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ACRONYMS

ALB	Albacore Tuna
BET	Bigeye Tuna
CMM	Conservation and Management Measure
CNCP	Cooperating Non-Contracting Party
CPC	IOTC Contracting Party (Member) and Cooperating Non-Contracting Party
EEZ	Exclusive Economic Zone
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
IOTC	Indian Ocean Tuna Commission
IUU	Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (fishing)
LSTLV	Large-scale tuna longline fishing vessel
MCS	Monitoring, Control and Surveillance
NCP	Non-contracting Party
RAV	Record of Authorised Vessels
SKJ	Skipjack Tuna
UN	United Nations Organization
VMS	Vessels Monitoring System
YFT	Yellowfin Tuna

SUMMARY

The objective of the guide is to provide a working document for Members and Cooperating Non-Contracting Parties (collectively referred to as “CPCs”) to use in the implementation of the IOTC Resolutions while reporting data and information to the Commission. The content is divided into three sections.

The first section provides a detailed overview of what data and information to report on a monthly basis, in accordance with the specified deadline.

The second section presents a detailed overview of what data and information must be reported at the same deadline of the Implementation Report.

The last section guides CPCs on data and information which must be reported on an event basis (no fixed date for the deadline is specified).



INTRODUCTION

to the guide

Please NOTE: the exact requirements are described in the resolutions which are available from <http://www.iotc.org>.

All data should be e-mailed to iotc-secretariat@fao.org and clearly marked as to which resolution they pertain to.

REPORTS TO SUBMIT BY MONTH FOR THE YEAR 2020

January	February	March	April	May	June
July	August	September	October	November	December

Where it is mentioned:
it can be downloaded at



A report template exists

<http://www.iotc.org/compliance/reporting-templates>

DATA AND INFORMATION TO BE SENT

to the Secretariat in
accordance with the
specified deadline

JANUARY/3

FEBRUARY/4

MARCH/7

APRIL/9

MAY/10

JUNE/11

JULY/17

SEPTEMBER/18

OCTOBER/19

NOVEMBER/20

DECEMBER/21

Data and information to be sent to the Secretariat
in accordance with the specified deadline

JANUARY

2020

Before 1st January, 2020



Resolution 19/01 On an interim plan for rebuilding the Indian Ocean yellowfin tuna stock in the IOTC Area of Competence

INFORMATION REQUIRED:

→ PURSE SEINERS SERVED BY SUPPLY VESSEL

Paragraph 18,:

CPC/flag States shall report annually before the 1st of January for the coming year of operations which Purse seiners are served by each supply vessel.

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FEBRUARY

2020

By **15 February**, 2020:

15

Resolution 10/08 Concerning a record of active vessels fishing for tunas and swordfish in the IOTC area

INFORMATION REQUIRED:

→ LIST OF ACTIVE VESSELS

Paragraph 1:

All IOTC Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties (CPCs) with vessels fishing for tunas and swordfish in the IOTC Area of Competence, shall submit to the Secretary by 15 February every year a list of their respective vessels that were active in the Area during the previous year and that are:

- *larger than 24 meters in length overall, or*
- *in case of vessels less than 24m, those operating in waters outside the exclusive economic zone (EEZ) of the flag State.*



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Consult the implementation sheet:
[i-Sheet - Resolution 10/08 - Record of active vessels](#)

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Data and information to be sent to the Secretariat
in accordance with the specified deadline

Resolution 14/05 Concerning a record of licensed foreign vessels fishing for iotc species in the IOTC area of competence and access agreement information

INFORMATION REQUIRED:

→ LIST OF FOREIGN VESSELS LICENSED IN EEZ

Paragraph 1:

All CPCs which issue licenses to foreign flag vessels to fish in their EEZ for species managed by the IOTC in the IOTC Area of Competence, shall:

- *Submit to the Secretary a list of all foreign flag vessels to which such licenses have been issued during the previous year.*



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Consult the implementation sheet:

[i-Sheet - Resolution 14/05 - Record of licensed foreign fishing vessels](#)



Session of the Compliance Committee, Yogyakarta, Indonesia

By **28 February**, 2020:



Resolution 19/07 On Vessel Chartering in the IOTC Area of Competence

INFORMATION REQUIRED:

→ PARTICULARS OF CHARTER AGREEMENTS

Paragraph 8:

The chartering CP shall report to the IOTC Executive Secretary by 28 February each year, and for the previous calendar year, the particulars of charter agreements made and carried out under this Resolution, including information of catches taken and fishing effort deployed by the chartered vessels as well as the level of observer coverage achieved on the chartered vessels, in a manner consistent with IOTC data confidentiality requirements.



Frozen bigeye tuna are subject to the statistical document programme

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MARCH
2020

By 02 March, 2020:



Resolution 19/06 On establishing a programme for transshipment by large-scale fishing vessels

INFORMATION REQUIRED:

- **RESULTS OF THE INVESTIGATION ON POSSIBLE INFRACTION IN 2019 OF IOTC REGULATIONS BY LSTLVs/ CARRIER VESSELS.**

Paragraph 26:

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 infraction of IOTC regulations 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 three months prior to the IOTC Compliance Committee meeting...

By **17 March**, 2020:



Rules of Procedures - APPENDIX V - The Compliance Committee - Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure

INFORMATION REQUIRED:

→ **STANDARD QUESTIONNAIRE ON COMPLIANCE**

Paragraph 4.1:

In preparation for the meeting of the IOTC Compliance Committee the IOTC Secretariat will:

i) send each CPC, 4 months prior to the annual meeting, a standard questionnaire on compliance with the various IOTC Resolutions governing conservation and management for receiving comments and answers from the concerned CPCs within 45 days;



Consult the rules of procedure:
IOTC Rules of Procedure

By **22 March**, 2020:



Resolution 18/03 On Establishing A List Of Vessels Presumed To Have Carried Out Illegal, Unregulated And Unreported Fishing In The IOTC Area

INFORMATION REQUIRED:

→ **LIST OF IUU VESSELS**

Paragraph 5:

A CPC in possession of information that one or more vessels has engaged in IUU fishing activities within the IOTC Area within a 24 month period prior to the annual meeting of the Compliance Committee shall submit a list of such vessels to the IOTC Executive Secretary. Such submission shall be made at least 70 days before the annual meeting of the Compliance Committee using the IOTC Reporting Form for Illegal Activity.



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APRIL 2020

By **1 April**, 2020:



Resolution 01/06 Concerning the IOTC bigeye tuna statistical document programme

INFORMATION REQUIRED:

→ SECOND SEMESTER REPORT - IMPORT OF BIGEYE TUNA

Paragraph 5:

For CPCs that import bigeye tuna, shall transmit import data for the period 1 July – 31 December (2017) of the previous year.



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Consult the implementation sheet:

[i-Sheet - Resolution 01/06 - Big-eye statistical document programme \(Amendments to IOTC stats forms\)](#)

Article X.2 of the IOTC Agreement

INFORMATION REQUIRED:

→ REPORT OF IMPLEMENTATION

Article X.2:

Each Member of the Commission shall transmit to the Commission an annual statement of the actions it has taken pursuant to paragraph 1. Such statement shall be sent to the Secretary of the Commission not later than 60 days before the date of the following regular session of the Commission.

