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Dear Sir/Madam,

ENTRY INTO EFFECT OF THE CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT MEASURES ADOPTED BY THE IOTC AT ITS 27TH SESSION

Pursuant to Article IX.4 of the IOTC Agreement, the following Conservation and Management Measures, adopted by the Commission at its 27th Session entered into effect on Saturday 16 September 2023:

Resolution 23/3 *On Establishing a Voluntary Fishing Closure in the Indian Ocean for the Conservation of Tropical Tunas*

Resolution 23/4 *On Establishing Catch Limits for Bigeye Tuna in the Area of IOTC Competence*

Resolution 23/5 *On Establishing a Programme for Transshipment by Large-scale Fishing Vessels*

Resolution 23/6 *On the Conservation of Cetaceans*

Resolution 23/7 *On Reducing the Incidental Bycatch of Seabirds in Longline Fisheries*

Resolution 23/8 *On Electronic Monitoring Standards for IOTC Fisheries*

Resolution 23/9 *On a Fish Aggregating Devices (FADs) Working Group*

Resolution 23/10 *Terms of Reference for a Working Party on Socio-Economics*

Recommendation 23/11 *To Enhance Cooperation in the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission Decision Making Process*

The updated *Compendium of Active Conservation and Management Measures for the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission* is now available to be downloaded from the IOTC website [[click here](#)].

Yours sincerely

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