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Ref. No. BA 40/104/03/43

25th March 2022

The Executive Secretary,
 The Indian Ocean Tuna Commission,
 P.O. Box 1011,
VICTORIA, SEYCHELLES.

Re: FEEDBACK REGARDING COMPLIANCE ISSUES

Reference is made to your letter with Ref. No. IOTC2021-136 dated 17th June 2021.

2. The United Republic of Tanzania hereby wishes to respond to the compliance issues raised during the 18th Session of the IOTC Compliance Committee, held on the 30 May to 01 June 2021, by videoconference, as follows:

| CPC: Tanzania | Responses/clarifications |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has not provided nominal catch data to IOTC standard for coastal fisheries as required by Resolution 15/02. | <p>Improvement of data collection system for multi gears, multi species artisanal fisheries is ongoing process. The URT will provide to the IOTC nominal catch data as required as Resolution 15/02 as soon as system is fully operationalized.</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has not provided report on zero catch matrix as required by Resolution 18/07. | <p>Capacity building program undertaken by the IOTC together with data management section of the URT interrupted by COVID 19 pandemic. The URT continue to build capacity to fulfil all data requirement as determined by the data resolutions.</p> |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has not provided catch & effort data to IOTC standard for coastal fisheries as required by Resolution 15/02. | <p>Improvement of data collection system for multi gears, multi species artisanal fisheries is ongoing process. The URT will provide to the IOTC nominal catch data as required as Resolution 15/02 as soon as system is fully operationalized.</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has not provided size frequency data to IOTC standard for coastal fisheries as required by Resolution 15/02. | <p>Improvement of data collection system for multi gears, multi species artisanal fisheries is an ongoing process. The URT will provide to the IOTC nominal catch data as required as various Resolutions as soon as system is fully operationalized.</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has not submitted nominal catch data for sharks to IOTC standard as required by Resolution 17/05. | <p>Nominal catch data for sharks and rays in artisanal fleets collected to family level.</p> <p>The URT will revisited the NPOA for sharks by reengaging with various stakeholders and in collaboration with World Conservation Society focus on improvement of sharks and rays data collection.</p> |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has not provided National Scientific Report to IOTC standard as required by Rules of Procedure. | <p>URT commits to abide to requirements of IOTC Rules of Procedure.</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has not provided reports of observations of damaged data buoys as required by Resolution 11/02. | <p>No observation of damaged data buoys were made. Reports regarding data buoys will be provided as nil report in case of no observations.</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has not provided access agreement information to standard as required by Resolution 14/05. | <p>No access agreement during reporting period. Access agreements will be reported as nil in case of non-existence.</p> |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has not provided catch & effort data to IOTC standard for longline fisheries as required by Resolution 15/02. | <p>Catch and effort data for foreign vessel operating in the EEZ provided. Improvement of data collection systems within the URT is an ongoing process.</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has not provided report on progress of implementation of the FAO Guidelines to standard as required by Resolution 12/04 | <p>Capacity building program undertaken by the IOTC together with data management section of the URT interrupted by COVID 19 pandemic. The URT continue to build capacity to fulfil all data requirement as determined by the data resolutions.</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has not provided information on actions taken domestically to monitor catches of Blue Shark as required by Resolution 18/02. | <p>There was no blue shark catch in the three month of operation of a single URT flagged longline vessel. Nil report will be provided for no catch in future.</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Had vessel listed at the previous session of the Commission, as required by Resolution 18/03. | <p>False claim of Tanzanian flag. Communication to ICCAT informing them of no association to the listed vessel sent on 5th June, 2021.</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has not provided information on number of vessels and gear type as required by Resolution 11/04. | <p>Due to capacity issues, the URT signed a Letter of Understanding (LoU) with the IOTC to build capacity with regard to Regional Observer program. Due COVID 19 situation never took off. URT is still committed to the signed LoU and is ready to resume the project as soon as it is deemed feasible.</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has provided coverage, but not to IOTC standard as required by Resolution 11/04. | <p>Due to capacity issues, the URT signed a Letter of Understanding (LoU) with the IOTC to build capacity with regard to Regional Observer program. Due COVID 19 situation never took off. URT is still committed to the signed LoU and is ready to resume the project as soon as it is deemed feasible.</p> |
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3. Thank you for your cooperation.


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