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## IOTC CIRCULAR 2024-32

Dear Madam/Sir,

### REPORTING OF MANDATORY FISHERIES STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 2023 TO THE IOTC

Following Article XI of the [Agreement](#) for the establishment of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC), Contracting Parties and Cooperating Non-Contracting Parties (CPCs) are required to collect and report fisheries data in accordance with the Conservation and Management Measures.

This letter serves as the first reminder for the mandatory reporting of fisheries statistics in accordance with the provisions set forth in IOTC Resolutions [15/01](#), [15/02](#), [12/04](#), [12/09](#), [13/05](#), [13/06](#), [17/05](#), [18/02](#), [18/05](#), [18/07](#), [19/01](#), [19/02](#), [19/03](#), [21/01](#), [23/01](#), [23/06](#), and [23/07](#). In the case of chartering agreements, please note that the fisheries statistics must be reported by the chartering Contracting Party (Res. [19/07](#)).

The Secretariat has developed specific reporting form templates to manage the various IOTC datasets outlined in the new IOTC [Data Reporting Guidelines](#). It is highly recommended to use these forms for submitting fisheries statistics to the Secretariat, as they include all mandatory metadata, data fields, and information on IOTC formats and standard codelists.

As the IOTC Secretariat is in the process of upgrading the data reporting forms, two versions are available for data collected for the statistical year 2023: (i) the legacy forms, for which instructions are available in the legacy [Data Reporting Guidelines](#); and (ii) the new forms, designed to enhance data entry functionality, validation, and management. All IOTC statistical data reporting forms are available [here](#) for download.

CPCs of the IOTC that have not yet submitted complete statistics for the statistical year 2023 are requested to provide this information no later than 30 June 2024. For all CPCs reporting on longline fisheries, preliminary data may be submitted, with the deadline of final data submission no later than 30 December 2024. CPCs must submit all statistical data through the [e-MARIS platform](#).

Please do not hesitate to contact the Secretariat should you require any additional information concerning the above.

Yours sincerely,



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