

Response to FEEDBACK LETTER

- 1. Has not reported all the size frequency for the longline fisheries, less than 1 fish measured per metric ton, as required by Resolution 15/02**

In 2017, no sampling could be carried out on vessels that operate outside our EEZ. Remedial action was taken. Consequently, the company has provided us with size frequency data for 2018 for its vessels operating in the EEZ of Mozambique. Length data were received for six main species only. More than 1 fish per ton was covers as the number of fish measured amounted to 2667 for a total catch of 821 tons.

- 2. Has not reported size frequency for the coastal fisheries to IOTC Standard, less than 1 fish measured per metric ton, as required by Resolution 15/02**

Size frequency data were provided to the IOTC but Mauritius did not meet the requirement of 1 fish per ton in 2017. However, more fish was sampled in 2018 to meet the IOTC standard. The number of fish measured for the coastal FAD fisheries was 263 for a total catch of 252 tons.

- 3. Has not reported Nominal Catch on all sharks species, no report of shark catch for PS fishery, as required by Resolution 17/05**

- 4. Has not reported Catch and effort on all sharks' species, no report of shark catch for PS fishery, as required by Resolution 17/05.**

- 5. Has not reported Size frequency on all sharks species, Size frequency data for shark only available for longline fisheries, as required by Resolution 17/05**

With regard to 4, 5 and 6, it is to be noted that no species of shark was present in the catch reported by the Mauritius flagged purse seiners in 2018. The nil catch for shark has been confirmed with the operators. However, they have been requested to report the catch of sharks, if any, in their fishing logbooks in the future.

- 6. Has not fully implemented the 5% Mandatory coverage at sea (All vessels), low coverage for industrial LL fleet, as required by Resolution 11/04**

Whilst our observer coverage for purse seiners was 17% in 2018, we were not able to cover the 5% coverage on the semi industrial longliners which were operating in the EEZ of Mozambique. Remedial action was taken to plan for more observer deployment in 2019.

- 7. Has not provided the annual report of the Statistical Document Programme, as required by Resolution 01/06.**

During the lockdown period last year, compilation for the annual report could not be completed. This was rectified this year and the annual report for 2019 is attached to the Implementation report.

- 8. Has partially implemented the requirement of at least 5% inspection of LAN or TRX, as required by Resolution 16/11.**

Remedial action was taken. Officers have been requested to take the necessary measures to cover at least 5% inspection on the total landing and transshipment

activities in port and to ensure that all inspection forms are submitted in order to fulfill the requirement of Resolution 16/11.

9. Has not provided the consent, measures, charter agreements information and implementation of IOTC CMMs (Flag CPC), as required by Resolution 19/07

The owner/operator did not inform the Mauritian authorities of the chartering arrangements of its vessels with a Mozambican company. Remedial actions were taken. The company and owner of the vessels have been notified about the conditions laid down in Resolution 19/07. However, in 2019, the company decided to de-register all the vessels. The official de-registration took effect on 16 January 2020.

10. Has not reported size frequency for the surface fisheries (PS) to IOTC Standard, less than 1 fish measured per metric ton, as required by Resolution 15/02

Size frequency data were provided to the IOTC but Mauritius did not meet the requirement of 1 fish per ton being given that the purse seiners unload most of its catch in Seychelles.