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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 five 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 as the Implementation Report.

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

The last two sections list obligations for vessels and prohibitions or bans for vessels.

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Acronyms

AFV	Authorised Fishing Vessel
ALB	Albacore Tuna
BET	Bigeye Tuna
CE	Catch and effort
CMM	Conservation and Management Measure
CNCP	Cooperating Non-Contracting Party
CP	Contracting Party (Member)
CPC	IOTC Contracting Party (Member) and Cooperating Non-Contracting Party
DFAD	Drifting Fish Aggregating Device
EEZ	Exclusive Economic Zone
FAD	Fish Aggregating Device
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
IOTC	Indian Ocean Tuna Commission
IUU	Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (fishing)
LF	Length frequency
LSTLV	Large-scale tuna longline fishing vessel
MCS	Monitoring, Control and Surveillance
NC	Nominal catch
NCP	Non-contracting Party
RAV	Record of Authorised Vessels
SKJ	Skipjack Tuna
SP	Supply vessel
UN	United Nations Organization
VMS	Vessel Monitoring System
WPICMM	Working Party on the Implementation of Conservation and Management Measures
YFT	Yellowfin Tuna

Introduction to the guide

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

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

Where it is mentioned “A report template exists” it can be downloaded at the direct link provided or at <http://www.iotc.org/compliance/reporting-templates>

Reports to submit by month (Year 2021):

<u>January</u>	<u>February</u>	<u>March</u>	<u>April</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>
<u>July</u>	<u>August</u>	<u>September</u>	<u>October</u>	<u>November</u>	<u>December</u>

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

January 2021

Before 1st January, 2021:

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 IN 2021

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.

A report template exists, click [HERE](#)

By 15 January, 2021:

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

INFORMATION REQUIRED: RESULTS OF THE INVESTIGATION ON POSSIBLE INFRACTION IN 2020 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

Note: The timeline has changed to allow the WPICMM to make the assessment of the responses to the possible infraction and to allow the IOTC Secretariat to provide a working paper to the WPICMM each year.

February 2021

By 15 February, 2021:

Resolution 10/08 *Concerning a Record of Active Vessels Fishing for Tunas and Swordfish in the IOTC Area*

INFORMATION REQUIRED: LIST OF ACTIVE VESSELS IN 2020

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.

A report template exists, click [HERE](#)

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 IN 2020

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 IOTC Executive Secretary, by 15 February every year, a list of all foreign flag vessels to which such licences have been issued during the previous year.

A report template exists, click [HERE](#)

By 28 February, 2021:

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

INFORMATION REQUIRED: PARTICULARS OF CHARTER AGREEMENTS IN 2020

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.

March 2021

By 15 March, 2021:

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

INFORMATION REQUIRED: STANDARD QUESTIONNAIRE ON COMPLIANCE 2020

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;**

A report template exists, click [HERE](#)

By 21 March, 2021:

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 (For adoption in 2021)

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.

A report template exists, click [HERE](#)

April 2021

By 01 April, 2021:

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

INFORMATION REQUIRED: SECOND SEMESTER REPORT 2020 - IMPORT OF BIGEYE TUNA

Paragraph 5:

For CPCs that import bigeye tuna, shall transmit import data for the period 1 July – 31 December (2020) of the previous year.

A report template exists, click [HERE](#)

By 08 April, 2021:

Article X.2 of the IOTC Agreement

INFORMATION REQUIRED: REPORT OF IMPLEMENTATION 2020

Article X.2:

Each Member of the Commission shall transmit to the Commission an annual statement of the actions 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.

A report template exists, click [HERE](#)

May 2021

By 15 May, 2021:

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) [See Resolution 18/03 [HERE](#)] 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

June 2021

By 30 June, 2021:

Resolution 12/04 *On marine turtles*

INFORMATION REQUIRED: DATA ON INTERACTIONS WITH MARINE TURTLES IN 2020

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.

A report template exists, click [HERE](#) (Form 1DI)

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

INFORMATION REQUIRED: DATA ON INCIDENTAL BYCATCH OF SEABIRDS IN 2020

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.

A report template exists, click [HERE](#) (Form 1DI)

June 2021

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

INFORMATION REQUIRED: DATA ON THRESHER SHARKS IN 2020

Paragraph 8:

The Contracting Parties, Cooperating Non-Contracting Parties, especially those directing fishing activities for sharks, shall submit data for sharks, as required by IOTC data reporting procedures.

