

Report of Implementation for the year 2013

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Reporting CPC: Sultanate of Oman

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Please NOTE: this document is composed of 3 sections to report on the implementation of IOTC resolutions

Part A. *Describe the actions taken, under national legislation, in the previous year to implement conservation and management measures adopted by the Commission at its sixteenth Session.*

1. Resolution 13/01 On the removal of obsolete Conservation and Management Measures
Res 13/01 was circulated to the related parties, to inform them about the six recommendations that had been revoked by this resolution.
2. Resolution 13/02 Concerning the IOTC record of vessels authorised to operate in the IOTC Area of Competence^a
Sultanate of Oman is implementing the Res 13/02, and reports to the IOTC secretaries about the update in this regard.
3. Resolution 13/03 On the recording of catch and effort data by fishing vessels in the IOTC Area of Competence^a
Sultanate of Oman is working on the development of a new formal standardized fishing logbook to fulfill national and international obligation, which was supposed to be ready by the end of 2013, but due to some administrative and financial constraints we were not able to complete it in the deadline, we are looking to get ready in the coming future.
4. Resolution 13/04 On the conservation of cetaceans
Fishing for cetaceans is prohibited according to the Sultanate of Oman Sultanate of Oman Marine fishing and living aquatic resources protection law and its executive regulations.
5. Resolution 13/05 On the conservation of whale sharks (*Rhincodon typus*)
Fishing for marine mammals is prohibited according to the Sultanate of Oman Sultanate of Oman Marine fishing and living aquatic resources protection law and its executive regulations.
6. Resolution 13/06 On a scientific and management framework on the conservation of shark species caught in association with IOTC managed Fisheries
Sultanate of Oman is in progress to develop NPOA-sharks, which will incorporate the relevant requirement under this resolution. Furthermore, the law prohibits discarding of any

part of shark and cutting the fins. Also, the official authorities took the necessary administrative actions to inform the vessels owner about the resolution and its obligation and they were instructed to fully implement it.

7. Resolution 13/07 Concerning a record of licensed foreign vessels fishing for IOTC species in the IOTC Area of Competence and access agreement information ^a

N/A (Sultanate of Oman does not have any Licensed Foreign Fishing Vessels nor Government to Government Access Agreement), Sultanate of Oman has already report against this resolution

8. Resolution 13/08 Procedures on a fish aggregating devices (FADs) management plan, including 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

N/A. (Sultanate of Oman does not have any purse seine fishing vessels or bait boats)

9. Resolution 13/09 On the conservation of albacore caught in the IOTC Area of Competence

The Res 13/09 is seeking the advice from the SC committee, and it will be discussed during the commission meeting in 2014.

10. Resolution 13/10 On interim target and limit reference points and a decision framework

N/A.(As it work as a guiding to the SC committee when working to stock assessment for tune and tune like species listed under this resolution)

11. Resolution 13/11 On a ban on discards of bigeye tuna, skipjack tuna, yellowfin tuna, and a recommendation for non-targeted species caught by purse seine vessels in the IOTC Area of Competence

N/A. (Sultanate of Oman does not have any purse seine fishing vessels).

Note: ^a indicate that a template report exists for some of the requirements and can be requested at secretariat@iotc.org

Part B. *Describe the actions taken, under national legislation, to implement conservation and management measures adopted by the Commission in previous Sessions, and which have not been reported previously.*

Sultanate of Oman is developing a new fishing law, which will include an article, state that it is a compulsory obligation to all fishing vessels working in the IOTC area of competence to practice and implement the IOTC conservations and management measures.

Part C. Data and information reporting requirements for CPCs to be included in this report (please refer to the *section April 2014 of the Guide on data and information reporting requirements for Members and Cooperating Non-contracting Parties*).

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

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 template report exists*]).

The report has already been provided to the IOTC Secretariat:

Yes Date of reporting (DD/MM/YYYY):

No

The report is attached to the implementation report:

Yes No

Additional information:

Sultanate of Oman is implementing the Res 01/06, and all the tuna exported are accompanied with the required document (BETSD), the Sultanate has previously reported against this resolution.

- Recommendation 05/07 *Concerning a management standard for the tuna fishing vessels*

The CPC flag states which issues licenses to their AFVs should report annually to the Commission all measures taken to meet the minimum management standards when they issue fishing licenses to their “authorised fishing vessels”.

