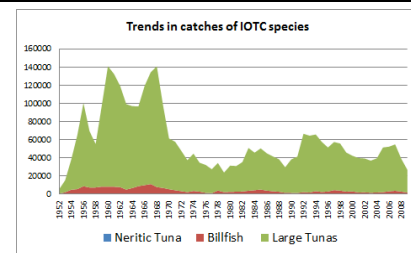




IOTC Compliance Report for JAPAN (Compliance Committee Session 8, 2011) **CoC23rev12 [E]**

1. General information	
<p>Status: Member since June 1996</p> <p>Number of authorised vessels: 312</p> <p>A Fleet Development Plan exists: Not applicable</p> <p>Number of active vessels reported: 240-112 (20082010)</p> <p>Baseline capacity for tropical tunas available: Yes</p> <p>Baseline capacity for albacore and swordfish available: No</p>	<p>Catch of IOTC species (average 2005-2008): 49,420 t</p> <p>Large tunas: 46,363 t</p> <p>Billfish: 3,058 t</p> <p>Neritic tuna: 0 t</p>



2. Annual Reports	Status	Observations	Actions adopted at the SC13, CoC 07 and 14 th Commission meeting	Progress Evaluation – Post CoC 08
2.1. Level of participation in the Commission meetings.	Compliant	100%	Create an assistant fund to facilitate participation of scientists in the SC, WGs and meetings of the Commission.	
2.2. Report of Implementation	Compliant	Has submitted its Report of Implementation for the 14 th of the Commission.	CPCs that did not submit their national report should fulfil their obligation as soon as possible.	
2.3. Level of participation in the Scientific Committee meetings.	Compliant	100%	Create an assistant fund to facilitate participation of scientists in the SC, WGs and meetings of the Commission.	
2.4. National Report to the Scientific Committee	Compliant	Has submitted its National Report for the 13 th of the SC.	The SC recalled that it was agreed at the 4th session that all CPCs would provide written national reports to the SC even when not attending the meeting.	
2.5. IOTC Compliance Questionnaire	Compliant	Has submitted its Compliance Questionnaire.	The Compliance Committee will now review annually the compliance of each CPC with the conservation and management measures adopted by the Commission.	

3. Resolutions on control of fishing capacity and flag State responsibilities	Status	Observations	Actions adopted at CoC 07 and 14 th Commission meeting	Progress Evaluation – Post CoC 08
3.1. Res. 09/02 and earlier resolutions: On Fleet Development Plan (FDP).	Not applicable	Reported as not applicable.	A new deadline for submission of FDPs and revised FDPs was set for the 31 st December 2010; unless the concerned CPCs indicated an earlier deadline.	
3.2. Res. 09/02 and earlier resolutions: On the limitation of fishing capacity.	Compliant	Has reported its list of active vessels targeting tropical tunas during 2006. Has reported Japanese vessels are not targeting swordfish and albacore.	CPCs were encouraged to submit the missing information within the shortest possible time.	
3.3. Res. 10/08 and earlier resolutions: On monitoring of domestic vessels.	Compliant	Last reported a list of 240 -112 active vessels for 2008 2010.	CPCs were encouraged to submit the missing information within the shortest possible time.	

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3.4. Res.06/03: On a satellite-based vessel monitoring system (VMS).	Compliant	A VMS exist.		
3.5. Res. 10/07 and earlier resolutions: On licensing of foreign vessels.	Not applicable	Not an IOTC coastal State	The Committee expressed great concern about the low levels of compliance of some CPC and urged them to provide the information required within the shortest time possible	
3.6. Res. 07/02: On the IOTC Record of Vessels Authorised to operate in the IOTC Area.	Compliant	Currently have 308 fishing vessels and four carrier vessels.	The Committee also reiterated the importance of reporting vessel volume as Gross Tonnage (GT) instead of GRT, as GT is the standard measurement of vessel volume, in accordance with Resolution 07/02.	
3.7. Res. 09/03: On establishing a list of vessels presumed to have carried out illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing in the IOTC Area.	Compliant	Has not provided any information to list vessels on the 2011 Draft IUU Vessels List. None of its vessels have been proposed for the 2011 Draft IUU Vessels List. <i>Has provided their opinion on requests to remove two vessels listed in the 2010 IOTC IUU Vessels List.</i>		
3.8. Res. 08/02: On a Regional Observer Programme (ROP) to monitor at-sea transhipments.	Compliant	Is participating in the ROP.	All at-sea transhipments should be in conformity with the IOTC regional observer programme for monitoring at-sea transhipments.	
3.9. Res. 01/02 and 05/07: Concerning Management Standards and controls of fishing vessels.		No information has been provided on the level of implementation during 2009.		
4. Resolutions relating to scientific data	Status	Observations	Actions adopted at CoC 07 and 14 th Commission meeting	Progress Evaluation – Post CoC 08
4.1. Res. 10/02 and earlier resolution, plus other related resolutions (R.05/05; 09/06 and 10/0506): On Mandatory Statistical Requirements.	Compliant	Nominal catch – Data submitted. Catch and effort – Data submitted. <i>By-catch of sharks – Data submitted.</i>	The Committee reiterated its concern that many data sets received from Members were incomplete, in particular catch-and-effort and size frequency data. The Committee urged all CPCs to take the necessary steps to meet IOTC fisheries data requirements.	
	Partially-comply	Size frequency – Data partially submitted. <i>By-catch of sharks – Data partially submitted.</i>		
	Non-compliant	By-catch of marine turtles – Data not submitted. By-catch of seabirds - Data not submitted.		
4.2. Res. 10/04 and earlier resolution: On a Regional Observer Scheme.	Partially-comply	Has provided information on the level of implementation. <i>No observer report has been received by the Secretariat.</i>		

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4.3. Res. 10/03 (PS) & Res. 08/04 (LL) On the Recording of catch by fishing vessels.	Compliant Partially-comply	Has provided information on the level of implementation <u>and logbook forms used on domestic vessels.</u> No logbook has been provided to the Secretariat.		
4.4. Res. 10/06 On Reducing incidental bycatch of sea-birds in longline fisheries.	Compliant	Has reported information for 2009.	Resolution 10/06, which supersedes Res. 08/03, increased the range of applicability of the mitigation measures.	
5. Resolutions relating to port State controls	Status	Observations	Actions adopted at CoC 07 and 14 th Commission meeting	Progress Evaluation – Post CoC 08
5.1. Res. 05/03: The establishment of an IOTC programme of inspection in port.	Not applicable	Not an IOTC coastal State	The Committee expressed great concern about the low levels of compliance of some CPC and urged them to provide the information required within the shortest time possible	
5.2. Res. 10/11: Port State measures to prevent, deter and eliminate IUU fishing.	Not applicable	Not an IOTC coastal State		
6. Resolutions relating to market measures	Status	Observations	Actions adopted at CoC 07 and 14 th Commission meeting	Progress Evaluation – Post CoC 08
6.1. Res. 01/06; 03/03: Concerning the IOTC bigeye tuna statistical document programme.	Partially-comply	List of institution(s) and individual(s) authorised to validate IOTC statistical documents has been submitted. <i>Data on import and re-export reported up to the second-second semester of 2009.</i> <i>Has not reported to the Commission its assessment of export data versus import data.</i>		
6.2. Res. 10/10. Concerning Market Related Measures		No CPCs have reported products having been landed or transhipped by Japanese vessels in their ports that would have resulted in a proposed identification of Japan.		
7. Other Issues	Status	Observations	Actions adopted at CoC 07 and 14 th Commission meeting	Progress Evaluation – Post CoC 08
7.1. There are no other issues to report on for Japan				