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**AMENDMENT ON THE EXISTING RESOLUTIONS REGARDING COMPLIANCE
MATTERS****PREPARED BY: JAPAN, 28 MARCH 2025**

Background

Based on Resolution 24/03 on a list of IUU vessels, the IOTC has a cross-listing mechanism of IUU vessels from other RFMOs. Currently, the North Pacific Fisheries Commission (NPFC), where serious IUU fishing activities have been observed, is excluded from the cross-listing RFMOs. While noting that IUU vessels in NPFC can be cross-listed through SIOFA, such a system causes a delay in listing IUU vessels. Given that IUU vessels in NPFC can move to the IOTC area, we suggest adding NPFC to the cross-listing RFMOs.

In accordance with Resolution 24/05 on transshipments, paragraph 33, CPCs who are involved in at-sea transshipment shall investigate the cases of possible violation of IOTC CMMs, when receiving evidence, and report the results to the Secretariat. Currently, there are two deadlines for this report: 1) three months before the Compliance Committee as in Resolution 24/05, paragraph 33, and 2) 15 January as endorsed by the Commission in 2020 to facilitate the work of WPICMM. Since these deadlines are conflicting, we suggest streamlining to avoid confusion in the compliance evaluation process.

Suggested action

The Compliance Committee considers the suggestions above, and if agrees, recommends the Commission adopt the following amendments to the Resolutions in accordance with *Resolution 24/10 on the promotion of the implementation of IOTC CMMs*, paragraph 4.

Resolution 24/03

31) The IOTC Executive Secretary shall maintain appropriate contacts, inter alia, with the Secretariats of the following organisations in order to obtain their latest IUU vessel lists and any other relevant information regarding the list in a timely manner upon adoption or amendment: the Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR), the Commission for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna (CCSBT), the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT), the North Pacific Fisheries Commission (NPFC), the South East Atlantic Fisheries Organisation (SEAFO), the Southern Indian Ocean Fisheries Agreement (SIOFA), the South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organisation (SPRFMO) and the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC).



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Resolution 24/05

33. The IOTC Secretariat shall, when providing CPCs with copies of all raw data, summaries and reports in accordance with paragraph 10 of Annex IV to this Resolution, also indicate evidence indicating possible violation of IOTC CMMs by LSTLVs/carrier vessels flagged to that CPC. Upon receiving such evidence, each CPC shall investigate the cases and report the results of the investigation back to the IOTC Secretariat by 15 January~~three months prior to the annual Session of the IOTC Compliance Committee~~. The IOTC Secretariat shall inform the IOTC Compliance Committee, through WPICMM, of~~circulate among CPCs~~ the list of names and flags of the LSTLVs/Carrier vessels that were involved in such possible violations as well as the response of the flag CPCs ~~80 days prior to the annual Session of the IOTC Compliance Committee~~.