

Report of Implementation for the year 2010

Reporting CPC: UK(BIOT)

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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 *BIOT does not operate a flag registry but it has licensed foreign vessels to fish in its zone. On Thursday 1st April 2010 a Marine Protected Area (MPA) was proclaimed in the Territory and no further fishing licenses have been issued since that date. The last longline licence expired on 18th June 2010 the last purse seine licences expired on 31st October 2010. From 1 November 2010 onwards the whole of the BIOT Fisheries Conservation Management Zone (FCMZ, to 200nm) is a no-take MPA to commercial fishing. Pelagic and demersal recreational fisheries remain operational at present. The BIOT MPA complements the spatio-temporal closure designated under resolution 10/01.*

BIOT has developed a quota allocation proposal for submission to the technical committee meeting. This remains relevant despite the change of status of BIOT from a fisheries regime to a MPA management regime.

Resolution 10/02 Mandatory Statistical Requirements For IOTC Members and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties (CPCs) *BIOT does not operate a flag registry.*

BIOT meets the mandatory reporting requirements for its recreational fishery and this will continue whilst recreational fishing is permitted within the MPA management regime.

Resolution 10/03 Concerning the recording of catch by fishing vessels in the IOTC area *NA BIOT does not operate a flag registry.*

Resolution 10/04 On a Regional observer scheme *NA BIOT does not operate a flag registry.*

BIOT meets the mandatory reporting requirements for its recreational fishery and this will continue whilst recreational fishing is permitted within the MPA management regime.

Resolution 10/06 On Reducing the Incidental Bycatch of Seabirds in Longline Fisheries *NA BIOT is north of 25 degrees S, does not operate a flag registry and is an MPA*

Resolution 10/07 Concerning a Record of Licensed Foreign Vessels Fishing for Tunas and Swordfish in the IOTC Area *BIOT meets the mandatory reporting requirements. Final reporting of foreign fishing vessels fishing within the BIOT FCMZ prior to its closure as an MPA will be submitted to the IOTC Secretariat in February 2011 as required under this resolution.*

Resolution 10/08 Concerning a Record of Active Vessels Fishing for Tunas and Swordfish in the IOTC Area *NA. BIOT does not operate a flag registry.*

Resolution 10/10 Concerning Market Related Measures *NA BIOT has no commercial port.*

Resolution 10/11 On Port state measures to prevent, deter and eliminate illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing *NA BIOT has no commercial port.*

Resolution 10/12 On the Conservation of Thresher Sharks (Family Alopiidae) caught in Association with Fisheries in the IOTC Agreement Area *BIOT does not operate a flag registry and has no commercial vessels that may catch sharks. Shark fining is a banned on licensed vessels and release of bycatch is encouraged. Since October 2010 no commercial fishing has occurred.*

The live release of all large fish caught in the recreational fishery is encouraged . Recreational fisheries continue to be permitted since the declaration of the BIOT MPA. The body organising the recreational fishery has been informed of the resolution and continue to enforcing the release of sharks.

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 *NA*. *BIOT does not operate a flag registry.*

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.*

All previous resolutions have been adopted as appropriate and have been reported on previously.