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MAY 2020

By **16 May**, 2020:



Resolution 18/03 On establishing a list of vessels presumed to have carried out illegal, unregulated and unreported fishing in the IOTC area

INFORMATION REQUIRED:

→ COMMENTS & INFORMATION ABOUT IUU LISTED VESSELS AND THEIR ACTIVITIES

Paragraph 10:

The flag State of a vessel included on the Draft IUU Vessel List may transmit to the IOTC Executive Secretary at least 15 days before the Annual Meeting of the Compliance Committee, any comments and information about listed vessels and their activities, including information pursuant to Paragraph 9.a) and 9.b) and information showing that the listed vessels either have or have not:

a. conducted fishing activities in a manner consistent with IOTC Conservation and Management Measures in force; or

b. conducted fishing activities in a manner consistent with the laws and regulations of a coastal State when fishing in the waters under the jurisdiction of that State, and with the law and regulations of the flag State and the Authorisation to Fish; or

c. conducted fishing activities exclusively for species that are not covered by the IOTC Agreement or IOTC Conservation and Management Measures



Consult the implementation sheet:
[i-Sheet - Resolution 17/03 - List of presumed IUU Vessels](#)

JUNE
2020

By **30 June**, 2020:



Resolution 12/04 On the conservation of marine turtles

INFORMATION REQUIRED:

→ DATA ON INTERACTIONS WITH MARINE TURTLES

Paragraph 3:

CPCs shall collect (including through logbooks and observer programs) and provide to the IOTC Secretariat no later than 30 June of the following year in accordance with Resolution 15/02 (or any subsequent revision), all data on their vessels' interactions with marine turtles. The data shall include the level of logbook or observer coverage and an estimation of total mortality of marine turtles incidentally caught in their fisheries.



Consult the implementation sheet:

[i-Sheet - Resolution 12/04 - Conservation of marine turtles](#)

Resolution 12/06 On reducing incidental bycatch of seabirds in longline fisheries

INFORMATION REQUIRED:

→ DATA ON INCIDENTAL BYCATCH OF SEABIRDS

Paragraph 1 and 2:

CPCs shall record data on seabird incidental bycatch by species and report these annually, notably through scientific observers or, where the provisions of the IOTC Regional Observer Scheme have not been fully implemented, through logbooks.



Consult the implementation sheet:

[i-Sheet - Resolution 12/06 - Reduction of seabird bycatch](#)

Resolution 13/04 On the conservation of cetaceans

INFORMATION REQUIRED:

→ DATA ON INTERACTIONS WITH CETACEANS

Paragraph 7:

CPCs shall report the information and data collected under Paragraph 3(b) and Paragraph 4, through log-books, or when an observer is onboard through observer programs, and provide to the IOTC Secretariat by 30 June of the following year and according to the time-lines specified in Resolution 15/02 (or any subsequent revision).



Consult the implementation sheet:
[i-Sheet - Resolution 13/04 - Conservation of cetaceans](#)

Resolution 13/05 On the conservation of whale sharks (*Rhincodon typus*)

INFORMATION REQUIRED:

→ DATA ON INTERACTIONS WITH WHALE SHARKS

Paragraph 7:

CPCs shall report the information and data collected under Paragraph 3(b) and Paragraph 4, through log-books, or when an observer is onboard through observer programs, and provide to the IOTC Secretariat by 30 June of the following year and according to the time-lines specified in Resolution 15/02 (or any subsequent revision).



Consult the implementation sheet:
[i-Sheet - Resolution 13/05 - Conservation of whale sharks](#)

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Data and information to be sent to the Secretariat
in accordance with the specified deadline

Resolution 15/01 On the recording of catch and effort by fishing vessels in the IOTC area of competence

INFORMATION REQUIRED:

→ CATCH DATA

Paragraph 10:

The Flag State shall provide all the data for any given year to the IOTC Secretariat by June 30th of the following year on an aggregated basis.

- For additional information, consult the Guidelines for the reporting of Fisheries Statistics to the IOTC
<http://www.iotc.org/data-and-statistics>



Consult the implementation sheet:
[i-Sheet - Resolution 15/01 - Catch and effort data recording](#)



Fishing vessels must carry fishing logbook on-board to record catch data

INFORMATION REQUIRED:

→ FISHERIES STATISTICS

Paragraph 1:

Contracting Parties and Cooperating Non-Contracting Parties (CPCs) shall provide the following information to the IOTC Secretariat according to the timelines specified in Paragraph 7:

- *Catch, effort and size frequency data from surface fleets authorised to operate in the IOTC Area of Competence and fleets operating in the coastal zones for the previous year.*
- *Provisional catch, effort and size frequency data from longline fleets authorised to operate in the IOTC Area of Competence for the previous year.*
- *Catch, effort and size frequency data from artisanal, small scale and sports fisheries.*
- *Longline fleets shall provide provisional data for the previous year no later than 30 June.*
- *All other fleets (including supply vessels) shall submit their final data for the previous year no later than 30 June.*

- ▶ For additional information, consult the Guidelines for the reporting of Fisheries Statistics to the IOTC <http://www.iotc.org/data-and-statistics>



Consult the implementation sheet:
[i-Sheet - Resolution 15/02 - Mandatory statistical requirements](#)

Resolution 15/03 On the vessel monitoring system (VMS) programme

INFORMATION REQUIRED:

→ **VMS REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION AND TECHNICAL FAILURES**

Paragraph 12:

Each CPC shall provide to the IOTC Secretariat, by 30 June each year, a report on the progress of implementation of its VMS programme, including technical failures.



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Consult the implementation sheet:

[i-Sheet - Resolution 15/03 - Vessel Monitoring System](#)

Resolution 17/05 Concerning the conservation of sharks caught in association with fisheries managed by IOTC

INFORMATION REQUIRED:

→ **CATCH DATA FOR SHARKS**

Paragraph 6:

CPCs shall report data for catches of sharks no later than 30 June of the following year, in accordance with IOTC data reporting requirements and procedures in Resolution 15/02 mandatory statistical requirements for IOTC Members and Cooperating Non-Contracting Parties (CPC's) (or any subsequent superseding resolution), including all available historical data, estimates and life status of discards (dead or alive) and size frequencies.



Consult the implementation sheet:

[i-Sheet - Resolution 17/05 - Conservation of sharks](#)

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Resolution 18/05 On management measures for the conservation of the billfishes: striped marlin, black marlin, blue marlin and indo-pacific sailfish

INFORMATION REQUIRED:

→ CATCH DATA FOR BILLFISHES SPECIES

Paragraph 8:

CPCs shall implement data collection programmes to ensure accurate reporting of Striped Marlin, Black Marlin, Blue Marlin and Indo-pacific Sailfish catches, released alive and/or discarded, together with effort, size and discard data to IOTC in full accordance with the Resolution 15/02 on the Mandatory statistical reporting requirements for IOTC Contracting Parties and Cooperating Non-Contracting Parties (CPCs), or any Resolution superseding it.

