

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

Chinese government has requested companies with vessels fishing in IOTC Water to follow the Resolution adopted by IOTC. All such vessels have been equipped with VMS and monitored by Chinese government.

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

China has provided the complete data to the IOTC Secretariat for statistical reporting before 30 June 2010 including nominal catch data, catch and effort data and size data of the main target tunas.

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

China has no Purse seine vessels operating in the IOTC waters .

Resolution 10/04 On a Regional observer scheme

In 2009, two observers were placed on board of one longliner, named Long Xing 602, for albacore in the southern Indian Ocean and worked to monitor catch and effort report in accordance with this Resolution. During the mission (between September 2008 and April 2009), they covered the waters 12° 00' S~32° 01' S, 69° 00' E~78° 12' E, and recorded 460 individuals of bigeye tuna and 183 individuals of albacore. In 2010, one observer has been dispatched to the deep freezing longliner "Tian Xiang 16" between 20 July and 30 September, covering areas of 33° 35' S~36° 07' S, 30° 05' E~34° 05' E. The complete observer report for this vessel will be submitted to the IOTC Secretariat in 2011.

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

All Chinese fishing vessels in IOTC area are required to carry bird-scaring lines which are designed and deployed according to this Resolution. China has informed and ensure that its vessels fishing south of 25° S in IOTC area must use at least two mitigation measures mentioned in this Resolution to reduce the incidental bycatch of seabirds. According to logbooks returned and observer reports, no seabird mortality was recorded.

Resolution 10/07 Concerning a Record of Licensed Foreign Vessels Fishing for Tunas and Swordfish in the IOTC Area No licences is allowed to be issued to foreign vessels in accordance with Chinese relative laws and regulations.

Resolution 10/08 Concerning a Record of Active Vessels Fishing for Tunas and Swordfish in the IOTC Area

China has reported the information of active vessel list for 2009 before 30 June 2010 and is preparing to report the information of active vessel list for 2010 before 15 February 2011.

Resolution 10/10 Concerning Market Related Measures

China has announced a joint Notification by Ministry of Agriculture and General Office of Customs of PRC, decided from 1 July 2010, all import bulfin tuna, sword fish, toothfish and freezed bigeye tuna must be made application to Ministry of Agriculture for a certificate to Customs. Without such certificate, all customs of PRC willt reject the importation. China submitted the import bigeye tuna data for the period 1 January to 30 June of 2010 on 22 September 2010 and will submit the import data for the period 1 July to 31 December later.

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

There is no ports of China located in Indian Ocean, therefore this Resolution is not applicable to China. However, China has requested all fishing vessels to fully cooperate with the necessary inspection when enter into ports of other countries.

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

China pays more and more attention to the conservation of ecosystem, especially for shark conservation and lists 7 shark species in the logbook of all tuna fishing vessels to efficiently monitor shark catch. According to the logbooks information, there is no thresher shark of all the species of the family Alopiidae catch record.

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

China has no Purse seine vessels operating in the IOTC waters, therefore this Resolution is not applicable to China.

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.*

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