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Dear

**UPDATE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF KENYA'S NATIONAL FLEET
DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2016-2025 AND IMPLICATION ON YELLOW
FIN CATCH ALLOCATION**

The Government of Kenya wishes to inform IOTC that the National Fleet Development Plan 2016-2025 submitted on 16th March 2016 whose implementation has been delayed with regards to introduction of Purse Seiners will now be progressively implemented as from 2023 with the introduction and flagging of 2 No. Tuna Purse seiners and a further 4 No.

Tuna Purse Seiners in 2024. The Plan will thereafter be progressively implemented until the target of 18 Purse Seiners is attained.

It has now become imperative for The Government of Kenya to implement the plan as earlier submitted due to the increase in Kenya's population and requirements for fish and fish products to meet Kenya's national food security and socio-economic development requirements.

The Government of Kenya hereby notifies the IOTC that in order to implement the National Fleet Development Plan, the expected yellowfin catch for Kenya is expected to reach 20,000MT per annum of Yellow Fin tuna as from 2024 and the same should be updated in the next Yellow Fin Catch allocation limit for Kenya in line with the submitted Fleet Development Plan. This is considering that the current Yellow Fin Tuna catch allocation given to Kenya currently stands at 3,650MT based on the historical catches and due to previous delays in implementation of the National Fleet Development plan.

The Government of Kenya would like to note that as the current Technical Committee on Allocation Criteria (TCAC) discussions at the IOTC are taking longer than expected. Kenya being a developing coastal member state of IOTC responsible for the implementation of its Fleet Development plan wishes to inform IOTC of its intention to progress the implementation of its delayed Fleet Development Plan as already submitted without any further delays going forward while being conscious of the situation of the Yellow Fin Tuna stocks in the Indian Ocean Fishery.

In this regard, the Government of Kenya has also submitted an amendment proposal to IOTC *Resolution 21/01 on interim plan for rebuilding Indian Ocean Tuna Stocks in the IOTC area of competence* on 8th April 2023 to facilitate the implementation of Kenya's National Fleet Development Plan.



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