

## **Report of Implementation for the year 2012**

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF THE REPORT 7 MARCH 2013**

Reporting CPC: Malaysia

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

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**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 12-01 On The Implementation Of The Precautionary Approach  
*Stock Reference Point and Associated Harvest Control Rules will be determined base on Scientific Committee Meeting.*
2. Resolution 12-02 Data Confidentiality Policy And Procedures  
*Malaysia exercise data confidentiality for submission to IOTC Secretariat.*
3. Resolution 12-03 On The Recording Of Catch And Effort By Fishing Vessels In The IOTC Area Of Competence  
*Malaysia have adopted Data Recording System for Longliners operating beyond EEZ using logbook and for Purse-seiner operating within Malaysia EEZ, the use of logbook is in process of implementation.*
4. Resolution 12-04 On The Conservation Of Marine Turtles (Including in accordance with Article X of the IOTC Agreement, their progress of implementation of the FAO Guidelines and this Resolution)  
*Instruction have been given to Malaysian fishing operators of the Resolution 12/04 in particular, the record of any incidental catch of marine turtle. Research on C-hook and TED have been carried out by Department of Fisheries (DOF) Malaysia. At present, DOF Malaysia is promoting the use of both C-hook and TED by demonstrations and trials through cooperation with local fisherman communities. DOF Malaysia also create awareness by promoting the importance of conserving marine turtle to the public.*
5. Resolution 12-05 On Establishing A Programme For Transhipment By Large-Scale Fishing Vessels  
*DOF Malaysia have monitored transhipment activities between LSTLV and carrier vessel operators. Transhipment declarations have been sent to the secretariat in accordance to the Resolution 12/05. As the transhipment activities only started in November 2012, full report as requested in Res 12/05, para 20 will only be submitted before 15<sup>th</sup> September 2013.*
6. Resolution 12-06 On Reducing The Incidental Bycatch Of Seabirds In Longline Fisheries  
In force in July 2014
7. Resolution 12-07 Concerning A Record Of Licensed Foreign Vessels Fishing For IOTC Species In The IOTC Area Of Competence And Access Agreement Information  
*Not Applicable. No Licensed Foreign Fishing Vessels issued by DOF Malaysia in 2012*
8. Resolution 12-08 Procedures On A Fish Aggregation Devices (FADs) Management Plan

*No purse-seiners operating beyond Malaysia EEZ.*

9. Resolution 12-09 On The Conservation Of Thresher Sharks (Family Alopiidae) Caught In Association With Fisheries In The IOTC Area Of Competence

*Instruction have been given to Malaysian fishing operators of the Resolution 12/09 in particular, the record of any incidental catch of thresher Sharks (Family Alopiidae). Shark catch data have been submitted to IOTC Secretariat.*

10. Resolution 12-10 To Promote Implementation Of Conservation And Management Measures Already Adopted By IOTC

*Not Applicable*

11. Resolution 12-11 On The Implementation Of A Limitation Of Fishing Capacity Of Contracting Parties And Cooperating Non-Contracting Parties

*List of Active Vessels in 2012 have been submitted to IOTC Secretariat. VMS report shall be submit to the IOTC Secretariat upon request. No IUU vessels were reported for 2012. Fleet Development Plan submitted by Malaysia as in 2011 is still relevant.*

12. Resolution 12-12 To Prohibit The Use Of Large-Scale Driftnets On The High Seas In The IOTC Area (Including a summary of monitoring, control, and surveillance actions related to large-scale driftnet fishing on the high seas in the IOTC Area of Competence)

*Not Applicable*

13. Resolution 12-13 For The Conservation And Management Of Tropical Tuna Stocks In The IOTC Area Of Competence (Including a summary of VMS records related to their fleet operation in the previous year for the consideration of the Compliance Committee)

*Instruction have been given to Malaysian fishing operators of the Resolution 12/13. No fishing operation were conducted during closing area at the specific area of closure. VMS record are provided.*

14. Recommendation 12/15 On The Best Available Science

*Not Applicable*

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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.*

Malaysia is now in reviewing the new Tuna Strategic Plan which incorporates with the Malaysia Fisheries Act 1985 to implement conservation and management measures adopted by IOTC.

**Part C.** Data and information reporting requirements for CPCs to be included in this report (please refer to the *section March 2013 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.

Malaysia will provide report of export on bigeye tuna data from Indian Ocean to the Commission.

- 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”.

DOF Malaysia have revised the Licensing Condition related to the IOTC requirements for operation in Indian Ocean and will be implemented by end of 2013 which include:

- 1) The use of Logbook on board
- 2) Authorisation to Fish (ATF)
- 3) Report of bycatch on Marine Turtle, Sharks and Seabird.

- 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.

Instruction have been given to Malaysian fishing operators of the Resolution 10/06 and report every bycatch of seabird in the logbook. Mitigation measures of seabird will be enforce by 2014.

- 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.

Not Applicable

- Resolution 11/04 On a Regional observer scheme

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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.

Malaysia is yet to implement the Regional observer scheme, due to human and financial constraints. However, to date, Malaysia has participate in the IOTC observer programme involving one carrier vessel.