Resolution 19/02 Procedures on a fish aggregating devices (FADs) management plan

INFORMATION REQUIRED:

→ DATA ON FAD FISHERIES

Paragraph 22:

CPCs shall submit the data elements prescribed in Annex III and Annex IV to the Commission, consistent with the IOTC standards for the provision of catch and effort data, and these data shall be made available for analysis to the IOTC Scientific Committee on the aggregation level set by Resolution 15/02 (or any subsequent superseding Resolution), and under the confidentiality rules set by Resolution 12/02 (or any subsequent superseding Resolution).

JULY 2020

By **1 July**, 2020:

1

Resolution 05/03 Relating to the establishment of an IOTC programme of inspection in port

INFORMATION REQUIRED:

→ LIST OF FOREIGN FISHING VESSELS LANDING IN PORT

Paragraph 8:

Each CPC shall submit electronically to the IOTC Executive Secretary by 1 July of each year, the list of foreign fishing vessels which have landed in their ports tuna and tuna-like species caught in the IOTC Area in the preceding year. This information shall detail the catch composition by weight and species landed.



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Consult the implementation sheet:

i-Sheet - Resolution 05/03 - Programme of inspection in port



Landing of tunas caught by a purse seiner, Mahé, Seychelles.

SEPTEMBER

2020

By 15 September, 2020:



Resolution 19/06 On establishing a programme for transshipment by large-scale fishing vessels

INFORMATION REQUIRED:

- **LIST OF LSTLVs THAT TRANSHIPPED IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR, QUANTITIES BY SPECIES TRANSHIPPED AND ASSESSMENT OF OBSERVER REPORTS**

Paragraph 23:

The CPCs shall report annually before 15 September to the IOTC Executive Secretary:

- *The quantities of species transhipped during the previous year.*
- *The list of LSTV's registered in the IOTC Record of which have transhipped during the previous year.*
- *A comprehensive report assessing the content and conclusions of the reports from the observers assigned to the carrier vessels which have received transhipments from your LSTLV's.*



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Consult the implementation sheet:

[i-Sheet - Resolution 17/06 - Transshipment by large scale fishing vessels](#)



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OCTOBER 2020

By **1 October**, 2020:



Resolution 01/06 Concerning the IOTC bigeye tuna statistical document programme

INFORMATION REQUIRED:

- **FIRST SEMESTER REPORT - IMPORT DATA OF BIGEYE TUNA**

Paragraph 5:

For CPC's that imports bigeye tuna, shall transmit the import data for the period 1 January – 30 June 2019 (of the current year).



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Consult the implementation sheet:

[i-Sheet - Resolution 01/06 - Big-eye statistical document programme \(Amendments to IOTC stats forms\)](#)



Session of the Scientific Committee, Mahé, Seychelles

NOVEMBER

2020

By 18 Novembre, 2020:

18

Report of the Scientific Committee SC04 – National scientific report

INFORMATION REQUIRED:

→ NATIONAL SCIENTIFIC REPORT

Paragraph 111:

The Scientific Committee agreed to request from countries, whether they attend or not the next session, to present the Committee with a National Report which would provide general fisheries statistics, report on the implementation of Committee recommendations, national research programs currently in place and other relevant subjects. The Committee requested the Secretariat to prepare a template with an outline of items that should be included in the report to guide in the preparation of such reports.



A report template exists

- Note: The deadline to submit the National scientific report is 15 days before the session of the Scientific Committee.



Consult the report of the SC04:

<http://www.iotc.org/meetings/4th-session-scientific-committee>



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in accordance with the specified deadline

DECEMBER

2020

By **30 December**, 2020:




Resolution 15/02 Mandatory statistical requirements for IOTC Members

INFORMATION REQUIRED:

→ FINAL FISHERIES STATISTICS FOR LONGLINERS

Paragraph 1:

Final catch, effort and size frequency data from longline fleets authorised to operate in the IOTC area of competence for the previous year.

 **Consult the implementation sheet:**
[i-Sheet - Resolution 15/02 - Mandatory statistical requirements](#)



Large scale tuna longline vessel (LSTLV)

DATA AND INFORMATION TO BE SENT

to the Secretariat
when providing
the Report of
Implementation

**IMPLEMENTATION REPORT
DUE BY 01 APRIL 2020**
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IMPLEMENTATION REPORT DUE BY 01 APRIL 2020

By 01 April, 2020



IOTC Agreement - Report of Implementation

INFORMATION REQUIRED:

→ REPORT OF IMPLEMENTATION

Article X:

An annual statement of the actions taken with respect to IOTC conservation and management measures since the previous meeting.



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Consult the *IOTC Agreement:*
[The Agreement](#)

ALL REPORTING REQUIREMENTS LISTED BELOW, DUE BY 16 MARCH 2018, SHALL BE REPORTED IN THE REPORT OF IMPLEMENTATION. WHEN A TEMPLATE REPORT EXISTS, SUBMIT IT TOGETHER WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION REPORT.

Report of the Commission S17 – Letter of feedback on compliances issues

INFORMATION REQUIRED:

→ RESPONSE TO LETTER OF FEEDBACK

Paragraph 52:

The Commission **AGREED** that a deadline of 60 days before the next annual Session of the Commission be established for all CPCs to respond to the 'feedback

letters on compliance issues' from the Commission and based on the deliberations of the CoC each year.



Consult the report of the Commission S17:
<http://www.iotc.org/meetings/17th-session-commission>

Resolution 01/06 Concerning the IOTC bigeye tuna statistical document programme

INFORMATION REQUIRED:

→ **ANNUAL REPORT FOR BIGEYE TUNA STATISTICAL DOCUMENT PROGRAMME**

Paragraph 6:

CPCs which export bigeye tuna shall examine export data upon receiving the import data from the Secretary, and report the results to the Commission annually.



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Consult the implementation sheet:
[i-Sheet - Resolution 01/06 - Big-eye statistical document programme \(Amendments to IOTC stats forms\)](#)

Resolution 11/02 Prohibition of fishing on data buoys

INFORMATION REQUIRED:

→ **REPORT ON OBSERVATIONS OF DAMAGED DATA BUOYS**

Paragraph 6:

CPCs shall encourage their fishing vessels to report to them regarding any data buoys observed to be damaged or otherwise inoperable along with the date of observation, buoy location, and any discernable identifying information contained on the data buoy. CPCs shall notify the IOTC Secretariat of all such reports.

Resolution 11/04 On a Regional observer scheme

INFORMATION REQUIRED:

- **REPORT OF THE NUMBER OF VESSELS MONITORED AND THE COVERAGE ACHIEVED BY GEAR TYPE**

Paragraph 9:

CPCs shall provide to the Executive Secretary and the Scientific Committee annually a report of the number of vessels monitored and the coverage achieved by gear type in accordance with the provisions of this Resolution.

Resolution 12/04 On the conservation of marine turtles

INFORMATION REQUIRED:

- **REPORT ON PROGRESS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF FAO GUIDELINES AND THIS RESOLUTION**

Paragraph 5:

CPCs shall report to the Commission, in accordance with Article X of the IOTC Agreement, their progress of implementation of the FAO Guidelines and this Resolution.



