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IOTC CIRCULAR

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Dear Sir/Madam

MANDATORY REPORTING ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF IOTC CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT MEASURES

Pursuant to Article X.2 of the IOTC Agreement, each Contracting Party and Cooperating Non-Contracting Party shall transmit to the Commission, no later than 60 days before the next Commission Session, **a statement of the actions it has taken under its national legislation during the previous year, including the imposition of adequate penalties for violations**, as may be necessary, to make effective the provisions of the Agreement and to implement conservation and management measures which have become binding.

I invite and encourage you to complete the 2023 Implementation Report in the new e-MARIS application [[click here to connect to e-MARIS](#)]. CPCs are also encouraged to report on the actions they have taken in previous years that have not already been reported.

A quick guide for completing the Implementation Report in e-MARIS is available [[here](#)].

The Implementation Report should be completed and submitted in e-MARIS by **14 March 2024**.

The information provided by each CPC will be used by the IOTC Secretariat to compile tables for the compliance review process.

Please note that the Implementation Report is a separate reporting requirement to the Compliance Questionnaire which has been requested in Circular 2024-01.

Note for the completion of the Implementation Report: You can start to complete the Implementation Report by submitting the e-MARIS requirements with the suffix "ir" [example: 1.1Af Res. 23/06 (IR CoC21) ; 2.9 MCS driftnets (v2) ir]. The Implementation Report will be made available in e-MARIS (CPCs will be notified by the application) at a later date under the tab "Reports" in e-MARIS for your review and submission.

E-MARIS requirements already submitted do not need to be submitted again unless you wish to correct/provide additional information/data.

Thank you in advance for your prompt action on the matter, and please do not hesitate to contact the IOTC Secretariat if assistance is required in completing the Implementation Report in e-MARIS.

Yours sincerely

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Executive Secretary

Attachments:

- None

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