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Ministry of Oceans
and Fisheries

Christopher O'Brien
Executive Secretary
Indian Ocean Tuna Commission

March 9, 2023

Dear Executive Secretary,

I would like to submit response to the FEEDBACK REGARDING COMPLIANCE ISSUES dated 24 May 2022.
Please see our response below:

CPC: Republic of Korea	Responses/clarifications
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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.	We submitted the missing photographs on 27 April, 2022.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Has not reported size frequency for surface fisheries to IOTC standard, as required by Resolution 15/02.	We submitted the data on 30 June, 2022 and we will submit the revision following the latest template.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Has not provided the number of active FADs, as required by Resolution 19/02.	We have been processing raw data to meet the required reporting template. We submitted some of the data to check whether they're valid and received confirmation from the Secretariat. We will submit the required data as soon as they become available and if possible, before the CoC 20.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Has not provided size frequency data on sharks, as required by Resolution 17/05.	In 2020, Korea couldn't get observers on board due to COVID-19. As science research couldn't be conducted, we had difficulties in collecting data of size frequency for sharks.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Has not reported catch and effort for surface and longline fisheries to IOTC standard, as required by Resolution 15/02.	We submitted the data on 30 June 2021 and 30 December 2021.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Has not reported size frequency for longline fishery to IOTC Standard (Less than one fish per metric ton of catch per species), as required by Resolution 15/02.	We submitted the data on 30 June, 2022 and we will submit the revision following the latest template.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Has not reported FADs set by type, as required by Resolution 19/02.	We submitted the data on 30 June, 2022.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Has not reported Instances of Cetaceans encircled, as required by Resolution 13/04.	The report was missed unintentionally while reporting other requirements such as interactions with marine turtles, Whale sharks encirclement, etc. No case for instances of Cetaceans encircled was reported in 2020.

Sincerely yours,

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