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Consult the implementation sheet:

[i-Sheet - Resolution 12/04 - Conservation of marine turtles](#)

Resolution 12/06 On Reducing the Incidental Bycatch of Seabirds in Longline Fisheries

INFORMATION REQUIRED:

- **REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION OF MEASURES TO REDUCE INCIDENTAL BYCATCH OF SEABIRDS IN LONGLINE FISHERIES**

Paragraph 3:

CPCs shall provide to the Commission, as part of their annual reports, information on how they are imple-

menting this measure (This is to include all available information on interactions with seabirds, including bycatch by fishing vessels carrying their flag or authorised to fish by them. This is to include details of species where available to enable the Scientific Committee to annually estimate seabird mortality in all fisheries within the IOTC Area of Competence).



Consult the implementation sheet:
[i-Sheet - Resolution 12/06 - Reduction of seabird bycatch](#)

Resolution 13/04 On the conservation of cetaceans

INFORMATION REQUIRED:

→ REPORT ON INSTANCES OF CETACEANS ENCIRCLED

Paragraph 8:

CPCs shall report, in accordance with Article X of the IOTC Agreement, any instances in which cetaceans have been encircled by the purse seine nets of their flagged vessels.



Consult the implementation sheet:
[i-Sheet - Resolution 13/04 - Conservation of cetaceans](#)

Resolution 13/05 On the conservation of whale sharks (*Rhincodon typus*)

INFORMATION REQUIRED:

→ REPORT ON INSTANCES OF WHALE SHARKS ENCIRCLED

Paragraph 8:

CPCs shall report, in accordance with Article X of the IOTC Agreement, any instances in which whale sharks have been encircled by the purse seine nets of their flagged vessels.



Consult the implementation sheet:
[i-Sheet - Resolution 13/05 - Conservation of whale sharks](#)

Resolution 17/07 On the Prohibition to use large-scale driftnets in the IOTC Area

INFORMATION REQUIRED:

→ **REPORT ON MCS ACTIONS RELATED TO LARGE-SCALE DRIFTNET FISHING ON THE HIGH SEAS**

Paragraph 6:

CPCs shall include in their Annual Reports a summary of monitoring, control, and surveillance actions related to large-scale driftnet fishing in the IOTC Area of Competence.



Consult the implementation sheet:
[i-Sheet - Resolution 16/06 - Non-fulfilment of reporting obligations](#)

Resolution 18/07 On measures applicable in case of non-fulfilment of reporting obligations in the IOTC

INFORMATION REQUIRED:

→ **REPORT ON ACTIONS TAKEN TO IMPLEMENT REPORTING OBLIGATIONS FOR ALL IOTC FISHERIES**

Paragraph 1:

CPCs shall include information in their Annual Reports (Report of Implementation) on actions taken to implement their reporting obligations for all IOTC fisheries, including shark species caught in association with IOTC fisheries, in particular the steps taken to improve their data collection for direct and incidental catches.

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Resolution 19/01 On an interim plan for rebuilding the Indian Ocean Yellowfin tuna stock in the IOTC Area of Competence

INFORMATION REQUIRED:

→ REPORT ON MEASURES TO ACHIEVE YELLOWFIN TUNA CATCH REDUCTIONS

Paragraph 12:

Flag States will determine appropriate methods for achieving these catch reductions, which could include capacity reductions, effort limits, etc., and will report to the IOTC Secretariat in their Implementation Report every year.



Consult the implementation sheet:
[i-Sheet - Resolution 17/01 - Interim YFT rebuilding plan](#)

Resolution 19/02 Procedures on a fish aggregating devices (FADs) management plan

INFORMATION REQUIRED:

→ REPORT ON PROGRESS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF FADs MANAGEMENT PLAN

Paragraph 16:

CPCs shall submit to the Commission, 60 days before the Annual Meeting, a report on the progress of the management plans of FADs, including, if necessary, reviews of the initially submitted Management Plans, and including reviews of the application of the principles set out in Annex III.

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Resolution 19/06 On establishing a programme for transshipment by large-scale fishing vessels

INFORMATION REQUIRED:

→ REPORT ON TRANSHIPMENT IN FOREIGN PORTS FOR FLAG VESSELS

Annex I paragraph 6:

In-port transshipment by LSTV - Each flag CPC of the LSTV shall include in its annual report each year to IOTC the details on the transshipments by its vessels.



A report template exists



Consult the implementation sheet:
[i-Sheet - Resolution 17/06 - Transshipment by large scale fishing vessels](#)



Yellowfin tuna are subject to catch reductions

DATA AND INFORMATION TO BE SENT

on an event basis
(no fixed date for the
deadline is specified)

Data and information to be sent to the Secretariat
on an event basis (no fixed date for the deadline is specified)

Resolution 11/04 On a regional observer scheme

INFORMATION REQUIRED:

→ **OBSERVER REPORTS**

Paragraph 11:

- *The CPCs shall send within 150 days at the latest each report, as far as continuous flow of report from observer placed on the longline fleet is ensured, which is recommended to be provided with 1°x1° format to the Executive Secretary, who shall make the report available to the Scientific Committee upon request.*



Consult the implementation sheet:
[i-Sheet - Resolution 11/04 - Regional observer scheme](#)

Resolution 14/05 Concerning a record of licensed foreign vessels fishing for IOTC species in the IOTC area of competence and access agreement information

INFORMATION REQUIRED:

→ **INFORMATION ON MODIFICATION TO ACCESS AGREEMENT**

Paragraph 5:

- *For Government to Government Access Agreement: when an access agreement is modified in a manner that changes any of the information specified in paragraph 3, these changes shall be promptly notified to the Commission.*



Consult the implementation sheet:
[i-Sheet - Resolution 14/05 - Record of licensed foreign fishing vessels](#)

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Resolution 14/05 Concerning a record of licensed foreign vessels fishing for IOTC species in the IOTC area of competence and access agreement information

INFORMATION REQUIRED:

→ LIST OF FOREIGN VESSELS DENIED A LICENCE

Paragraph 6:

- *The CPCs shall notify the ship owner and flag State concerning foreign flagged fishing vessels that requested a license under a private access agreement or under a government to government access agreement and for which the request of license was denied. If the reason for denial is related to an infringement of IOTC legislation, the IOTC Compliance Committee shall address the issue at the next session accordingly.*

INFORMATION REQUIRED:

→ TEMPLATE OF COASTAL STATE FISHING LICENSE

Paragraph 8:

- *When a coastal State fishing license is modified in a manner that changes the template, any of the information provided in it or the information provided in a) to e) of paragraph 7, these changes shall be promptly notified to the IOTC Executive Secretary.*



*Consult the implementation sheet:
[i-Sheet - Resolution 14/05 - Record of licensed foreign fishing vessels](#)*

Resolution 15/01 On the recording of catch and effort by fishing vessels in the IOTC area of competence

INFORMATION REQUIRED:

→ CHANGES TO OFFICIAL LOGBOOK TEMPLATE

Paragraph 4:

- *If changes are made to the official logbook template after 15 February 2016, an updated template shall be*

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on an event basis (no fixed date for the deadline is specified)

submitted.



**Consult the implementation sheet:
i-Sheet - Resolution 15/01 - Catch and effort data recording**

Resolution 19/04 Concerning the establishment of an IOTC record of vessels authorised to operate in the IOTC Area (note similar requirements in Recommendation 05/07 Concerning a management standard for tuna fishing vessels).

