



PROGRESS ON REQUESTS FOR ACTION MADE BY THE COMMISSION IN 2021

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PURPOSE

To provide the Commission with an opportunity to consider the progress made during the inter-sessional period on its requests for action made to the Secretariat during the 25th Session in 2021.

BACKGROUND

In 2021, the Commission made 5 specific requests for action that involved the Secretariat. To-date 4 of those requests have been completed and 1 is ongoing. The requests are listed below.

In accordance with Rule IX.1 of the IOTC Rules of Procedure there is a standing requirement for the Chairperson, each year, to send a letter to all non-contracting parties known to be fishing for IOTC species urging them to become a CPC. In 2021, letters were sent to 10 non-member coastal states.

Regarding requests from other bodies that were endorsed by the Commission in 2021:

- 5 requests for action were from the Standing Committee on Administration and Finance — 4 have been completed and 1 is ongoing (IOTC-2022-SCAF19-02).
- 22 requests for action were from the Compliance Committee — 13 have been completed, 8 are ongoing and 1 is pending (IOTC-2022-CoC19-09).

RECOMMENDATION/S

That the Commission:

1) **NOTE** paper IOTC-2022-S26-02 which provided the Commission with information on the progress made during the inter-sessional period on the requests for action made at its 25th Session in 2021.

2) **CONSIDER** whether any of the requests for action need further instructions or guidance.

Action requested by S25		Status
AI = agenda item from the report. P = paragraph number.		
AI 6 Amendments to the IOTC procedures		
P10	The Commission ACKNOWLEDGED that, given the IOTC Executive Secretary is appointed by the Director General FAO (IOTC Agreement VIII.1) the proposed procedure must be consistent with the FAO's Basic Texts and therefore REQUESTED the Chairperson to forward the proposed procedure to the Independent Chairperson of the Council for his concurrence before it is submitted to the FAO Council for approval.	Completed – refer to IOTC-2022-S26-03
P11	The Commission REQUESTED that, if required, the IOTC Chairperson and the Chairperson of the Small Drafting Group liaise between the FAO and the Commission's Heads of Delegations on any further amendments that might be proposed from FAO's consideration of the procedure.	Completed – refer to IOTC-2022-S26-03
AI 9 Discussion on Conservation and Management Measures		
P38	The Proponents of PropE_Rev2 requested legal advice from FAO on the whether the votes cast as 'abstain' should be included in the total count of votes. Other Members disagreed with making such a request	Completed – refer to IOTC-2021-SS5-02
AI 10 Report of the Technical Committee on Management Procedures		
P44	That the Commission endorse a revision to this current [MSE] timetable and allow a revised timetable to be developed by CPCs with assistance from the SC and WPM chairs along with the Secretariat and this could be presented to the SC in 2021.	Completed – refer to IOTC-2021-SC24-R
AI 15.1 Cooperation with other organisations and institutions		
P82	The Commission AGREED to the draft Letter of Intent between IOTC and the Southern Indian Ocean Fisheries Agreement (SIOFA) provided in Appendix 12 and REQUESTED the Executive Secretary to send the letter to the SIOFA for its consideration. The Commission also AGREED that the Chairperson of the Commission may sign the Letter on behalf of the Commission once it is approved by SIOFA.	Ongoing – refer to IOTC-2022-S26-08