Template reports exists, for NC, click [HERE](#) (Form IRC), for CE, click [HERE](#) (Form 3CE), for CE coastal fisheries, click [HERE](#) (Form 3AR), for LF, click [HERE](#) (Form 4SF), for discards, click [HERE](#) (Form 1DI)

Resolution 13/04 *On the conservation of cetaceans*

INFORMATION REQUIRED: DATA ON INTERACTIONS WITH CETACEANS IN 2020

Paragraph 7:

CPCs shall report the information and data collected under paragraph 3(b) and paragraph 4, through logbooks, 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 timelines specified in Resolution 15/02 (or any subsequent revision).

A report template exists, click [HERE](#) (Form 1DI)

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

INFORMATION REQUIRED: DATA ON INTERACTIONS WITH WHALE SHARKS IN 2020

Paragraph 7:

CPCs shall report the information and data collected under paragraph 3(b) and paragraph 4, through logbooks, 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 timelines specified in Resolution 15/02 (or any subsequent revision).

A report template exists, click [HERE](#) (Form 1DI)

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

INFORMATION REQUIRED: CATCH DATA IN 2020

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.

Template reports exists, for NC, click [HERE](#) (Form IRC), for CE, click [HERE](#) (Form 3CE), for CE coastal fisheries, click [HERE](#) (Form 3AR), for LF, click [HERE](#) (Form 4SF), for discards, click [HERE](#) (Form 1DI)

For additional information, consult the Guidelines for the reporting of Fisheries Statistics to the IOTC

<https://www.iotc.org/data/reporting-data-iotc>

June 2021

Resolution 15/02 *Mandatory statistical requirements for IOTC Members*

INFORMATION REQUIRED: CATCH/FISHERIES STATISTICS IN 2020

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:

Final data sets for surface fleets (including SP), and coastal fisheries (artisanal, small-scale and sports fisheries)

- Total catch, catch and effort and size frequency data for the previous year.

Provisional data sets for longline fleets

- Total catch, catch and effort and size frequency data for the previous year.

Template reports exist, for NC, click [HERE](#) (Form 1RC), for CE, click [HERE](#) (Form 3CE), for CE coastal fisheries, click [HERE](#) (Form 3AR), for LF, click [HERE](#) (Form 4SF), for discards, click [HERE](#) (Form 1DI)

For additional information, consult the Guidelines for the reporting of Fisheries Statistics to the IOTC

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

INFORMATION REQUIRED: NUMBER OF DAYS AT SEA BY PURSE SEINE AND SUPPLY VESSELS IN 2020

Paragraph 6:

Given that the activities of purse seine supply vessels and the use of **Fish Aggregating Devices** (FAD) are an integral part of the fishing effort exerted by the purse seine fleet, the following data shall be provided by CPCs:

- b) Number of days at sea by purse seine and purse seine supply vessels by 1° grid area and month to be reported by the flag state of the supply vessel.

A template report exists, click [HERE](#) (Form 3SU)

For additional information, consult the Guidelines for the reporting of Fisheries Statistics to the IOTC

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

INFORMATION REQUIRED: TOTAL NUMBER SET BY THE PURSE SEINE AND SUPPLY VESSELS PER QUARTER IN 2020

Paragraph 6:

- c) The total number set by the purse seine and purse seine supply vessels per quarter, as well as:

- i. The positions, dates at the time of setting, FAD identifier and FAD type (i.e. drifting log or debris, drifting raft or FAD with a net, drifting raft or FAD without a net, anchored FADs and other FADs e.g. Payao, dead animal etc.;

- ii. The FAD design characteristics of each FAD (consistent with Annex 1 to [Resolution 15/08](#) [superseded by [Resolution 17/08](#), by [Resolution 18/08](#) and then by [Resolution 19/02](#)] *Procedures on a fishing aggregating devices (FADs) management Plan, including a limitation on the number of FADS, more detailed specifications of catch reporting from FAD sets, and the development of improved FAD designs to reduce the incidence of entanglement of non-target species*).

A template report exists, click [HERE](#) (Form 3FA)

For additional information, consult the Guidelines for the reporting of Fisheries Statistics to the IOTC

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

June 2021

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

INFORMATION REQUIRED: VMS REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION AND TECHNICAL FAILURES IN 2020

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.