INFORMATION REQUIRED:

→ CHANGES TO AUTHORISATION TO FISH

Paragraph 6:

- All CPCs which issue authorisations to fish to their flag vessels to fish for species managed by the IOTC shall submit to the IOTC Executive Secretary, an updated template of the official authorisation to fish outside National jurisdictions, and update this information whenever this information changes.

INFORMATION REQUIRED:

→ CHANGES TO THE LIST OF AUTHORISED VESSELS

Paragraph 9:

- Each CPC shall promptly notify, after the establishment of their initial IOTC Record, the IOTC Executive Secretary of any addition to, any deletion from and/or any modification of the IOTC Record at any time such changes occur.

INFORMATION REQUIRED:

→ REPORT ON MEASURES & PUNITIVE ACTIONS TAKEN AGAINST FLAG VESSELS

Paragraph 12:

- CPCs shall review their own internal actions and measures taken pursuant to paragraph 11, including punitive actions and sanctions and, in a manner consistent with domestic law as regards disclosure, report the results of the review to the Commission annually. In consideration of the results of such review, the Com-

mission shall, if appropriate, request the flag CPCs of AFVs on the IOTC Record to take further action to enhance compliance by those vessels with IOTC Conservation and Management Measures.

INFORMATION REQUIRED:

→ REPORT ON VESSELS ENGAGED IN FISHING OR TRANSHIPMENT AND NOT ON THE IOTC LIST OF AUTHORISED VESSELS

Paragraph 14:

- *Each CPC shall notify the IOTC Executive Secretary of any factual information showing that there are reasonable grounds for suspecting vessels not on the IOTC Record to be engaged in fishing for and/or transshipment of tuna and tuna-like species in the IOTC area of competence.*



Consult the implementation sheet:
[i-Sheet - Resolution 15/04 - Record of authorized vessels](#)

Resolution 16/11 On Port State measures to prevent, deter and eliminate illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing

INFORMATION REQUIRED:

→ REPORT ON DENIAL OF ENTRY INTO PORT

Paragraph 7.3:

- *Port State CPCs that have denied a foreign fishing vessel entry into its port shall communicate its decision to the IOTC secretariat.*

INFORMATION REQUIRED:

→ REPORT ON DENIAL OF USE OF PORT

Paragraph 9.3:

- *Port State CPCs that have denied a foreign fishing vessel the use of the port for landing, transshipping, packaging and processing of fish that have not been previously landed and for other port services shall promptly notify IOTC Secretariat.*

Data and information to be sent to the Secretariat
on an event basis (no fixed date for the deadline is specified)

INFORMATION REQUIRED:

→ REPORT ON WITHDRAWAL OF DENIAL OF USE OF PORT

Paragraph 9.5:

- *Port State CPCs that have withdrawn its denial, shall promptly notify the IOTC Secretariat.*

INFORMATION REQUIRED:

→ SUBMISSION OF INSPECTION REPORTS

Paragraph 13.1:

- *Port State CPCs shall, within three full working days of the completion of an inspection, transmit by electronic means a copy of the inspection report and, upon request, an original or a certified copy thereof, to the IOTC Secretariat.*

INFORMATION REQUIRED:

→ REPORT OF VESSELS ENGAGED IN IUU FISHING FOLLOWING AN INSPECTION

Paragraph 15.1:

- *Where, following an inspection, there are clear grounds for believing that a vessel has engaged in IUU fishing or fishing related activities the Port State CPCs shall promptly notify the IOTC Secretariat.*

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Resolution 17/07 On the Prohibition to use large-scale driftnets in the IOTC Area

INFORMATION REQUIRED:

→ LIST OF VESSELS USING LARGE-SCALE DRIFTNETS IN THE EEZs

Paragraph 5:

For the purposes of monitoring the implementation of this Resolution, CPCs must notify the Secretariat of any CPC-flagged vessel using large-scale driftnets in their EEZs before the 31st of December 2020.



Consult the implementation sheet:
[i-Sheet - Resolution 17/07 - Large-Scale driftnets](#)

Resolution 18/03 On establishing a list of vessels presumed to have carried out illegal, unregulated and unreported fishing in the IOTC Area.

INFORMATION REQUIRED:

→ REPORT OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING VESSELS ON THE DRAFT IUU VESSELS LIST

Draft IOTC IUU list - Paragraph 12:

A CPC may at any time submit to the IOTC Executive Secretary any additional information regarding vessels on the Draft IUU list, which might be relevant to the establishment of the IUU Vessel List. If the IOTC Secretariat receive this information after the Draft IUU Vessel List has been circulated to CPCs, it will circulate the information to all CPCs and to the flag States of listed vessels as soon as practicable.



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INFORMATION REQUIRED:

→ SUBMIT INFORMATION FOR THE REMOVAL OF VESSEL FROM IUU VESSELS LIST

Vessel Delisting Procedures - Paragraph 22:

The flag State of a vessel included in the IUU Vessel List may request the removal of the vessel from the list at any time, including during the inter-sessional period, by providing information to the IOTC Executive Secretary

INFORMATION REQUIRED:

→ REPORT NEW OR CHANGED INFORMATION FOR VESSELS ON THE IUU VESSEL LIST

Change of details of vessels included on the IUU Vessels List - Paragraph 30:

A CPC with new or changed information for vessels on the IUU Vessel List in relation to the details in paragraphs 1 to 8 of Annex II shall, as soon as practicable, transmit such information to the IOTC Executive Secretary

Resolution 19/06 On establishing a programme for transshipment by large-scale fishing vessels

INFORMATION REQUIRED:

→ CHANGES TO THE LIST OF AUTHORISED CARRIER VESSELS

Paragraph 8:

- Each CPC shall promptly notify the IOTC Executive Secretary, after the establishment of the initial IOTC Record, of any addition to, any deletion from and/or any modification of the IOTC Record, at any time such changes occur. Any changes to the list of carrier vessels that are authorised to receive at-sea transshipments from your LSTLV's in the IOTC Area.*

Resolution 19/06 On establishing a programme for transshipment by large-scale fishing vessels

INFORMATION REQUIRED:

→ TRANSHIPMENT DECLARATION

Paragraph 16:

- *The master of the receiving carrier vessel shall complete and transmit the IOTC transshipment declaration to the IOTC Secretariat and the flag CPC of the LSTLV, along with its number in the IOTC Record of Carrier Vessels authorised to receive transshipment in the IOTC area of competence, within 24 hours of the completion of the transshipment.*



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Resolution 19/07 On Vessel Chartering in the IOTC
Area of Competence

INFORMATION REQUIRED:

→ CHARTER AGREEMENTS

Part IV: Charter notification scheme

Paragraph 4:

- *Within 15 days, or, in any case, prior to 72 hours before commencement of fishing activities under a Charter agreement:*

The chartering CP shall notify the IOTC Executive Secretary of any vessel to be identified as chartered in accordance with this Resolution by submitting electronically where possible the following information with respect to each chartered vessel:

