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To  
Mr. Christopher O'Brien  
Executive Secretary  
IOTC Secretariat  
Victoria, Seychelles

**Subject: Feedback regarding Compliance Issues of Bangladesh.**

Reference: IOTC Reference no: 7235, date: 21 June 2019

Dear Mr. Christopher O'Brien

With the reference to the above mentioned subject, outstanding compliance issues were discussed in the last Session of the IOTC Compliance Committee (16<sup>th</sup>) held on June 2019 in Hyderabad, India. First of all, I would like to inform you that the Vessel Tracking and Monitoring System (VTMS) for Industrial Fishing Vessels of Bangladesh is now inactive due to phase out of the belonging development project named Bangladesh Marine Capacity Building Project. However, VMS and AIS will be set up on Industrial Fishing Vessels and Large Mechanized Boats under our World Bank supported project named "Sustainable Coastal and Marine Fisheries Project" and it is under process.


Secondly, the land based catch data for marine fisheries in coastal districts for artisanal fisheries is not so developed. Due to the shortage of manpower, lack of capacity and training, as well as logistics for the catch data management is weak. But now, we are going to strengthen our capacity for the land based catch data by developing a plan for all coastal districts (14) of Bangladesh. Moreover, under "Sustainable Coastal and Marine Fisheries Project" there are provisions for developing the land based catch data scheme for marine fisheries in coastal districts and the process is under way.

Furthermore, conservation of Sharks, Marine Turtles, Sea birds, as well as other mega faunas are rightly addressed in The Wildlife (conservation and security) Act 2012. Marine Fisheries Act 2020 has been elevated to the National Parliament for final approval; there are provisions for conservation of marine mega fauna. So, as a new member of IOTC, we will need some time to cope-up with IOTC reporting systems.



In this connection, I would like to request assistance from IOTC for the capacity building in data collection and reporting systems.

Thanking You.



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