A report template exists, click [HERE](#)

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

INFORMATION REQUIRED: CATCH DATA FOR SHARKS IN 2020

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.

Template reports exists, for NC, click [HERE](#) (Form 1RC), for CE, click [HERE](#) (Form 3CE), for CE coastal fisheries, click [HERE](#) (Form 3AR), for LF, click [HERE](#) (Form 4SF), for discards, click [HERE](#) (Form 1DI)

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 IN 2020

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.

Template reports exists, for NC, click [HERE](#) (Form 1RC), for CE, click [HERE](#) (Form 3CE), for CE coastal fisheries, click [HERE](#) (Form 3AR), for LF, click [HERE](#) (Form 4SF), for discards, click [HERE](#) (Form 1DI)

June 2021

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

INFORMATION REQUIRED: SUMMARY OF REPORTED CATCHES IN SUPPORT OF RES. 18/07

Paragraph 4:

To facilitate the reporting of zero catches as required under paragraph 1 of Annex I of this Resolution, the following procedure shall apply:

- a) as part of the IOTC IRC electronic form used to report nominal catches, the Secretariat shall include a matrix by IOTC species as well as the most commonly caught elasmobranch species according to records of catches and incidents as established in Resolution 15/01 on the recording of catch and effort data by fishing vessels in the IOTC area of competence (or any subsequent superseding Resolution) and main IOTC gear groups on the basis of the format set out in Annex II of this Resolution;
- b) CPCs, as part of their total catch data reporting, shall complete the cells in the matrix with either a value of 'one' (1) to indicate where that CPC had catches (positive catch) for a particular species/gear combination or a value of 'zero' (0) to indicate where that CPC had no catches (zero landings + zero discards) for a particular species/gear combination;
- c) The "Catch columns" section of the electronic Form IRC shall only include reports of positive catches.

A template report exists, for zero-catch matrix, click [HERE](#) (Form IDR),

Resolution 19/01 *On an interim plan for rebuilding the Indian Ocean yellowfin tuna stock in the IOTC area of competence*

INFORMATION REQUIRED: DATA ON NOMINAL CATCHES OF YELLOWFIN TUNA BY VESSEL CATEGORY

Paragraph 26:

For the purposes of the implementation of this resolution, CPCs shall submit their catches of yellowfin disaggregated for vessel 24 m overall length and over, and those under 24 m if they fish outside the EEZ as per resolution 15/02.

Template report exists, for Yellowfin tuna catches by vessel category, click [HERE](#) (Form IRC-YFT),

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

INFORMATION REQUIRED: DATA ON FAD FISHERIES IN 2020

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).

Template reports exists, for Yearly interactions with FAD, click [HERE](#) (Form 3FA)

June 2021

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

INFORMATION REQUIRED: DATA ON INTERACTIONS IN 2020

Paragraph 8:

CPCs shall report the information and data collected on interactions (i.e. number of discards and releases) with mobulid rays by vessels through logbooks and/or through observer programs. The data shall be provided to the IOTC Secretariat by 30 June of the following year, and according to the timelines specified in Resolution 15/02 (or any subsequent revision).

A report template exists, click [HERE](#) (Form 1DI)

July 2021

By 1 July, 2021:

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 IN 2020

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.

A report template exists, click [HERE](#)

August 2021

None

September 2021

By 15 September, 2021:

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 IN 2020

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.

Template reports exist, click [HERE](#) and [HERE](#)

October 2021

By 1 October, 2021:

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

INFORMATION REQUIRED: FIRST SEMESTER REPORT 2021 - 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 2021 (of the current year).

A report template exists, click [HERE](#)

November 2021

By 21 November, 2021:

Report of the Scientific Committee SC04 – National scientific report

INFORMATION REQUIRED: NATIONAL SCIENTIFIC REPORT IN 2020

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: <https://www.iotc.org/science>

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

December 2021

By 30 December, 2021:

Resolution 15/02 *Mandatory statistical requirements for IOTC Members*

INFORMATION REQUIRED: FINAL FISHERIES STATISTICS FOR LONGLINERS IN 2020

Paragraph 1:

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

Template reports exists, for NC, click [HERE](#) (Form 1RC), for CE, click [HERE](#) (Form 3CE), for LF, click [HERE](#) (Form 4SF), for discards, click [HERE](#) (Form 1DI)

Data and information to be sent to the Secretariat when providing the Report of Implementation.

