

Response to the Feedback Letter

- 1. Has not provided size frequency data the surface fisheries (1 fish per tonne), as required by Resolution 15/02**

Size frequency data were provided to the IOTC but Mauritius did not meet the requirement of 1 fish per tonne being given that the purse seiners unload most of its catch in Seychelles.

- 2. Has not provided catch and effort for sharks for small longline as required by Resolution 17/05**

No species of shark was present in the catch reported by the small longliners in 2021. Operators have been sensitised to report the catch of sharks, if any, in their fishing logbooks.

- 3. Has not provided size frequency data for sharks for all fisheries as required by Resolution 17/05**

No shark was reported by the PS and LL. Regarding the coastal fishery, no shark was encountered during the random sampling exercises.

- 4. Has not completed all sections of Report of Implementation as required by Art X of the Agreement**

Parts which have not been completed were not applicable for example:

- reducing the number of supply- Mauritius has only one supply vessel*
- methods for reducing yellowfin catch as catch was not exceeded*
- transshipment by large scale fishing vessels – in 2021, there was no LSTV involved in at-sea transshipment*

- 5. Has not provided Report on methods for achieving the YFT catch reductions to IOTC standards as required by Resolution 19/01**

Being given that Mauritius did not exceed its catch limits, this was not applicable.

- 6. Has exceeded the maximum number of FADs limited by Resolution 19/02**

This is due to IT matters related to latencies on the server's registration which are reflected in 3 BU forms provided to IOTC secretariat.

The vessel operator has identified with the buoy provider that depending on the time at which the count is done by the server, the number of operational buoys counted may be virtually overestimated though it is in strict compliance in real.

This can be explained through the following example:

- at 8 am there are 299 buoys;*

- (ii) *at 8:10 am, 5 buoys are deactivated, so once the deactivations are registered, there should be 294 buoys;*
- (iii) *but if the deactivation is only taken into account by the server at 9 a.m. and a ship activates 3 buoys between 8:10 a.m. and 9 a.m.; there will be 302 buoys between 8:10 a.m. and 9 a.m.;*
- (iv) *if this is the case when the report comes out from the server, there will be 2 buoys over the threshold;*
- (v) *at 9 am when the deactivations are finally taken into account by the server, the no. of buoys goes back to 297 buoys;*
- (vi) *If the report comes out after 9am then the no. of buoys will be below 300.*

This can be verified and is properly reflected in the 3BU forms provided to the IOTC Secretariat.

7. Annual Report for BET not received as required by Resolution 01/06

The Annual Report for BET was submitted on 1 April instead of 17 March 2022 due to unforeseen circumstances.