- a) the name (in both native and Latin alphabets) and registration of the chartered vessel, and International Maritime Organization (IMO) ship identification number (if eligible);*
- b) the name and contact address of the beneficial owner(s) of the vessel;*
- c) the description of the vessel, including the length overall, type of vessel and the type of fishing method(s) to be used under the charter;*
- d) a copy of the chartering agreement and any fishing authorization or license it has issued to the vessel, including in particular the quota allocation(s) or fishing possibility assigned to the vessel; and the duration of the chartering arrangement;*
- e) its consent to the chartering agreement; and*
- f) the measures adopted to implement these provisions;*

The flag CP or Cooperating Non-Contracting Party, shall provide the following information to the IOTC Executive Secretary:

- a) its consent to the chartering agreement;*
- b) the measures adopted to implement these provisions; and*
- c) its agreement to comply with IOTC Conservation and Management Measures.*

OBLIGATIONS

for vessels

Resolution 19/05 On a ban on discards of bigeye tuna, skipjack tuna, yellowfin tuna, and non- targeted species caught by purse seine vessels in the IOTC area of competence

OBLIGATION REQUIRED:

→ RETENTION OF TARGETED TUNA SPECIES

Paragraph 1:

- *Contracting Parties and Cooperating Non-Contracting Parties shall require all purse seine vessels to retain on board and then land all bigeye tuna, skipjack tuna, and yellowfin tuna caught, except fish considered unfit for human consumption as defined in paragraph 4b (i).*

OBLIGATION REQUIRED:

→ RETENTION OF NON-TARGETED TUNA SPECIES

Paragraph 2:

- *Contracting Parties and Cooperating Non-Contracting Parties shall require all purse seine vessels to retain on board and then land, to the extent practicable, the following non-targeted species or species group; other tunas, rainbow runner, dolphinfish, triggerfish, billfish, wahoo, and barracuda, except fish considered unfit for human consumption as defined in paragraph 4b (i), and/or species which are prohibited from retention, consumption, or trade through domestic legislations and international obligations.*

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Resolution 19/04 Concerning the establishment of an IOTC record of vessels authorised to operate in the IOTC Area.

OBLIGATION REQUIRED:

→ VESSELS TO CARRY ON BOARD AUTHORISATION TO FISH AND/OR TRANSHIP AND CERTIFICATE OF VESSEL REGISTRATION

Paragraph 11:

- *The flag CPCs of the vessels on the record shall:*
 - c) *take necessary measures to ensure that their AFVs on the IOTC Record keep on board valid certificates of vessel registration and valid authorisation to fish and/or tranship;*

Paragraph 11:


- *Each Contracting Party and Cooperating Non-Contracting Party with the IOTC shall:*
 - a) *Ensure that each of its fishing vessels carry on board documents issued and certified by the competent authority of that Contracting Party or of that Cooperating Non-Contracting Party with IOTC, including, at a minimum, the following:*

OBLIGATION REQUIRED:

→ FISHING VESSELS TO BE MARKED

Paragraph 18:

- *Each Contracting Party and Cooperating Non-Contracting Party with the IOTC shall ensure that its fishing vessels authorised to fish in the IOTC area of competence are marked in such a way that they can be readily identified with generally accepted standards such as the FAO Standard Specification for the Marking and Identification of Fishing vessels.*

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OBLIGATION REQUIRED:

→ FISHING GEARS TO BE MARKED

Paragraph 19:

- *Each Contracting Party and Cooperating Non-Contracting Party with the IOTC shall ensure that:*
 - a) *Each gear used by its fishing vessels authorised to fish in the IOTC area of competence is marked appropriately, e.g., the ends of nets, lines and gear in the sea, shall be fitted with flag or radar reflector buoys by day and light buoys by night sufficient to indicate their position and extent;*
 - b) *Marker buoys and similar objects floating and on the surface, and intended to indicate the location of fixed fishing gear, shall be clearly marked at all time with the letter(s) and/or number(s) of the vessel to which they belong;*

OBLIGATION REQUIRED:

→ VESSELS TO CARRY ON BOARD BOUND FISHING NATIONAL LOGBOOK WITH CONSECUTIVELY NUMBERED PAGES

Paragraph 20:

- *Each Contracting Party and Cooperating Non-Contracting Party with the IOTC shall ensure that all their respective fishing vessels of 24 meters or above and vessels less than 24 meters if fishing outside their EEZ, and are registered on the IOTC Record of fishing vessels and authorised to fish in the IOTC area of competence, keep a bound fishing national logbook with consecutively numbered pages. The original recordings contained in the fishing logbooks shall be kept on board the fishing vessel for a period of at least 12 months.*

Resolution 19/02 Procedures on a fish aggregating devices (FADs) management plan

OBLIGATION REQUIRED:

→ **FADs TO BE MARKED**

Paragraph 21:

- *CPCs shall ensure that the instrumented buoy attached to the DFAD contain a physical, unique reference number marking (ID provided by the manufacturer of the instrumented buoy) and the vessel unique IOTC registration number clearly visible.*

Resolution 12/04 On the conservation of marine turtles

OBLIGATION REQUIRED:

→ **VESSELS TO CARRY LINE CUTTERS AND DE-HOOKERS ON BOARD (LONGLINERS)**

Paragraph 8:

- *CPCs with longline vessels that fish for species covered by the IOTC Agreement shall:*
 - a) *Ensure that the operators of all longline vessels carry line cutters and de-hookers in order to facilitate the appropriate handling and prompt release of marine turtles caught or entangled, and that they do so in accordance with IOTC Guidelines.*

OBLIGATION REQUIRED:

→ **VESSELS TO CARRY ON BOARD DIP NETS (PURSE SEINERS)**

Paragraph 9:

- *CPCs with purse seine vessels that fish for species covered by the IOTC Agreement shall:*
 - a) *Ensure that operators of such vessels, while fishing in the IOTC area:*
 - iv. *Carry and employ dip nets, when appropriate, to handle marine turtles.*

Resolution 12/06 On reducing incidental bycatch of seabirds in longline fisheries

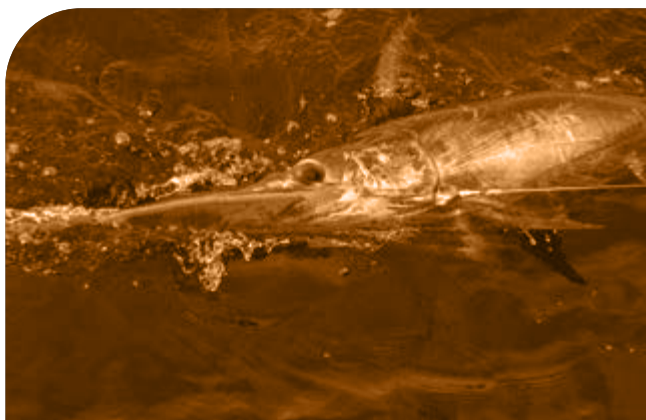
OBLIGATION REQUIRED:

→ **VESSELS TO USE MITIGATION MEASURES SOUTH OF 25°S (LONGLINERS)**

Paragraph 5:

In the area south of 25 degrees South latitude, CPCs shall ensure that all longline vessels use at least two of the three mitigation measures in Table 1. These measures should also be considered for implementation in other areas, as appropriate, consistent with scientific advice.