Implementation Report due by 08 April 2021

By 08 April, 2021:

IOTC Agreement - Report of Implementation

INFORMATION REQUIRED: REPORT OF IMPLEMENTATION 2020

Article X:

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

A report template exists, click [HERE](#)

All reporting requirements listed below, due by 08 April 2021, 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.

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

INFORMATION REQUIRED: ANNUAL REPORT FOR BIGEYE TUNA STATISTICAL DOCUMENT PROGRAMME IN 2019

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.

A report template exists, click [HERE](#)

Resolution 11/02 *Prohibition of fishing on data buoys*

INFORMATION REQUIRED: REPORT ON OBSERVATIONS OF DAMAGED DATA BUOYS IN 2020

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 discernible 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 IN 2019

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.

To be reported in section Part C of the implementation report

Resolution 12/04 *On marine turtles*

INFORMATION REQUIRED: REPORT ON PROGRESS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF FAO GUIDELINES AND THIS RESOLUTION IN 2020

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.

A report template exists, click [HERE](#)

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 IN 2019

Paragraph 3:

CPCs shall provide to the Commission, as part of their annual reports, information on how they are implementing 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).

To be reported in section Part C of the implementation report

Resolution 13/04 *On the conservation of cetaceans*

INFORMATION REQUIRED: REPORT ON INSTANCES OF CETACEANS ENCIRCLED IN 2020

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.

To be reported in section Part C of the implementation report

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

INFORMATION REQUIRED: REPORT ON INSTANCES OF WHALE SHARKS ENCIRCLED IN 2020

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.

To be reported in section Part C of the implementation report

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 IN 2020

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.

To be reported in section Part C of the implementation report

Implementation Report due by 08 April 2021

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 IN 2020

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.

To be reported in section Part C of the implementation report

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.

To be reported in section Part C of the implementation report

INFORMATION REQUIRED: REPORT ON REDUCTIONS MADE DUE TO OVER CATCH OF ANNUAL LIMIT

Paragraph 14:

CPCs shall inform the Commission via the IOTC Compliance Committee, any reductions in the following year because of over catch in paragraph 13 in their implementation Report.

To be reported in section Part C of the implementation report

INFORMATION REQUIRED: REPORT ON STATUS OF REDUCING THE USE OF SUPPLY VESSELS

Paragraph 16:

Flag States shall submit the status of reducing the use of supply vessel as part of the report of Implementation to the Compliance Committee.

To be reported in section Part C of the implementation report

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

INFORMATION REQUIRED: FADs MANAGEMENT PLANS 2021

Paragraph 12:

CPCs having vessels flying their flag and fishing on FADs shall submit, to the Commission, on an annual basis, Management Plans for the use of FADs. ... The Plans shall at a minimum follow the Guidelines for Preparation for FAD Management Plans by each CPC as provided for DFADs in Annex I [and AFADs in Annex II].

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INFORMATION REQUIRED: REPORT ON PROGRESS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF 2020 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.

To be reported in section Part C of the implementation report

Implementation Report due by 08 April 2021

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 IN 2020

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.

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

Resolution 01/03 *Establishing a scheme to promote compliance by non-contracting party vessels with resolutions established by IOTC*

INFORMATION REQUIRED: OBSERVATIONS OF NON-CONTRACTING PARTIES, ENTITIES OR FISHING ENTITIES INDICATING FISHING CONTRARY TO IOTC CMMS

Paragraph 1:

- Any observation by a Contracting Party vessel or aircraft of Non-Contracting Party, Entity or fishing Entity vessels, indicating that there are grounds for believing that these vessels are fishing contrary to IOTC Conservation or Management Measures... Each Contracting Party making the observation shall also immediately notify the IOTC Secretariat, which, in turn, shall notify the other Contracting Parties.

INFORMATION REQUIRED: INFORMATION ON THE RESULTS OF INSPECTIONS OF VESSELS OF NCP

Paragraph 5:

- Information on the results of all inspections of vessels of Non-Contracting Parties, Entities or fishing Entities, conducted in the ports of Contracting Parties, and any subsequent action, shall be transmitted immediately to the Commission.

