



23 February 2023

IOTC CIRCULAR 2023-12

Dear Madam / Sir

OBJECTION FROM OMAN TO IOTC RESOLUTION 23/02

Please find attached a communication from the Sultanate of Oman regarding its objection, in accordance to Article IX (5) of the IOTC Agreement, to [Resolution 23-02](#) *On Management of Drifting Fish Aggregating Devices (DFADs) in the IOTC area of competence*, which was adopted at the 6th Special Session of the IOTC.

Given a previous objection, an extension period of 60 days has already been applied to the date when Resolution 23/02 will come into force. Thus, Resolution 23/02 will come into force on 8 August 2023, unless a total of more than one-third of the members also object, before this time. Oman's objection is the second to be received.

The relevant paragraphs (5, 6 and 7) of Article IX on the ensuing process are reproduced herein for your reference.

5. Any Member of the Commission may, within 120 days from the date specified or within such other period as may be specified by the Commission under paragraph 4, object to a conservation and management measure adopted under paragraph 1. A Member of the Commission which has objected to a measure shall not be bound thereby. Any other Member of the Commission may similarly object within a further period of 60 days from the expiry of the 120-day period. A Member of the Commission may also withdraw its objection at any time and become bound by the measure immediately if the measure is already in effect or at such time as it may come into effect under this article.

6. If objections to a measure adopted under paragraph 1 are made by more than one-third of the Members of the Commission, the other Members shall not be bound by that measure; but this shall not preclude any or all of them from giving effect thereto.

7. The Secretary shall notify each Member of the Commission immediately upon receipt of each objection or withdrawal of objection.

Yours sincerely

Christopher O'Brien
Executive Secretary

Attachment:

- letter from Oman

Distribution

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22 February 2023

Subject: Objection to Resolution on DFADs under article IX (5) of the IOTC Agreement
Ref. IOTC Circular 2023-09

Dear Dr. O'Brien,

We hereby refer to IOTC Circular 2023-09 communicating the Conservation and Management Measures (CMMs) adopted by the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC) during its Special Session (SS6) which was held in Mombasa (Kenya) from 3 to 5 February 2023.

Following Article IX (5) of the IOTC Agreement, the Sultanate of Oman hereby officially submits its **objection** to the application of the *Resolution 23/02, on management of drifting aggregating devices (DFADs) in the IOTC area of competence*.

As per Article IX of the IOTC Agreement, we request this decision to be duly notified to all Parties concerned.

Yours Faithfully,

Dr. Abdulaziz Al Marzoqi
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Head of Delegation to IOTC
SULTANATE OF OMAN

