

MOZAMBIQUE'S RESPONSE TO LETTER OF FEEDBACK REGARDING COMPLIANCE ISSUES

Please find below the matrix in response to the feedback regarding IOTC compliance issues raised at the 16th Session of the IOTC Compliance Committee, held on the 09 to 11, and 13 June 2019, in Hyderabad, India.

IOTC ISSUE	MOZAMBIQUE RESPONSE
<p>The CoC ACKNOWLEDGED the important work that Mozambique had undertaken in addressing the concerns raised by CoC15 in 2018, as well as the difficulties that Mozambique continues to face to fully implement a number of the CMMs adopted by the commission</p>	<p>Mozambique reaffirms its commitment to implement IOTC resolutions and will continue making effort at national level to improve its compliance status.</p> <p>Actions undertaken by Mozambique include the continuity of re-writing process its fisheries regulations to address the new Fisheries Law as well as transposition of IOTC Resolutions into national legislation.</p> <p>In the interim, to ensure that Mozambique comply with IOTC Resolutions, the provision of the IOTC Resolutions have been included in the Terms and Conditions for all national fishing licenses for tuna. Further, Mozambique's tuna fleet is being briefed on the IOTC Resolutions that are also included in the national tuna licenses during the pre-fishing briefings at national designated ports.</p>
<p>Has not reported Size Frequency for the Coastal Fisheries to IOTC standard, as required by Resolution 15/02</p>	<p>No data collected and reported for artisanal fisheries to IOTC, because artisanal fisheries in Mozambique do not target tuna directly and thus, tuna species are caught as bycatch making the reporting process a big challenge. However, recognizing that artisanal fisheries in the Northern section of the country has some significant impact on IOTC species (neritic tunas and billfishes), Mozambique is conducting an internal assessment on existing data collection system for artisanal fisheries (SNAPA). Results were shared in the WPDCS12 (IOTC-2016-WPDCS12-13-MOZ). In this fishery, a landing sampling scheme is in place and to continue improving the coverage and</p>

	the quality of fisheries data, there are ongoing activities which include a pilot implementation of the <i>FAO ARTFISH data collection framework</i> .
Has not reported Size Frequency on Sharks, as required by Resolution 17/05	Mozambique did not reported data on size frequency on sharks for industrial fleet because during the observer coverage the vessels conducted catch and safe release of the majority of shark species caught. For artisanal Mozambique is not collecting SF data on sharks and some catch data are reported in aggregated form.
Has not reported Size Frequency for the Longline Fisheries to IOTC standard, as required by Resolution 15/02	Mozambique submitted Size frequency for longline fisheries on 28 December 2018 by Mr. Samuel Siteo.
Has not provided all inspection reports, as required by Resolution 16/11	This situation was due to misinterpretation of the Resolution. Mozambique will address the IOTC Secretariat to better understand the requirements and follow the procedures for future reports, including inspection of at least 5% of landings
Has not fully implemented the requirement of at least 5% inspection of landing / transshipment, as required by Resolution 16/11	
Has not provided the particulars of charter agreements, catches, effort, observer coverage (Chartering CPC), as required by Resolution 18/10	This situation was due to misinterpretation of the Resolution. However information on the charter agreement initially submitted on 13 may 2019 and fully submitted on 23 July 2019 for the year 2018.
Has not provided the information on particulars of charter agreements and details of vessels (Chartering CPC), as required by Resolution 18/10	
Has not report nominal catch on Sharks to IOTC Standard, as required by Resolution 17/05	Mozambique submitted Nominal catch on sharks for longline fisheries on 29 June 2018 through Mr. Samuel Siteo.
Has not report catch & effort on Sharks to IOTC Standard, as required by Resolution 17/05	Information reported under the resolution 15/02.
Has not provided the BET annual report, as required by Resolution 01/06	Report submitted attached to the Report of Implementation in 2020.
Has not provided the landing data (2017) of foreign vessels, as required by Resolution 05/03	This situation was due to misinterpretation of the Resolution. However, the situation is solved and will be reported accordingly from 2019 forward.