Resolution 07/01 *To promote compliance by nationals of CPCs with IOTC conservation and management measures*

INFORMATION REQUIRED: REPORTS ON ACTIONS AND MEASURES TAKEN TO INVESTIGATE ALLEGATIONS AND/OR REPORTS ON IUU FISHING

Paragraph 2:

- To assist with the implementation of this Resolution, CPCs shall submit reports subject to the national laws of confidentiality to the IOTC Secretariat and other CPCs on the actions and measures taken in accordance with paragraph 1 [See Resolution 07/01 [HERE](#)], in a timely fashion.

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.

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 ACCESS AGREEMENTS

Paragraph 3:

- In cases where coastal CPCs allow foreign-flagged vessels to fish in waters in their EEZ in the IOTC Area for species managed by IOTC through a Government to Government access agreement, CPCs involved in the referred agreement shall submit jointly to the IOTC Executive Secretary the information concerning these agreements, including:...[See Resolution 14/05 [HERE](#)]

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INFORMATION REQUIRED: INFORMATION ON MODIFICATION TO AN ACCESS AGREEMENT

Paragraph 5:

- For Government to Government Access Agreements: 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.

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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.

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INFORMATION REQUIRED: TEMPLATE OF COASTAL STATE FISHING LICENSE

Paragraph 7:

- All CPCs which issue licenses to foreign flag vessels to fish in their EEZs for species managed by the IOTC in the IOTC Area, under a private access agreement or under a government to government access agreement, shall submit to the IOTC Executive Secretary within two (2) months of the entry into force of this Resolution a template of the official coastal State fishing License and translated version in one of the official Languages of the IOTC.

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INFORMATION REQUIRED: CHANGES TO 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 [See Resolution 14/05 [HERE](#)], these changes shall be promptly notified to the IOTC Executive Secretary.

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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 submitted.

Resolution 16/05 *On vessels without nationality*

INFORMATION REQUIRED: SIGHTINGS OF VESSELS SUSPECTED OR CONFIRMED OF BEING WITHOUT NATIONALITY

Paragraph 5:

- Any sightings of fishing vessels that are suspected of, or confirmed as being, without nationality that may be fishing in the high seas of the IOTC area of competence shall be reported to the IOTC Secretariat as soon as possible by the appropriate authorities of the Member or CNCP whose vessel or aircraft made the sighting.

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

INFORMATION REQUIRED: ANY OCCURRENCE OF FISHING OPERATION UNDERTAKEN WITH THE AID OF AIRCRAFT OR UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLE

Paragraph 3:

- Any occurrence of a fishing operation undertaken with the aid of aircraft or any unmanned aerial vehicle in the IOTC area of competence shall be reported to the flag State and the IOTC Executive Secretary, for communication to the Compliance Committee.

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.

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.

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 ON PROGRESS OF AN INVESTIGATION

Submission of information on IUU fishing activities - Paragraph 7:

Where the flag State of the vessel is a CPC, if requested by any other CPC through the IOTC Executive Secretary, it shall investigate the allegation and shall report the progress of the investigation to the IOTC Executive Secretary within 60 days. Where the flag State is not a CPC, if requested by any CPC the IOTC Executive Secretary shall request it to investigate the allegation and report the progress of the investigation to the IOTC Executive Secretary within 60 days.

**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.

**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 [See Resolution 18/03 [HERE](#)] shall, as soon as practicable, transmit such information to the IOTC Executive Secretary.

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

INFORMATION REQUIRED: DAILY INFORMATION ON ALL FADs ACTIVE

Paragraph 24:

CPCs shall, starting 1 January 2020, report, or require their vessels to report, daily information on all active FADs to the Secretariat. Such information shall contain, date, instrumented buoy ID, assigned vessel and daily position, which shall be compiled at monthly intervals, to be submitted with a time delay of at least 60 days, but no longer than 90 days.

(Paragraph 4: This Resolution sets the maximum number of operational buoys followed by any purse seine vessel at 300 at any one time.)

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Note: Information must be reported monthly

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

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.

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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.

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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 Commission 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.

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.

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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.

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 [See Resolution 19/07 [HERE](#)]

The flag CP or Cooperating Non-Contracting Party, shall provide the following information to the IOTC Executive Secretary [See Resolution 19/07 [HERE](#)]:

INFORMATION REQUIRED: START, SUSPENSION, RESUMPTION AND TERMINATION OF THE FISHING OPERATIONS UNDER THE CHARTERING AGREEMENT.

