

Tool to publish the ROP Transhipment Declarations for the facilitation of implementation of Resolution 16/11 on Port State Measures to Prevent, Deter and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing

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PURPOSE

To provide participants at the Working Party on the Implementation of Conservation and Management Measures (WPICMM) an update on the development of the tool, as requested by Resolution 22/02, to publish ROP Transhipment Declarations for the facilitation of implementation of Resolution 16/11 on Port State Measures to Prevent, Deter and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing.

BACKGROUND

In 2022, at the [26th Session](#), the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission adopted [Resolution 22/02](#) *On establishing a programme for transhipment by large-scale fishing vessels*.

Two paragraphs of the Resolution 19/06) related to the obligation of Carrier Vessel to submit transhipment declaration to the Secretariat were amended:

19. *The master of the receiving carrier vessel shall complete and transmit the IOTC transhipment declaration to the IOTC Secretariat and the flag CPC of the LSTLV, along with its number in the IOTC RCV within 24 hours of the completion of the transhipment.*
22. *The IOTC Secretariat shall promptly publish the documents received pursuant to paragraph 19 in the secure part of the IOTC website for the facilitation of implementation of Resolution 16/11 on Port State Measures to Prevent, Deter and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing.*

These amendments are the basis for the development of a tool to publish the Regional Observer Programme Transhipment Declarations (at sea) for the facilitation of implementation of the [Resolution 16/11](#) on Port State Measures to Prevent, Deter and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing.

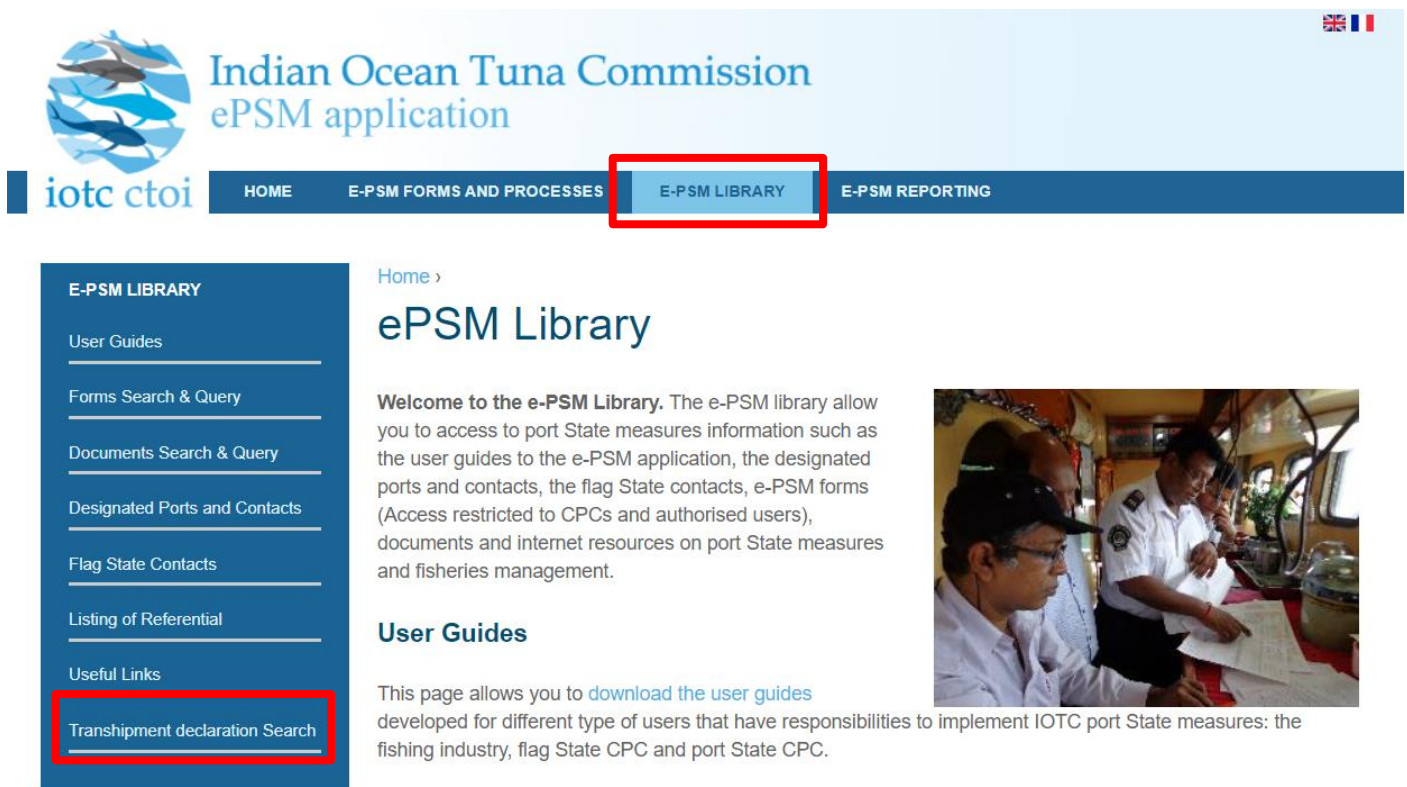
DISCUSSION

The tool to publish the Regional Observer Programme (at sea) Transhipment Declarations has been developed in the Module 2, e-PSM Library of the e-PSM application.

