

IOTC-2024-CoC21-FL16[E]-MUS

To the IOTC Secretariat

Madam/Sir,

Please find below the responses to the Feedback Letter regarding the outstanding compliance issues:

Annex: Compliance issues from CoC20.

CPC: Mauritius	Responses/clarifications
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Has provided the mandatory report, implementation report, as required by the Commission. One section not completed (Res 01/06 Big eye annual report). 	<p>The Big eye Annual Report was submitted late due to staffing problem.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Has not reported size frequency for surface fisheries to IOTC Standard, as required by Resolution 15/02: less than one fish per metric tonne measured for some species. 	<p>Size frequency data were provided to the IOTC but Mauritius did not meet the requirement of 1 fish per tonne due to the fact that the purse seiners unloaded most of their catches in Seychelles.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Has not provided the IOTC Bigeye Tuna Statistical Document Annual Report, as required by Resolution 01/06. 	<p>The Big eye Annual Report was submitted after the due date due to staffing problem.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Has reported MCS actions related to large-scale driftnets in IOTC Area, not to IOTC standards, missing information, as required by Resolution 17/07. No MCS action reported for 2022. 	<p>Based on para 1 of RES 17/07, which specifies that this resolution applies to vessels registered on IOTC RAV that use driftnets, it was of view that this Resolution was not applicable to Mauritius. This was the reason why Mauritius did not report MCS action for 2022 with regard to driftnets.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Has not provided all information related to the list of vessels fishing for YFT, as required by Resolution 10/08. Missing information: no list for artisanal vessels provided. 	<p>The list of artisanal boats fishing for Yellowfin was not submitted as these boats of 6-8 metres do not appear on RAV and do not have a name but they have registration numbers. It is also worth noting that these boats do not fish exclusively on FADs.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Has not reported discards to IOTC standards, as required by Resolution 15/02. No discard data for coastal fisheries (FAD & LLCO). 	<p>Discards were nil both from the coastal FAD fishery and the longline fishery as per the fishing logbooks collected from the local longliners.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Has not fully implemented the sea birds mitigation measures, no legal reference provided, as required by Resolution 12/06. T&C of the ATF does not include specific provision on mitigation measures to reduce the incidental bycatch of seabirds. 	<p>The T&C of the ATF have been amended to include all IOTC Resolutions and those of any other Regional Fishery Management Organisation'</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Has inspected less than 5% LAN/TRX, has not inspected at least 5% LAN/TRX, as required by Resolution 16/11, since 13 out of the 34 monitored/inspected vessels' PIR have not yet been submitted via e-PSM. 	<p>The PIRs could not be completed in time and were submitted after the holding of the Compliance committee (CoC20) thus showing the completion of the 5% inspection on LAN/TRX.</p>