Paragraph 6:

Both the chartering CP and the flag CP or Cooperating Non-Contracting Party shall immediately inform the IOTC Executive Secretary of the start, suspension, resumption and termination of the fishing operations under the chartering agreement.

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.

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;

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.

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.

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.

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.

Resolution 13/04 *On the conservation of cetaceans*

PROHIBITION TO: SET PURSE SEINE NET AROUND A CETACEAN

Paragraph 2:

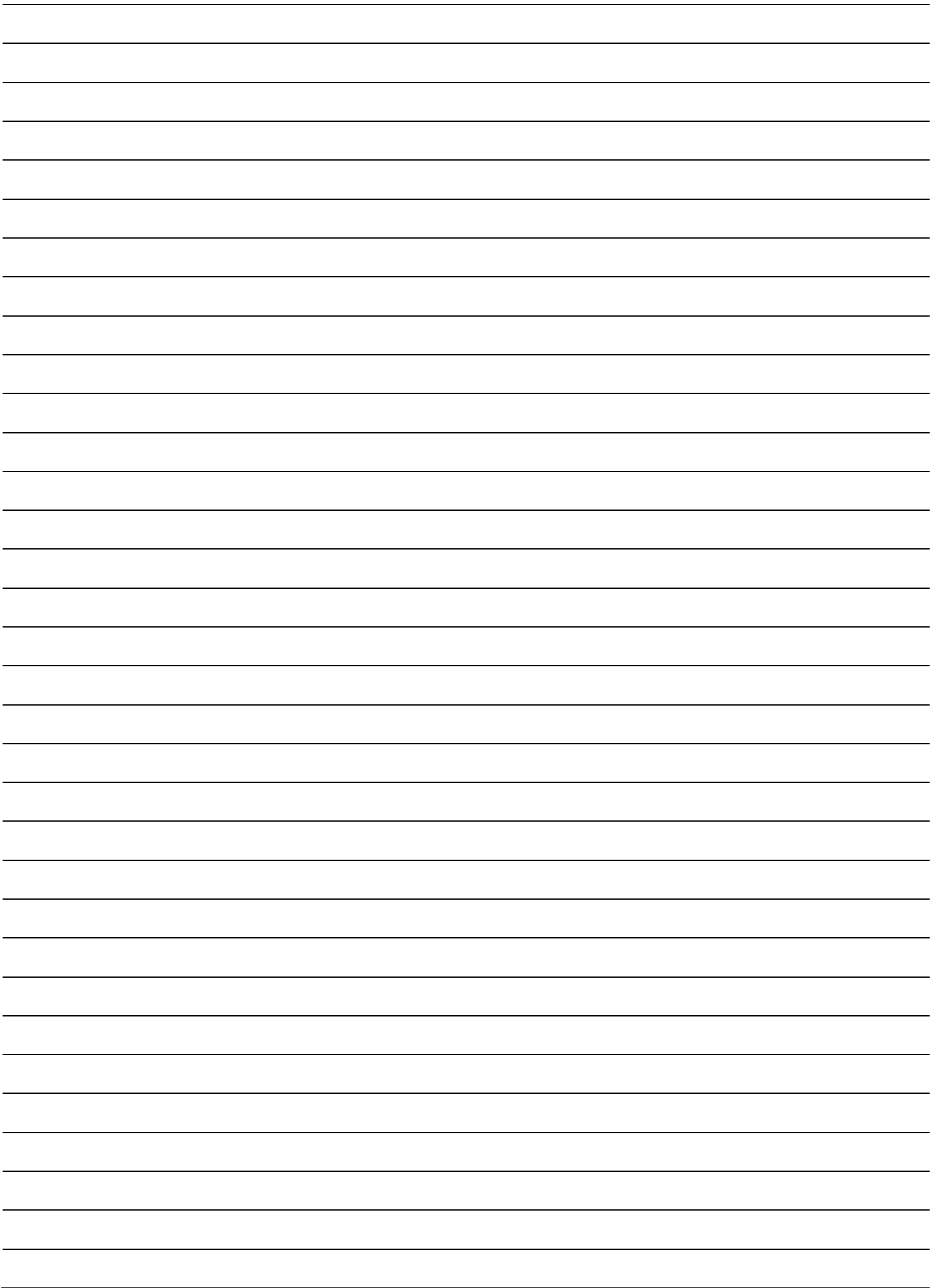
Contracting Parties and Cooperating Non-Contracting Parties (collectively, CPCs) shall prohibit their flagged vessels from intentionally setting a purse seine net around a cetacean in the IOTC area of competence, if the animal is sighted prior to the commencement of the set.

