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RE: LETTER OF FEEDBACK FROM KENYA

Reference is made to IOTC letter Reference 7243 dated 21st June 2019 on the feedback regarding compliance issues, which I'd wish to reply as follows;

Concerning the issues that Kenya has not fully implemented the requirement on documents on board fishing vessels, as requested by Resolution 19/04 and on implementation of requirement for Marking of gears, as required by Resolution 15/04, the two issues have been addressed through the publication of the CMMs in the Kenya gazette notice No 83 of 8th May 2020 pdf pages 1854-1865 also hereby attached.

On official authorisation to fish outside National Jurisdictions as per Resolution 15/04 and official fishing logbooks, as required by Resolution 15/01, the official documents have already been sent to the IOTC Secretariat.

Regarding on the ban on large-scale driftnets, as required by Resolution 17/07, the requirement on prohibition of surface or submerged artificial lights to attract fish, as required by Resolution 16/07 and the requirement for prohibition of aircrafts and unmanned aerial vehicles, as required by Resolution 16/08, the same have also been included in the above cited gazette notice.

On the List of foreign vessels licensed in EEZ, as required by Resolution 14/05, the VMS report on implementation and technical failures, as required by Resolution 15/03,

seabirds report as required by 12/06, data on interactions with marine turtles as required by Resolution 12/04, report on progress of implementation of the FAO Guidelines as required by 12/04 and transshipments in port report, as required by Resolution 17/06, all these were submitted to IOTC Secretariat during the IOTC hired consultant mission to Kenya.

On reporting of nominal catches, Catch and Effort and size frequency for coastal fisheries and longline fisheries, as per Resolution 15/02, and the reporting of nominal catches, Catch and Effort and size frequency for sharks as per Resolution 17/05, Kenya submitted the data during the visit by the consultant.

Regarding prohibition on shark finning, as required by Resolution 17/05, prohibition on thresher sharks of all the species of the family Alopiidae, as required by Resolution 12/09, and oceanic whitetip sharks, as required by Resolution 13/06 and the obligation to carry line cutters and de-hookers on board (Longliners), as required by 12/04, all these requirements have also been included in the cited Kenya Gazette.

Regarding the dues owed by Kenya for the ROP contribution in 2012, as required by Resolution 17/06 the amount has been cleared and the Secretariat has confirmed receiving the amount. On the issues of not implementing the 5% Mandatory coverage at sea (All vessels), as required by Resolution 11/04, the operations in 2018 were covered by observers and the observer reports sent to the IOTC Secretariat. On not implemented the 5 % Artisanal landings coverage, as required by Resolution 11/04, the landings coverage for Kenya is above 10% and the reports were sent to the IOTC secretariat during the consultants visit.



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