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Antananarivo, 09 March 2023

the Director of Fisheries  
to  
the IOTC Executive Secretary  
SEYCHELLES

**Subject: Response to the Feedback letter for 2022**

Dear Executive Secretary,

I have the honour to transmit herewith Madagascar's responses to the 2022 Feedback letter, as required by the 19<sup>th</sup> Compliance Committee meeting.

Please accept, Mr Executive Secretary, the expression of my highest consideration.

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**Annex: Compliance issues from CoC19.**

| <b>CPC: Madagascar</b>  | <b>Responses/clarifications</b>  |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Has not marked gears as required by Resolution 19/04</li> </ul>  | <p>Marking of fishing gears has been suspended due to strict health restrictions.</p>  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Has not reported nominal catches for all landing sites for the coastal fisheries, as required by Resolution 15/02</li> </ul>         | <p>Following a restructuring in the Ministry of Fisheries, the entity in charge of the tuna statistic processing (USTA) in Madagascar has been dissolved, and data processing and analysis have been delayed. Therefore, the coverage of landing sites remains limited due to a lack of resources.</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Has not reported catch-and-effort data for all landings sites for the coastal fisheries, as required by Resolution 15/02.</li> </ul> | <p>Following a restructuring in the Ministry of Fisheries, the entity in charge of the tuna statistic processing (USTA) in Madagascar has been dissolved, and data processing and analysis have been delayed. Therefore, the coverage of landing sites remains limited due to a lack of resources.</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Has not provided size frequency data for coastal fisheries to IOTC standards as required by Resolution 15/02</li> </ul>              | <p>Following a restructuring in the Ministry of Fisheries, the entity in charge of the tuna statistic processing (USTA) in Madagascar has been dissolved, and data processing and analysis have been delayed. However, missing data will be submitted to the IOTC Secretariat by 30th June 2023.</p>   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Has not reported size frequency data for longline fisheries to IOTC standards, as required by Resolution 15/02</li> </ul>            | <p>Following a restructuring in the Ministry of Fisheries, the entity in charge of the tuna statistic processing (USTA) in Madagascar has been dissolved, and data processing and analysis have been delayed. However, missing data will be submitted to the IOTC Secretariat by 30th June 2023.</p>   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Has not provided nominal catch data for sharks for all landing sites as required by Resolution 17/05</li> </ul>                      | <p>Following a restructuring in the Ministry of Fisheries, the entity in charge of the tuna statistic processing (USTA) in Madagascar has been dissolved, and data processing and analysis have been delayed. However, missing data will be submitted to the IOTC Secretariat by 30th June 2023.</p>   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Has not provided catch &amp; effort data for sharks for all landing sites, as required by Resolution 17/05.</li> </ul>               | <p>Following a restructuring in the Ministry of Fisheries, the entity in charge of the tuna statistic processing (USTA) in Madagascar has been dissolved, and data processing and analysis have been delayed. However, missing data will be submitted to the IOTC Secretariat by 30th June 2023.</p>   |
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| sharks for all landing sites, as required by Resolution 17/05.  | Fisheries, the entity in charge of the tuna statistic processing (USTA) in Madagascar has been dissolved, and data processing and analysis have been delayed. However, missing data will be submitted to the IOTC Secretariat by 30th June 2023.  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Has not provided information on actions taken domestically to monitor catches of blue shark to IOTC standards, as required by Resolution 18/02.</li> </ul>   | At the national level, catches of blue shark are monitored at landing in port for domestic vessels (longliners) and through their logbooks. For coastal fisheries, catches are obtained through surveys on a few sampled landing sites. This information will be submitted to the Compliance Committee meeting.                                     |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Has not provided information on actions taken domestically to monitor catches &amp; manage fisheries of Striped Marlin, Black Marlin, Blue Marlin and Indo-pacific Sailfish, as required by Resolution 18/05.</li> </ul> | No action has been taken domestically so far, except catch monitoring through logbooks and at landing in ports for longliners.  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Has not provided report with all mandatory sections as required by SC04</li> </ul>   | Section 6.8 was missing due to some confusion as to whether it was mandatory or optional.   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Has not provided templates as required by Resolution 19/04</li> </ul>  | Vessel photographs (starboard, port side) have been updated and sent to the IOTC for 2022. Our licenced vessels are not eligible to IMO numbers as they are less than 24 metres and not operating outside the EEZ.  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Has not fully legislated for prohibition of intentionally setting any gear type on mobulid rays as required by Resolution 19/03</li> </ul>   | As per the terms & conditions of Authorization to fish, Article 21, all vessels authorized to fish shall abide by the regulations in force governing fisheries and comply with all conservation and management measures adopted by the Regional Fisheries Management Organizations in the Indian Ocean, including the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Missing or out of date information on vessels (less than 24m, operating in waters outside EEZ of the flag state) as required by Resolution 19/04</li> </ul>  | Vessel photographs (starboard, port side) have been updated and sent to the IOTC for 2022. However, our licenced vessels are not eligible to IMO numbers as they are less than 24 metres and not operating outside the EEZ.   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mandatory information missing for the list of foreign vessels as required by Resolution 14/05</li> </ul>   | Vessels under TAIWAN flag do not have IMO numbers. The list of other vessels has been updated and herewith attached.  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Has not provided report on progress of implementation as required by Resolution 12/04</li> </ul>   | Progress of implementation as required by Resolution 12/04 have been sent for 2022 through e-Maris.   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Has not legislated for prohibition to retain on board, tranship, land, any Striped Marlin, Black Marlin, Blue Marlin, Indo- pacific Sailfish smaller than</li> </ul>   | As per the terms & conditions of Authorization to fish, Article 21, all vessels authorized to fish shall abide by the regulations in force governing fisheries and comply with all conservation and   |



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| 60 cm Lower Jaw Fork Length as required by Resolution 18/05   | management measures adopted by the Regional Fisheries Management Organizations in the Indian Ocean, including the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Information on authorised institutions and personnel required by Resolution 01/06 out of date</li></ul> | This information will be updated shortly.   |