It used the same model/structure of the tool developed to publish the Port Inspection Reports as requested by the [Resolution 16/11](#) On Port State measures to prevent, deter and eliminate illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing.

The module 2 is accessible with the e-PSM Module 2 credentials provided previously to CPCs. The tool is available in the E-PSM LIBRARY menu (Figure 2).

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The screenshot shows the top navigation bar with the IOTC logo and the text "Indian Ocean Tuna Commission ePSM application". The navigation menu includes "HOME", "E-PSM FORMS AND PROCESSES", "E-PSM LIBRARY" (highlighted with a red box), and "E-PSM REPORTING".

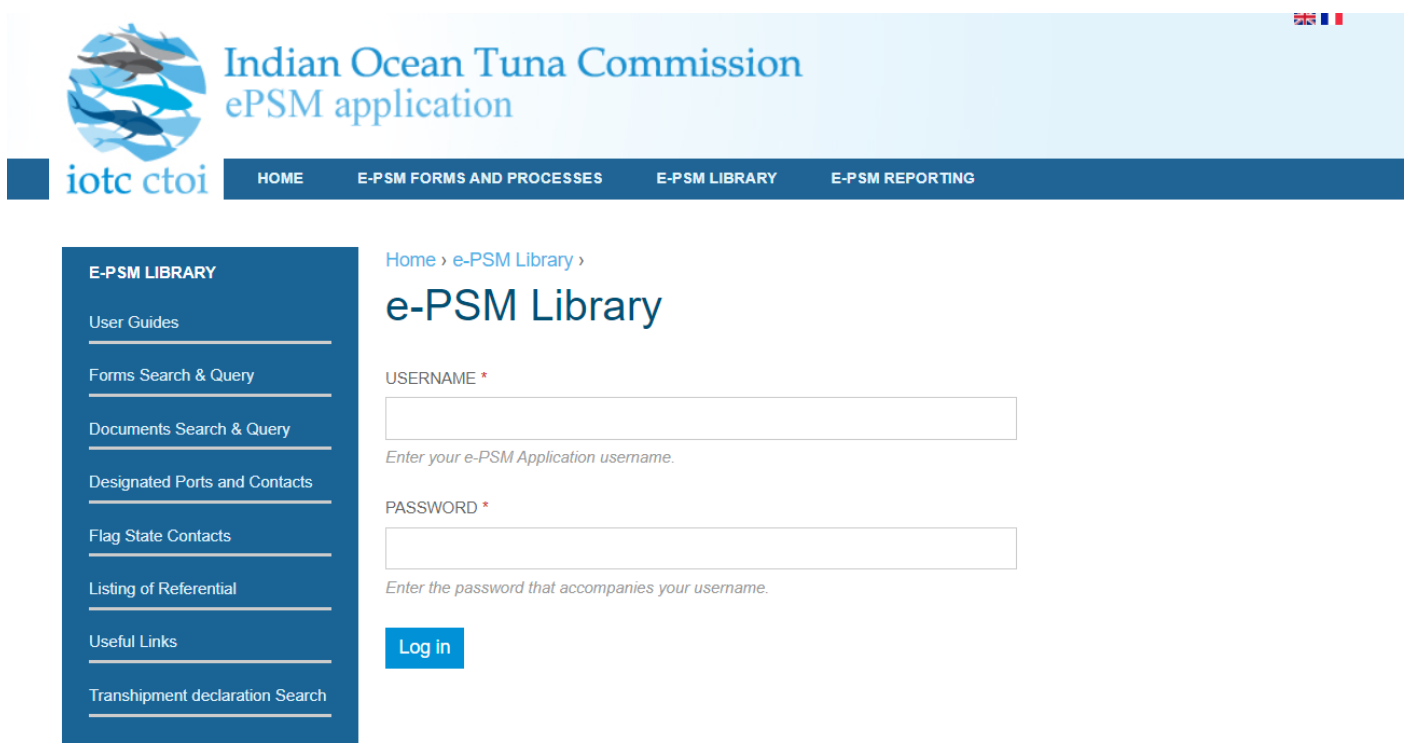
On the left sidebar, under "E-PSM LIBRARY", there is a list of links: "User Guides", "Forms Search & Query", "Documents Search & Query", "Designated Ports and Contacts", "Flag State Contacts", "Listing of Referential", "Useful Links", and "Transshipment declaration Search" (highlighted with a red box).