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Swordfish caught by a longliner

PROHIBITION/ BAN

for vessels

Resolution 19/03 On the conservation of mobulid rays caught in association with fisheries in the IOTC area of competence

PROHIBITION TO:

→ SET ANY GEAR TYPE ON MOBULID RAYS

Paragraph 2:

- *CPCs shall prohibit all vessels from intentionally setting any gear type for targeted fishing of mobulid rays in the IOTC Area of Competence, if the animal is sighted prior to commencement of the set.*

PROHIBITION TO:

→ RETAIN ONBOARD, TRANSHIP, LAND, STORE MOBULID RAYS

Paragraph 3:

- *CPCs shall prohibit all vessels retaining onboard, transshipping, landing, storing, any part or whole carcass of mobulid rays caught in the IOTC Area of Competence.*

PROHIBITION TO:

→ GAFF, LIFT BY THE GILL SLITS/SPIRACLES, PUNCH HOLES THROUGH THE BODIES. OBLIGATION TO RELEASE ALIVE, IMPLEMENTATION OF LIVE RELEASE HANDLING PROCEDURES OF MOBULID RAYS

Paragraph 5:

- *CPCs shall require all their fishing vessels, other than those carrying out subsistence fishery, to promptly release alive and unharmed, to the extent practicable, mobulid rays as soon as they are seen in the net, on the hook, or on the deck, and do it in a manner that will result in the least possible harm to the individuals captured. The handling procedures detailed in Annex I, while taking into consideration the safety of the crew shall be implemented and followed.*

Resolution 18/05 On Management Measures for the Conservation of the Billfishes: Striped Marlin, Black Marlin, Blue Marlin and Indo-Pacific Sailfish

PROHIBITION TO:

- **RETAIN ON BOARD, TRANSHIP, LAND, ANY STRIPED MARLIN, BLACK MARLIN, BLUE MARLIN, INDO-PACIFIC SAILFISH SMALLER THAN 60 CM LOWER JAW FORK LENGTH**

Paragraph 5:

- *CPCs shall not retain on board, trans-ship, land, any specimen smaller than 60 cm Lower Jaw Fork Length (LJFL) of any of the species referred to in paragraph 2, but shall return them immediately to the sea in a manner that maximizes post-release survival potential without compromising the safety of crew*

Resolution 17/05 Concerning the conservation of sharks caught in association with fisheries managed by IOTC

PROHIBITION TO:

- **FIN SHARKS**

Paragraph 3:

- *a) Sharks landed fresh: CPCs shall prohibit the removal of shark fins on board vessels. CPCs shall prohibit the landing, retention on-board, transshipment and carrying of shark fins which are not naturally attached to the shark carcass until the first point of landing.*
- *b) Sharks landed frozen: CPCs that do not apply sub-paragraph 3 a) for all sharks shall require their vessels to not have on board fins that total more than 5% of the weight of sharks on board, up to the first point of landing. CPCs that currently do not require fins and carcasses to be offloaded together at the point of first landing shall take the necessary measures to ensure compliance with the 5 % ratio through certification, monitoring by an observer, or other appropriate measures.*

Resolution 16/08 On the prohibition of the use of aircrafts and unmanned aerial vehicles as fishing aids

PROHIBITION TO:

→ USE AIRCRAFTS AND UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLES

Paragraph 1:

- *Contracting Parties and Cooperating Non-Contracting Party (collectively CPCs) shall prohibit their flagged fishing vessels, support and supply vessels from using aircrafts and unmanned aerial vehicles as fishing aids.*


Resolution 16/07 On the use of artificial lights to attract fish.

PROHIBITION TO:

→ USE SURFACE OR SUBMERGED ARTIFICIAL LIGHTS TO ATTRACT FISH

Paragraph 1 and 2:

- *1. Fishing vessels and other vessels including support, supply and auxiliary vessels flying the flag of an IOTC Contracting Party or Cooperating Non-Contracting Party (collectively CPCs) are prohibited from using, installing or operating surface or submerged artificial lights for the purpose of aggregating tuna and tuna-like species beyond territorial waters. The use of lights on DFADs is also already prohibited.*
- *2. CPCs shall prohibit their flagged vessels from intentionally conducting fishing activities around or near any vessel or DFAD equipped with artificial lights for the purpose of attracting tuna and tuna-like species under the mandate of the IOTC and in the IOTC area of competence.*

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Resolution 13/06 On a scientific and management framework on the conservation of shark species caught in association with IOTC managed fisheries

PROHIBITION TO:

→ RETAIN ONBOARD, TRANSHIP, LAND, STORE OCEANIC WHITETIP SHARKS

Paragraph 3:

- *Notwithstanding paragraphs 1 and 2, CPCs shall prohibit, as an interim pilot measure, all fishing vessels flying their flag and on the IOTC Record of Authorised Vessels, or authorised to fish for tuna or tuna-like species managed by the IOTC on the high seas to retain onboard, tranship, land or store any part or whole carcass of oceanic whitetip sharks with the exception of paragraph 7. The provisions of this measure do not apply to artisanal fisheries operating exclusively in their respective Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) for the purpose of local consumption.*


Resolution 13/05 On the conservation of whale sharks (*Rhincodon typus*)

PROHIBITION TO:

→ SET PURSE SEINE NET AROUND A WHALE SHARK

Paragraph 2:

- *Contracting Parties and Cooperating Non-Contracting Parties (collectively, CPCs) shall prohibit their flagged vessels from intentionally setting a purse seine net around a whale shark in the IOTC area of competence, if it is sighted prior to the commencement of the set.*

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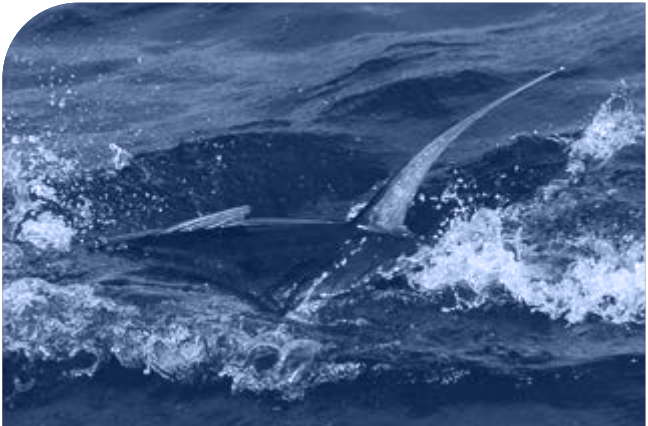
Resolution 13/04 On the conservation of cetaceans

PROHIBITION TO:

→ **SET PURSE SEINE NET AROUND A CETACEAN**

Paragraph 2:

- *Contracting Parties and Cooperating Non-Contracting Parties (collectively, CPCs) shall prohibit their flagged vessels from intentionally setting a purse seine net around a cetacean in the IOTC area of competence, if the animal is sighted prior to the commencement of the set.*



Yellowfin tuna are subject to catch reductions


Resolution 12/09 On the conservation of thresher sharks (family Alopiidae) caught in association with fisheries in the IOTC area of competence

PROHIBITION TO:

- **RETAIN ONBOARD, TRANSHIP, LAND, STORE, SELL
THRESHER SHARKS OF ALL THE SPECIES OF THE
FAMILY ALOPIIDAE**

Paragraph 2:

- *Fishing Vessels flying the flag of an IOTC Member or Cooperating Non-Contracting Party (CPCs) are prohibited from retaining on board, transshipping, landing, storing, selling or offering for sale any part or whole carcass of thresher sharks of all the species of the family Alopiidae, with the exception of paragraph 7.*

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SUBMISSION REGISTER

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Submission date	Resolution	Requirements	Name of the person
15/03/2018	16/11	Denial of entry in port	Kevin Boyle

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IOTC MEMBERS AND NON-MEMBERS

COMMISSION CONTRACTING PARTIES (MEMBERS)

Membership of IOTC is open to Indian Ocean coastal countries and to countries or regional economic integration organisations which are members of the UN or one of its specialised agencies, and are fishing for tuna in the Indian Ocean. There are currently 31 Contracting Parties (Members), the majority of which are Nation States.