Sultanate of Oman is implementing Recommendation 05/07, the Omani fishing vessels which operating in the IOTC area of competence are fully monitored by VMS, and they regularly report on their catches, any transshipment occurred in the ports or at sea through the IOTC ROP programs, it has to be approved by the official authorities.

- Resolution 10/06 *On Reducing the Incidental Bycatch of Seabirds in Longline Fisheries*

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

The official authorities informed and instructed the Omani flagged vessels to implement the Res 10/06, during the last year, the fleet did not report any bycatch of seabirds

- Resolution 10/10 *Concerning market related measures*

For CPCs that import tuna and tuna-like fish products, or in whose ports those products are landed or transhipped, should report, a range of information (e.g. information on vessels / owners, product data (species, weight), point of export) annually. *[A template report exists]*.

The report on import, landing or transhipment of tuna and tuna-like fish products landed or transhipped in port in 2013 have already been provided to the IOTC Secretariat:

Yes Date of reporting (DD/MM/YYYY): [Click here to enter text.](#)

No

The report on import, landing or transhipment of tuna and tuna-like fish products landed or transhipped in port in 2013 is attached to the implementation report:

Yes No

Additional information:

Any exports or imports of tuna and tuna-like species are subject to the approval of the official authorities, which examine all relevant information, and every shipment should be accompanied with the proper documentation.

- Resolution 11/04 On a Regional observer scheme

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.

The official authorities prepare the ground to establish a national observer program, but due to funding and manpower constrain, is not starting, we hope to launch it in the coming future.

- Resolution 12/04 On marine turtles

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.

The law in the Sultanate of Oman prohibits the fishing of marine turtles and the use of their eggs for any purpose. The sultanate is giving great attention the marine turtles, and there are some running project to monitoring and collecting data about marine turtles.

- Resolution 12/05 On establishing a programme for transhipment by large-scale fishing vessels

Each flag CPC of the LSTV shall include in its annual report each year to IOTC the details on the transhipments in ports by its vessels (Name of LSTV, IOTC Number, name of carrier vessel, species and quantity transhipped, date and location of transhipment). *[A template report exists]*.

The details on transhipment in ports for 2013 have already been provided to the IOTC Secretariat:

Yes Date of reporting (DD/MM/YYYY): Nil report

No

The details on transshipment in ports for 2013 are attached to the implementation report:

Yes

No

Additional information:

There was no landing during the last year.

- Resolution 12/12 To Prohibit the use of large-scale driftnets on the high seas in the IOTC Area

CPCs shall include in their Annual Reports a summary of monitoring, control, and surveillance actions related to large-scale driftnet fishing on the high seas in the IOTC area of competence.

Sultanate of Oman does not allow using of large-scale driftnet, in the high seas.

- Resolution 12/13 For the Conservation and Management of Tropical Tunas Stocks in the IOTC Area of Competence

CPCs flag states shall monitor the compliance of their vessels with this Resolution through VMS, and will provide a summary of VMS records related to their fleet operation in the previous year for the consideration of the Compliance Committee. *[A template report exists].*

The summary of VMS records has already been provided to the IOTC Secretariat for:

Longline vessels

Date of reporting (DD/MM/YYYY): [Click here to enter text.](#)

Purse seine vessels

Date of reporting (DD/MM/YYYY): [Click here to enter text.](#)

The summary of VMS records is attached to the implementation report:

Yes

No

Additional information:

Sultanate of Oman already reported against this resolution

- Resolution 13/04 On the conservation of cetaceans

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.

Sultanate of Oman does not have any purse seine fishing vessels working in the high seas, and there was not any report about interaction by other fishing vessels.

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

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.

Sultanate of Oman does not have any purse seine fishing vessels working in the high seas, and there was no interaction reported by other fishing vessels.

- Resolution 13/07 Concerning A Record Of Licensed Foreign Vessels Fishing For IOTC Species In The IOTC Area Of Competence And Access Agreement Information

For Government to Government access agreement in existence prior to the entry into force of this resolution, 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 CPC-to-CPC agreement, CPCs involved in the referred agreement:

- Shall submit copy of the access agreement,
- Shall submit information concerning these agreements (paragraphs 3a, b, c, d, e, f, g),

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N/A (Sultanate of Oman does not have any Licensed Foreign Fishing Vessels nor Government to Government Access Agreement), Sultanate of Oman has already report against this resolution