



Dr. Christopher O'Brien
Executive Secretary
Indian Ocean Tuna Commission

March 17, 2022

Dear Executive Secretary,

I write in response to the FEEDBACK REGARDING COMPLIANCE ISSUES, IOTC Reference IOTC 2021-119 dated 17 June 2021.

Please see our response below :

CPC : Republic of Korea	Responses
Has not provided complete information on the List of Authorized vessels 24 metres in length overall or more, some photographs, as requested by Resolution 19/04.	Korea submitted photographs of 5 vessels on 4 March 2022.
Has not reported size frequency for surface fishery to IOTC Standard (Less than one fish per metric ton of catch per species), as required by Resolution 15/02.	Korean purse seiners usually have observers from the Seychelles on board but we have had difficulties in obtaining the observer data from such observers/observer providers. We have been in consultation with the Seychelles to address this issue. Recently we have been provided part of data, we will submit once it's analyzed.
Has not fully implemented the observer scheme coverage (below 5% for the longline fleet), as required by Resolution 11/04.	Since 2020, Korea couldn't get observers on board due to challenges stemmed from COVID-19.

<p>Has not provided all the observer reports, as required by Resolution 11/04.</p>	<p>Korean observers were dispatched to our longline vessels and the observer reports were already submitted. As for the purse seine vessels, we had observers from the Seychelles but are experiencing difficulties in obtaining the observer report and data from such observers or observer providers. We have been in consultation with the Seychelles to address this issue and will provide the missing observer reports as soon as they become available.</p>
<p>Has not provided the number of active FADs, as required by Resolution 19/02.</p>	<p>We have been processing raw data to meet the required reporting template. We will submit as soon as they become available.</p>
<p>Has not reported size frequency for sharks to IOTC Standard (Less than one shark per metric ton of catch per species) as required by Resolution 15/02.</p>	<p>Since 2020, Korea couldn't get observers on board due to COVID-19. Thus science research couldn't be conducted as well, we have difficulties in collecting data of size frequency for sharks.</p>

Yours sincerely



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