The main content area features a breadcrumb "Home >" and the title "ePSM Library". Below the title is a welcome message: "Welcome to the e-PSM Library. The e-PSM library allow you to access to port State measures information such as the user guides to the e-PSM application, the designated ports and contacts, the flag State contacts, e-PSM forms (Access restricted to CPCs and authorised users), documents and internet resources on port State measures and fisheries management."

Under the heading "User Guides", there is a paragraph: "This page allows you to [download the user guides](#) developed for different type of users that have responsibilities to implement IOTC port State measures: the fishing industry, flag State CPC and port State CPC." To the right of this text is a photograph of two men in white uniforms looking at a document on a table.

Figure 1: Module 2, e-PSM Library home page.

To login, click on the [Transshipment declaration Search](#) link, it opens the login page (<https://epsm.iotc.org/library/login?lang=en>) where CPCs enter the their credentials for Module 2 (Figure 2).



The screenshot shows the login page for the e-PSM Library. The top navigation bar is identical to Figure 1. The left sidebar is also identical, with "Transshipment declaration Search" highlighted.

The main content area has a breadcrumb "Home > e-PSM Library >" and the title "e-PSM Library". Below the title are two input fields: "USERNAME *" and "PASSWORD *". Below each field is a placeholder text: "Enter your e-PSM Application username." and "Enter the password that accompanies your username." respectively. A blue "Log in" button is positioned below the password field.

Figure 2: Module 2, e-PSM Library login page.

Once logged in, it opens the search functionality to search Transhipment Declarations (Figure 3).

The screenshot shows the 'Indian Ocean Tuna Commission ePSM application' interface. The top navigation bar includes 'HOME', 'E-PSM FORMS AND PROCESSES', 'E-PSM LIBRARY' (selected), and 'E-PSM REPORTING'. The left sidebar lists various search and utility options, with 'Transhipment declaration Search' highlighted. The main content area is titled 'Transhipment declaration Search' and includes a descriptive paragraph about the search engine. Below the text is a search form with the following fields:

- SEARCH TERMS (ALL METADATA)**: A text input field.
- TD TRANSHIPMENT DATE**: A section containing:
 - START DATE**: Three dropdown menus for '-Month', '-Day', and '-Year'.
 - END DATE**: Three dropdown menus for '-Month', '-Day', and '-Year'.
- Buttons**: 'Reset' and 'Apply' buttons.

At the bottom left of the sidebar, there are 'QUICK LINKS' for 'Create an AREP' and 'Log in e-PSM Forms & Processes'.

Figure 3: Module 2, e-PSM Library, Transhipment declaration search page.

The functionality is available in English and French. The credentials for CPCs are the same provided previously for e-PSM Module 2. The TD file naming nomenclature adopted is:

TD_Deployment number_Name of CV_Name of LSTLV_Date of transhipment

e.g. TD_729_Chitose_YuYouNo152_2022-07-26

The metadata for searching Transhipment Declarations are originating from the Transhipment Declarations received from carrier vessels:

- LSTLV Name, LSTLV Radio Call Sign, LSTLV Flag, LSTLV IMO number
- CV Name, CV Radio Call Sign, CV Flag, CV IMO number
- Date of transhipment (format DD/MM/YYYY)

The metadata are computed by the Secretariat, including date of transhipment and deployment number when uploading the Transhipment Declaration as part of the publication process. The search for Transhipment Declaration is based on the filter from the metadata and on date (From/Start - To/End). Search results are displayed and listed below the search feature. When clicking on any of the search results, the tool displays all metadata along with the scanned copy of the Transhipment Declaration.

RECOMMENDATION/S

That the WPICMM06:

- 1) **NOTE** paper IOTC–2023–WPICMM06–13 on the tool to publish the ROP Transshipment Declarations for the facilitation of implementation of Resolution 16/11 on Port State Measures to Prevent, Deter and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing.
- 2) **NOTE** the delivery by the Secretariat of the tool to publish ROP Transshipment Declaration for the facilitation of implementation of Resolution 16/11 on Port State Measures to Prevent, Deter and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated.
- 3) **ENDORSED** the tool to publish ROP Transshipment Declarations for the facilitation of implementation of Resolution 16/11 on Port State Measures to Prevent, Deter and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated.