

Report of Implementation for the year 2013

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF THE REPORT 2 APRIL 2014

Reporting CPC: SEYCHELLES

Date: 23/04/2014

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
No actions have been undertaken at national level so far to implement this resolution

2. Resolution 13/02 Concerning the IOTC record of vessels authorised to operate in the IOTC Area of Competence^a
List of Authorised vessels was submitted to the IOTC secretariat on 16/02/2014. Certificates of Authorization are submitted to the IOTC secretariat as they are issued. The secretariat are also notified of any deletion so as to update the record accordingly.

3. Resolution 13/03 On the recording of catch and effort data by fishing vessels in the IOTC Area of Competence^a
Logbook for the Seychelles Purse seiner and longline fleet have been modified to accommodate additional data as per the Annex I and II of Resolution 13/03. The template of the logbook is yet to be submitted to the IOTC secretariate. This will be done before June 30th 2014.

4. Resolution 13/04 On the conservation of cetaceans
The Seychelles fleet (purse seine and longline) fishing for tuna and tuna-like species in the IOTC area of competence have been notified of the requirement of this resolution and they have been advised to implement the necessary mitigation actions as well as to record any incident of interaction with cetaceans in logbooks. The data could also be captured by observers when present onboard.

5. Resolution 13/05 On the conservation of whale sharks (*Rhincodon typus*)
The Seychelles fleet (purse seine and longline) fishing for tuna and tuna-like species in the IOTC area of competence have been notified of the requirements of this resolution and they have been advised to implement the necessary mitigation actions as well as record any incident of interaction with whale sharks in logbooks. The data could also be captured by observers when present onboard

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

The Seychelles fleet (purse seine and longline) fishing for tuna and tuna-like species in the IOTC area of competence have been notified of the requirements of this resolution and they have been advised to implement the necessary actions i.e. non retention of Oceanic whitetip sharks onboard the vessel, as well as to record incidental capture, live release and discard. The data could also be captured by observers when present onboard.

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

A record of licensed foreign fishing vessel fishing for IOTC species in IOTC area of competence has been submitted to the IOTC secretariat. Information about access agreement are yet to be submitted.

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

The Fish Aggregating Device (FADs) management plan, is currently being drafted and is expected to be completed in 2014. The logbook for the purse seine fleet has been modified to cater for detailed reporting of activities on FAD's. More detailed information would also be captured by observers when present onboard.

9. Resolution 13/09 On the conservation of albacore caught in the IOTC Area of Competence
- All relevant data available on albacore will be made available to the secretariate for the WPTmT.

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

Similar to previous years Seychelles will be represented at the IOTC Scientific Committee and will participate in the deliberations in regards to interim target and limit reference points.

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

The Seychelles purse seine fleet has been notified of this resolution informed and have been advised to abide to its requirements.

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



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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.*

No actions implemented during 2013

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): 14/03/2014

No

The report is attached to the implementation report:

Yes

No

Additional information:

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- 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".

All vessels must meet the following conditions prior to being "authorized fishing vessels"

1. An initial Port Inspection by enforcement officers
2. A functional satellite based VMS
3. Willing to take onboard Scientific Observers as appropriate
4. Keep daily records of fishing activities through bound logbooks
5. Report catch records electronically, (weekly for longliners and every 3 days for purse seiners)
6. Port inspection during port calls

At sea patrol are also undertaken whereby vessels are boarded and inspected to ensure compliance with IOTC management measures

- 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 Seychelles longline fleet has been notified on the requirement of resolution 10/06. The vessels have been advised to avoid operating in areas where interaction with seabirds are considered to be high. The logbook has been modified to allow the reporting of incidental capture of sea-birds/ released alive as well as discarded dead

- 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): 14/03/2014

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:

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- 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.

At sea deployment under the Seychelles National Observer Programme started in July 2013.

Two fishing trips (63 days) were covered in 2013 and the information reported in the National report presented at the IOTC Scientific Committee meeting in December 2013. Data are currently being processed and the report, including level of coverage will be communicated to the IOTC secretariat.

- 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.

No records of interaction with marine turtles are currently reported. However the logbook have been modified for the collection of this data which will be reported to the secretariat in the future.

- 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 transshipments in ports by its vessels (Name of LSTV, IOTC Number, name of carrier vessel, species and quantity transhipped, date and location of transshipment). *[A template report exists]*.

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

Yes Date of reporting (DD/MM/YYYY): 14/03/2014
No

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

Yes No

Additional information:
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- 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.

The use of large scale driftnet is prohibited. No incidence in regards to its use have been detected during at sea patrols

- 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 YES Date of reporting (DD/MM/YYYY): 14/03/2014
Purse seine vessels YES Date of reporting (DD/MM/YYYY): 14/03/2014

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

Yes No

Additional information:
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- 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.

No reported incidence of encirclement of cetaceans by the purse seine fleet reported.

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

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.

Some interactions with whale sharks are reported by the Purse seine fleet. However the information is limited to presence or incidental encirclement. The logbook have been modified to include more details, particularly in regards to the release of whale sharks and the condition of release.

- 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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A record of Licensed Foreign Vessels Fishing for IOTC species in the IOTC Area of competence has been submitted.

Information on Access agreements are yet to be submitted to the IOTC secretariat.