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Dear Madam / Sir

A COMMUNICATION FROM MAURITIUS REGARDING RESOLUTION 23/03

Please find attached a communication from Mauritius.

Yours sincerely

Paul de Bruyn
Executive Secretary

Attachment:

- letter from Mauritius

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REPUBLIC OF MAURITIUS

**MINISTRY OF BLUE ECONOMY, MARINE RESOURCES,
FISHERIES AND SHIPPING**

Mr. Paul De Bruyn
Executive Secretary
Indian Ocean Tuna Commission

29 December 2023

Dear Sir,

Subject: IOTC Resolution 23/03 on "Establishing a Voluntary Fishing Closure in the Indian Ocean for the conservation of tropical tunas".

Reference is made to the above subject.

2. During the IOTC Commission Meeting held in Mauritius in May 2023, the above-mentioned Resolution was put forward by Mauritius with regard to a voluntary one-month fishing closure of all gears for tuna fishing in the IOTC area of competence and same was adopted unanimously by all Member States.
3. Mauritius will observe a voluntary one-month fishing closure for a period of **31 consecutive days from 01 to 31 May 2024**, of all gears for tuna fishing in the IOTC Area of Competence.
4. Mauritius has, thus, stood up as a nation that promotes sustainability of fishing operations, and by so doing encourages other nations to follow the path of fairness and cooperation.
5. As per Article IX of the IOTC Agreement, we shall be grateful if this letter could be circulated to notify the decision of Mauritius to all parties.
6. Mauritius avails itself of the opportunity to renew the assurance of its highest consideration to the IOTC Executive Secretary.

Yours faithfully,

N. Jugmohunsing
Ag. Permanent Secretary
for Senior Chief Executive