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Executive Secretary,
Indian Ocean Tuna Commission,
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RE: FEEDBACKS REGARDING TO COMPLIANCE ISSUES

Please refer to your letter with Ref No. IOTC Reference: 7259 dated 21st June 2019 regarding Compliance issue of the United Republic of Tanzania to IOTC Resolutions.

The United Republic of Tanzania would like to reiterate our commitment towards sustainable management and utilization of tuna and tuna-like species in the IOTC Area of Competence. Regarding to the Feedback Letter, the URT worked without delay to correct some of non-compliance issues as requested by the Chair of the Commission. Please find below table of response:

S/N	Non-compliance Issues	Response
1.	Has not provided the national scientific report, as requested by the SC.	The National Scientific Report was submitted as requested by the SC
2.	Has not fully implemented the ban on large scale-driftnets as required by Resolution 17/07.	<p>UTR through DSFA authority has been issue Legal Directives on the ban of large scale-driftnets as required by Resolution 17/07.</p> <p>After completion of the new Draft Bill and approval from the Cabinet, the proposed Bill (Deep Sea Fisheries Management and Development Act, 2020) has been delivered to the Parliament for the first time in February 2020. The Bill will be discussed in forthcoming Cabinet Sessions in April 2020.</p> <p>In this context, the Articles with regards to the ban on large scale-driftnets as required by Resolution</p>


		17/07 are stipulated under the New Act (Deep Sea Fisheries Management and Development Act, 2020.
3.	Has not reported Nominal catch to IOTC Standard for the coastal fisheries, as required by Resolution 15/02.	<p>URT has reported Nominal catch according to the IOTC Standard for the coastal fisheries, as required by Resolution 15/02.</p> <p>URT acknowledged receipt of the IOTC experts in December 2019 and January 2020 for improving coastal data collection and reporting according to IOTC Standards.</p>
4.	Has not reported Catch and effort to IOTC Standard for the coastal fisheries, as required by Resolution 15/02.	URT has reported Catch and effort to IOTC Standard for the coastal fisheries, as required by Resolution 15/02.
5.	Has not reported Size frequency to IOTC Standard for the Coastal fisheries, as required by Resolution 15/02.	URT has reported Size frequency to IOTC Standard for the coastal fisheries, as required by Resolution 15/02.
6.	Has not reported Nominal catch on sharks to IOTC Standard, as required by Resolution 17/05.	<p>URT has reported Nominal catch on sharks to IOTC Standard for the coastal fisheries, as required by Resolution 17/05.</p> <p>The DSFA in collaboration with the Wildlife Conservation Society Tanzania (WCS) has prepared a draft National Plan of Action (NPOA) for the conservation and management of sharks and rays in the United Republic of Tanzania.</p>
7.	Has not reported Catch and effort on sharks to IOTC Standard, as required by Resolution 17/05.	URT has reported Catch and effort on sharks to IOTC Standard, as required by Resolution 17/05.
8.	Has not reported Size frequency on sharks, as required by Resolution 17/05.	URT has reported Size frequency on sharks, as required by Resolution 17/05.
9.	Has not fully implemented the ban on thresher sharks as required by Resolution	UTR through DSFA authority has been issue Legal Directives on the ban of

	12/09.	<p>thresher sharks as required by Resolution 12/09.</p> <p>Following completion of the new Draft Bill and approval from the Cabinet, the proposed Bill (Deep Sea Fisheries Management and Development Act, 2020) has been delivered to the Parliament for the first time in February 2020. The Bill will be discussed in forthcoming Cabinet Sessions in April 2020.</p> <p>In this context, the Articles with regards to the ban on thresher sharks as required by Resolution 12/09 are stipulated under the New Act (Deep Sea Fisheries Management and Development Act, 2020).</p>
10.	Has not fully implemented the ban on oceanic whitetip sharks as required by Resolution 13/06.	<p>UTR through DSFA authority has been issue Legal Directives on the ban of oceanic whitetip sharks as required by Resolution 13/06.</p> <p>Following completion of the new Draft Bill and approval from the Cabinet, the proposed Bill (Deep Sea Fisheries Management and Development Act, 2020) has been delivered to the Parliament for the first time in February 2020. The Bill will be discussed in forthcoming Cabinet Sessions in April 2020.</p> <p>In this context, the ban on oceanic whitetip sharks as required by Resolution 13/06 are stipulated under the New Act (Deep Sea Fisheries Management and Development Act, 2020).</p>
11.	Has not provided the report on progress of implementation of the FAO guideline and this resolution, as required by Resolution 12/04.	<p>URT has been implementing the FAO guidelines in accordance with existing regulation of 2009 and it is amendment of 2016. Furthermore, the proposed Bill (Deep Sea Fisheries</p>

		<p>Management and Development Act, 2020) has been accommodated all issue pertaining to conservation measures including protection of threatened or endangered species.</p> <p>Meanwhile, UTR through DSFA authority has been issue Legal Directives on the conservation of marine turtles, for implementation of FAO guideline, as required by Resolution 12/04.</p>
12.	Has not fully implemented the Prohibition of surface or submerged artificial lights to attract fish, as required by Resolution 16/07.	<p>UTR through DSFA authority has been issue Legal Directives on the Prohibition of surface or submerged artificial lights to attract fish, as required by Resolution 16/07. UTR has reported on Prohibition of surface or submerged artificial lights to attract fish, as required by Resolution 16/07.</p>
13.	Has not fully implemented the Prohibition of aircrafts and unmanned aerial vehicles, as required by Resolution 16/08.	<p>UTR through DSFA authority has been issue Legal Directives on the Prohibition of aircrafts and unmanned aerial vehicles, as required by Resolution 16/08. UTR has reported on the Prohibition of aircrafts and unmanned aerial vehicles, as required by Resolution 16/08.</p>
14.	Has not fully implemented the Prohibition of shark finning, as required by Resolution 17/05.	<p>UTR through DSFA authority has been issue Legal Directives on the Prohibition of shark finning, as required by Resolution 17/05. UTR has reported on prohibition of shark finning, as required by Resolution 17/05.</p>

The DSFA remain at your disposal for any further clarification on non-compliance issues in the UTR.

Sincerely yours


 Dr. Islam S.S. Mchenga
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