

Report of Implementation

Reporting CPC: SEYCHELLES

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Part 1 A. Describe the actions taken, under national legislation, in the previous year to implement conservation and management measures adopted by the Commission at the last Session.

Resolution 10/01: On the Conservation and Management of Tropical Tunas Stocks in the IOTC Area of Competence

- The provision of this resolution is a condition of the Certificate of authorisation for Seychelles flag vessels

Resolution 10/02 _On the mandatory Statistical Requirements for IOTC Members and Cooperating non- Contracting Parties (CPC's)

- The logbook has been amended to include the most common shark species. Size data are provided as required with sample size and resolution as required for the main tuna species; sword fish sample size for the industrial long liners and semi- industrial fleet to be evaluated.
- Log book for supply vessels are available since 2008 in hard copy. A database will be created and the data will be transmitted to IOTC in 2011.

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

- A logbook system is in place for recording of catch from purse seine vessels fishing for tuna and tunalike species in the IOTC area of competence. In term of minimum data required to be recorded, the logbook meets the IOTC standard

Resolution 10/04 _On a Regional observer scheme

- 7 observers have been trained through the framework of regional programme (SWIOFP – IOC), however they are not yet operational. Seychelles is collaborating with the SWIOFP to implement its national observer programme in 2011

Resolution 10/05_ On the Establishment of a Meeting Participation Fund for Developing State Members

Seychelles will await guidelines from the IOTC secretariat regarding voluntary contribution into the funds.

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

Currently longline vessels are advised to avoid operating south of 25°S. However if they do operate in this area, they are encourage to use at least two of the mitigation measures proposed

under this resolution. The provision of this resolution shall form part of future license conditions of the Certificate of authorisation for Seychelles flag vessels.

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

- Have been implemented and data have been supplied to the IOTC

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

- Have been implemented and data have been supplied to the IOTC

Resolution 10/09 _Concerning the Functions of the Compliance Committee

- Not applicable for legislation review

Resolution 10/10_ Concerning Market Related Measures

- The provision is under the reporting requirement of the Seychelles Fisheries Act.

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

- The provision is partially implemented. The resolution will be transposed into a regulation under the revised Fishery Act currently pending approval.

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

- This resolution only applies to a few of the Seychelles vessels catching thresher shark given that only a few are eligible to be on the IOTC record of authorised vessels.
- The resolution will be implemented for those vessels to which it applies through regulation under the new Fisheries Act.

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

- It is encouraged through our licence condition.

Part 1 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.

Seychelles is in the process of revising its fisheries consolidation bill. Provisions will be incorporated to ensure that conservation and management measures adopted by the IOTC and endorsed by the Seychelles are encapsulated in the legal framework.