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.



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 available at the following link.

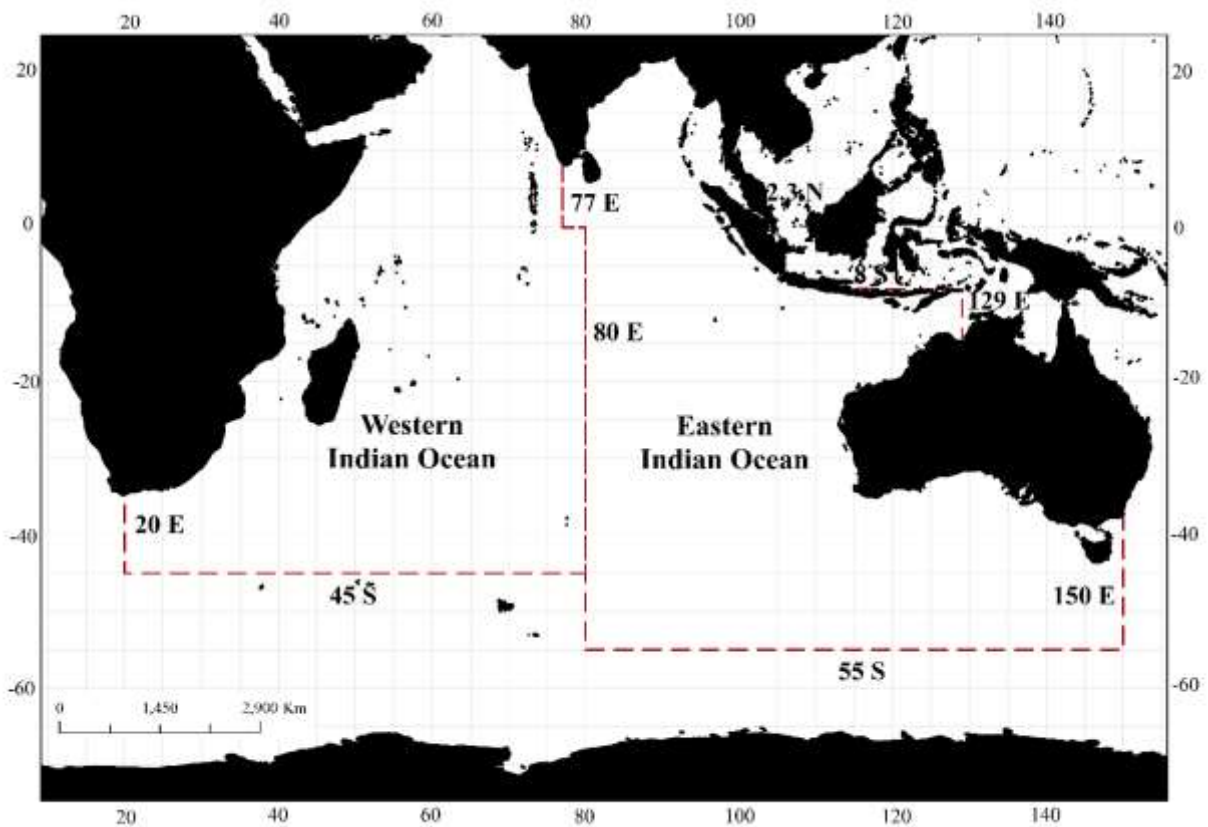
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IOTC Area of Competence

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.



Useful links for reporting IOTC data and information

- COMPLIANCE

Reporting templates

<https://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

<https://www.iotc.org/data-and-statistics-Guidelines-for-the-reporting-of-data-to-the-IOTC>

Reporting data to the IOTC

<https://www.iotc.org/data/reporting-data-iotc>

Status of IOTC fisheries statistics and data quality

<https://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

IOTC Resolution 12/02 On Data Confidentiality Policy and Procedures

<http://www.iotc.org/cmm/resolution-1202-data-confidentiality-policy-and-procedures>