COMMISSION COOPERATING NON-CONTRACTING PARTIES (CNCP)

In addition to being a full Member, States with a real interest in the Indian Ocean fisheries of tuna and tuna-like species can participate in the IOTC process as a Cooperating Non-Contracting Party (CNCP). This status is granted for a period of one year, upon request from the State. CNCPs are not obliged to pay a financial contribution, but they do not enjoy voting rights on IOTC matters, and they are subject to the same regulations as the full Members. CNCP status is reviewed annually by the Commission.

- The current membership of the Commission are listed in the below table.

→ **Contracting Parties to the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (Date of acceptance)**

Australia	(13 Nov 1996)
Bangladesh, People's Republic of	(24 Apr 2018)
China	(14 Oct 1998)
Comoros	(14 Aug 2001)
Eritrea	(9 Aug 1994)
European Union	(27 Oct 1995)
France (OT)	(3 Dec 1996)
India	(13 Mar 1995)
Indonesia	(09 July 2007)
Iran, Islamic Republic of	(28 Jan 2002)
Japan	(26 Jun 1996)
Kenya	(29 Sep 2004)
Korea, Republic of	(27 Mar 1996)
Madagascar	(10 Jan 1996)
Malaysia	(22 May 1998)
Maldives	(13 July 2011)

Mauritius	(27 Dec 1994)
Mozambique	(13 Feb 2012)
Oman, Sultanate of	(5 April 2000)
Pakistan	(27 Apr 1995)
Philippines	(9 Jan 2004)
Seychelles	(26 Jul 1995)
Sierra Leone	(01 Jul 2008)
Somalia	(22 May 2014)
South Africa	(16 Feb 2016)
Sri Lanka	(13 Jun 1994)
Sudan	(3 Dec 1996)
Tanzania	(18 Apr 2007)
Thailand	(17 Mar 1997)
United Kingdom ("BIOT")	(31 Mar 1995)
Yemen	(20 Jul 2012)

→ **Cooperating Non-Contracting Parties to the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission**

Liberia	(Since 2015)
Senegal	(Since 2006)

IOTC AREA OF COMPETENCE

IOTC AGREEMENT:

ARTICLE II.

AREA OF COMPETENCE

"The area of competence of the Commission (hereinafter referred to as the "Area") shall be the Indian Ocean (defined for the purpose of this Agreement as being FAO statistical areas 51 and 57 as shown on the map set out in Annex A to this Agreement) and adjacent seas, north of the Antarctic Convergence, insofar as it is necessary to cover such seas for the purpose of conserving and managing stocks that migrate into or out of the Indian Ocean."

- Note: The Commission, at its 4th Session in 1999 agreed to modify the western boundary of the IOTC area of competence from 30°E to 20°E, thus eliminating the gap between the areas covered by IOTC and ICCAT.

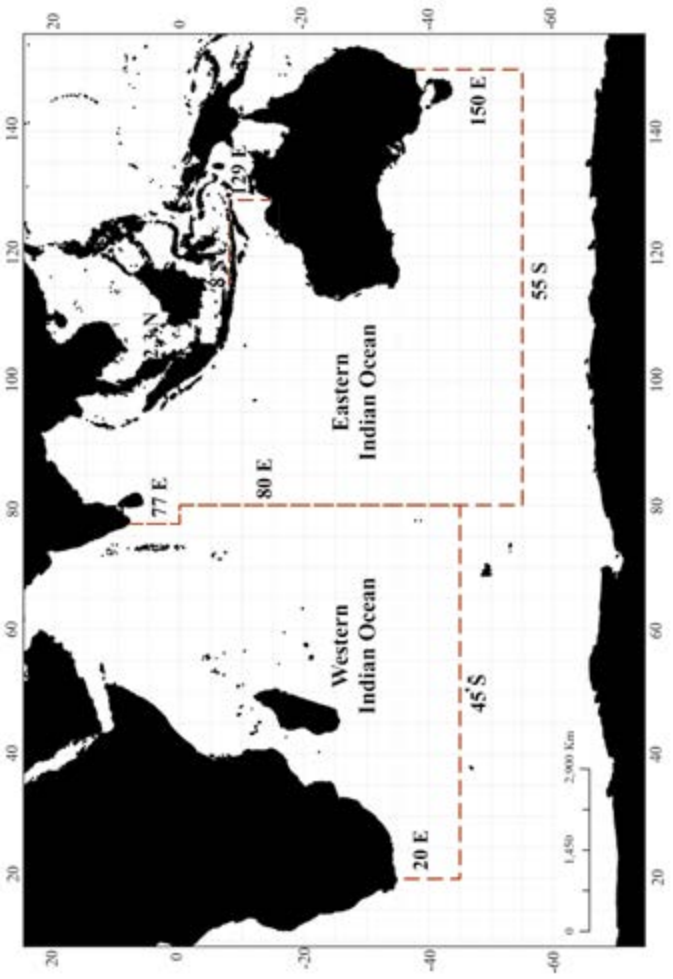


Figure 1: Map of the IOTC Area of Competence (source: IOTC)

USEFUL LINKS

for reporting IOTC
data and information

→ **COMPLIANCE**

Reporting templates

<http://www.iotc.org/compliance/reporting-templates>

→ **DATA AND STATISTICS**

<http://www.iotc.org/data-and-statistics>

IOTC Resolution 15/02 On Mandatory Statistical Requirements

<http://www.iotc.org/cmm/resolution-1502-mandatory-statistical-reporting-requirements-iotc-contracting-parties-and>

Guidelines for the reporting of fisheries statistics to the IOTC

http://www.iotc.org/sites/default/files/Guidelines_Data_Reporting_IOTC1.pdf

Reporting data to the IOTC

<http://www.iotc.org/data-and-statistics#Reporting>

Status of IOTC fisheries statistics and data quality

<http://www.iotc.org/data/status-reporting-iotc-stats>

Datasets available

<http://www.iotc.org/data/datasets>

→ **REGIONAL OBSERVER SCHEME: SCIENCE**

IOTC Resolution 11/04 On a regional observer scheme

- ▶ IOTC Observer Trip Report Template (ZIP file) and IOTC Observer Forms (available in English and in French)

<http://www.iotc.org/science/regional-observer-scheme-science>

→ **IOTC ONLINE DATA QUERYING SERVICE**

<http://www.iotc.org/iotc-online-data-querying-service>

→ **DATA CONFIDENTIALITY POLICY**

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