

FEEDBACK REGARDING COMPLIANCE ISSUES

- **Requirement for logbook on board vessels, as required by Resolution 15/04.**
- **requirement related to documents to be onboard, no logbook onboard, as required by Resolution 15/04.**

IOTC logbook form was sent to the company (Sinaw16) to implement IOTC logbook for the planned fishing operation.
- **Size frequency for the Coastal fisheries, as required by Resolution 15/02.**
- **Size frequency for the longline fisheries, as required by Resolution 15/02.**

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- **Catch and effort on sharks to IOTC Standard, as required by Resolution 17/05.**
- **Size frequency on sharks, as required by Resolution 17/05.**

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- **Nominal catch for the longline fisheries, as required by Resolution 15/02.**
- **Catch & effort for the coastal fisheries to IOTC Standard, as required by Resolution 15/02.**
- **Catch & effort for the longline fisheries, as required by Resolution 15/02.**

Attached
- **Nominal catch on sharks to IOTC Standard, as required by Resolution 17/05.**
- **Data on interactions with marine turtles, as requested by Resolution 12/04.**

The companies informed by MAF to provide any interaction records, no records received till to date, in fact turtles are strictly protected under both the marine and environmental laws in Oman. In 1996 Oman established the protected area in Res Al Hadd by the royal decree NO 25/96, this area had been identified as a nesting and nursery ground for turtles. Also, Oman carrying out some projects on turtles aiming to further conservations and protection of these creatures

- **Data on interactions with sea birds, as requested by Resolution 12/06.**
- **Data on interactions with cetaceans, as requested by Resolution 13/04.**
- **Data on interactions with whale shark, as requested by Resolution 13/05.**
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- **At-sea transshipments reports, as requested by Resolution 17/06 (19/06).**
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- **The transshipments in port reports, as requested by Resolution 17/06 (19/06).**
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- **The on results of investigations on possible infractions, as requested by Resolution 17/06 (19/06).**
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- **The observer scheme, 5 % phasing in artisanal landings, as required by Resolution 11/04.**
- **The observer scheme, no deployment, as required by Resolution 11/04.**
- **The observer scheme, no observer coverage at sea, as required by Resolution 11/04.**
- **Observer report, as required by Resolution 11/04.**
No observer scheme.
- **The list of active vessels, as required by Resolution 10/08.**
vessel Name: SINAW 16
Vessel identifiers
IOTC: 546
TUVI: 9172
IMO: 7900429
IRCS: A4DL3
Specifications
Type: Long liners
LOA: 49.49m
GRT: -
GT: 665
Gear: Drifting longline
Owner and Operator: Century Star LLC
- **The VMS report, as required by Resolution 15/03.**

The tracking system in Oman was started in 2001. It is owned by a company uses Argos satellite (an older system that relies on 6 satellites only). Around 74 vessels are tracking now using this system. The sultanate of Oman (Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries) with Food and Agriculture organization(FAO) was signed an agreement in order to develop and introduce a new tracking system instead of the older one.

Causes of introducing a new tracking system:

- ✓ Delay in receiving data (4 hours).
- ✓ Interruptions in the data transmission system.
- ✓ Advanced systems have been developed.
- ✓ The high cost of hardware and subscription fees.
- ✓ Other government regulatory agencies do not benefit from the current system.

The requirements needed for the new system:

- ✓ Using modern and advanced satellite systems.
- ✓ Having modern technologies and programs that are characterized by rapid obtaining of various data to monitor all components of the fishing fleet.
- ✓ Reducing the cost of hardware and subscription fees (monthly / yearly).
- ✓ Generalize the benefit from this system for coastal governorates and other government agencies concerned with tracking ships.
- ✓ Improving the effectiveness of control and combating illegal, unregulated and unauthorized fishing.
- ✓ Improving the safety and security of fishing fleets.
- ✓ Contribute to the rational management of fish resources.

The Tracking system project

In order to achieve the objectives of this project, a bid booklet has been prepared. It will work on determining which company that best suits the requirements of the system and its users. The main objectives of this bid are as the followings:

- ✓ Supply and deliver an up to the standards set in this document a new tracking system to monitor all the national fleets as defined later in this document. The supply of the necessary hardware and software to the Ministry according to the conditions and specifications defined in this document.
- ✓ Delivery, installation, commissioning, maintenance and after-sales services of terminals to the crafts' owners based on the conditions set later in this document.
- ✓ Training of MAF's staff on the new system, Terminals installation, FMC functioning (software and others) and data handling, including updates, according to the conditions detailed in this document.
- ✓ Training fishermen and crafts' users on the use and basic maintenance of the terminals (level One operator training)

The executive position of the project: the bid was launched in 20/6/2019. Around 13 companies were applied for this bid, and now in the process of sorting and evaluating the proposals to determine the winning company.

- **The prohibition on sharks finning, as required by Resolution 17/05.**
Article 6.b (of the Regulations of the Fishing and Living Water Resources Protection Act issued by Ministerial Resolution 94/4)
It is forbidden to separate shark fins and tails from their bodies except in accordance with the conditions specified by the competent authority and it is not permissible to trade, market and export any part of them except with the license of the competent authority.
- **Information on landing (2017) of foreign vessels in ports, as required by Resolution 05/03.**
- **The sea bird's mitigation measure, no legal reference provided, as required by Resolution 12/06.**
Article 11 (The Living Water Resources Act of Royal Decree No. 2019/20)
Turtle hunting, egg collection, whaling, dolphins, mammals and seabirds are prohibited except in accordance with the regulations and it is forbidden to tamper with the whereabouts and reproduction of turtles.
- **The obligation to carry line cutters and de-hookers on longline vessel, no legal reference provided, as required by Resolution 12/04.**
No legal reference available, in fact longline fleet had been requested to carry a line cutters and de-hookers. Has indicated there is provision for the competent authority to specify the following to the fishing vessels: safety elements, measures to protect the aquatic living resources, the precautions that shall be taken by the fishing vessels to protect the living aquatic resources (Article 20 sub point (E) & (F) of executive regulations of the marine fishing and living aquatic resources protection law) but no specific legal reference provided related to the obligation to Carry line cutters and de-hookers on board (Longlines).
- **Implemented the prohibition on thresher sharks, as required by Resolution 12/09.**
- **Implemented the prohibition on oceanic sharks, as required by Resolution 13/06.**
Has indicated banned since 2014 & 2015; and there is provision to identify species of living aquatic resources that are not allowed to be caught in Marine Fishing and Aquatic Resources Protection Law (Chapter 2 Article 4 point 8) but no specific legal reference provided related to the ban of oceanic whitetip sharks and thresher sharks, however preparing and adopting such legal reference is recommended in the NPA of shark in the Sultanate of Oman (NPA is under approval).

