution. The information on interactions with seabirds, if any, will be submitted to the Thai authority. The company was requested to strictly implement the Resolution and apply the mitigation measures.

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

According to the Act Governing the Right to Fish in Thai Waters of 1939, foreign fishing vessels are not allowed to fish in Thai waters.

Resolution 10/08 Concerning a Record of Active Vessels Fishing for Tunas and Swordfish in the IOTC Area *The record has been produced and submitted to IOTC.*

Resolution 10/10 Concerning Market Related Measures

Information of imported tunas has been collected.

Resolution 10/11 On Port state measures to prevent, deter and eliminate illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing

There were a couple meetings held internally among official concerned of the Department of Fisheries. Inter-agency meetings and consultations are needed in order to implement it due to the fact that port monitoring and control is vested in the purview of the Marine Department, not Department of Fisheries.

Resolution 10/12 On the Conservation of Thresher Sharks (Family Alopiidae) caught in Association with Fisheries in the IOTC Agreement Area

The company having longline vessels was officially informed of the Resolution and was requested to strictly implement the Resolution.

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

The companies having purse seine vessels were informed and request to implement the Recommendation.

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.*

1. The Department of Fisheries issued a Departmental Regulation Regarding the Issuance of Recommendation for Allowing Thai Fishing Vessels to Operate in the High Seas of 2010. Above all, the Fisheries Act of 1947 has been revised and now is subject to the Parliament's scrutinization for approval. A Chapter on Overseas Fisheries of the Thai fishing vessels beyond national jurisdiction and their management is incorporated.

2. The Department of Fisheries has been monitoring fishing operation of the Thai fishing vessels in the Indian Ocean on the dialy basis through their VMS.

3. The Department of Fisheries had submitted the information of foreign fishing vessels operating in the Indian Ocean and unloading their catches at port in Thailand.

4. The Department of Fisheries set up the Working Group To Consider Compliance and Implementation of the Management and Conservation Measures of the IOTC. The Working Group is composed of officials concerned of the Department who have involved in tuna fisheries. Apart from considering how Thailand has responded to all Resolutions adopted since the First Session up until the last Session (14th), it will also consider how to implement the Resolutions adopted in the future. In addition, the Working Group will consider the Thai positions towards the proposed Resolution for the coming IOTC Meetings.