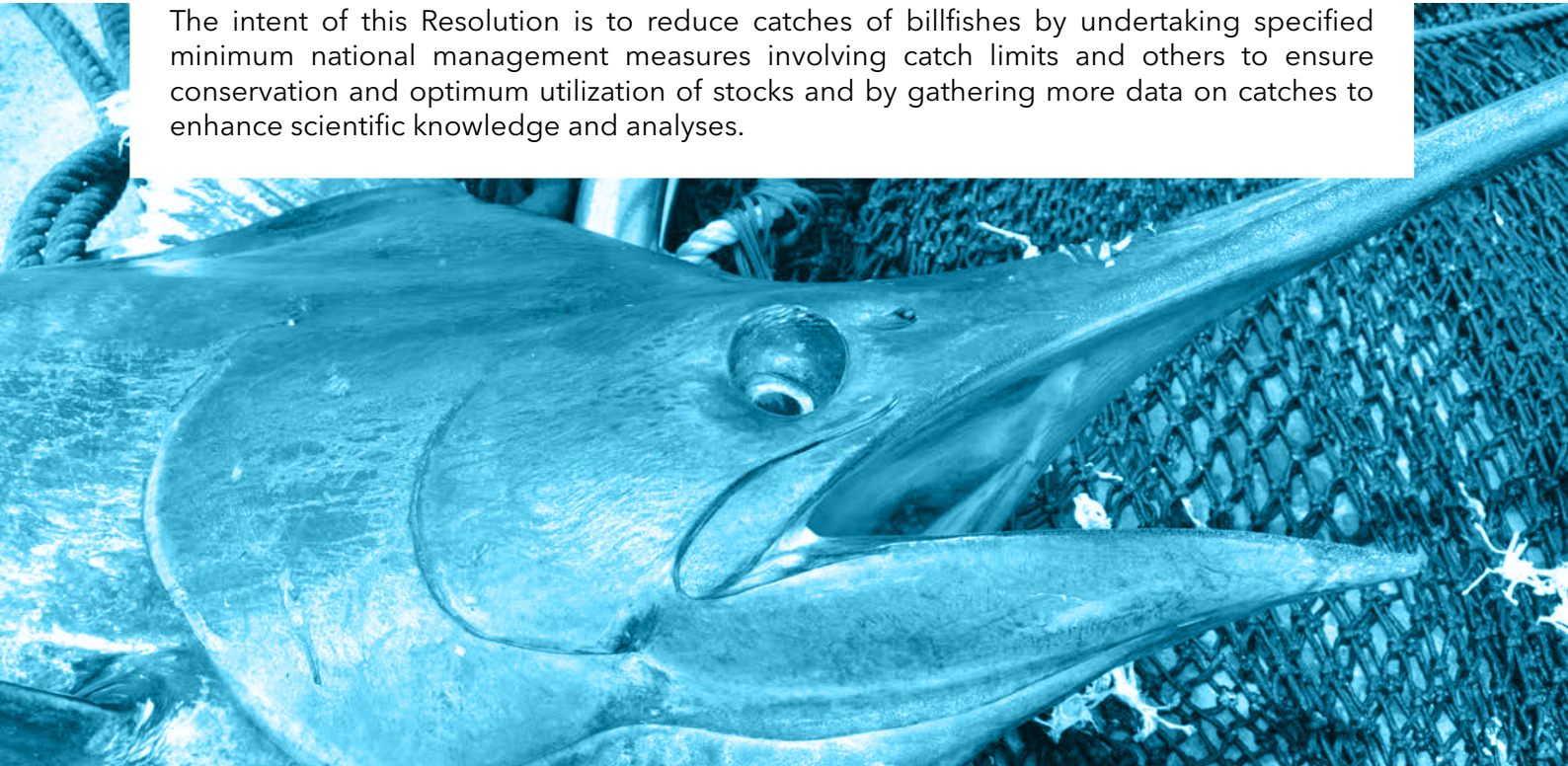


**RESOLUTION 18/05****ON MANAGEMENT MEASURES FOR THE CONSERVATION OF BILLFISHES: STRIPED MARLIN, BLACK MARLIN AND BLUE MARLIN AND INDO-PACIFIC SAILFISH**

APPLICABLE TO



The intent of this Resolution is to reduce catches of billfishes by undertaking specified minimum national management measures involving catch limits and others to ensure conservation and optimum utilization of stocks and by gathering more data on catches to enhance scientific knowledge and analyses.

**REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

There are two reporting requirements for the flag State CPC, one of which must be made to the Scientific Committee.

WHO

CPC FLAG STATE

WHAT

Report data on catches, released alive and/or discarded, together with effort, size and discard data of striped, black and blue marlins and Indo-pacific sailfish

Actions taken domestically to monitor catches and manage fisheries for striped, black and blue marlins and Indo-pacific sailfish

WHEN**DEADLINE**

Submit yearly data by 30 June, annually

DEADLINE

No later than 15 days prior to the start of the annual regular session of the Scientific Committee

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS: FORMAT AND CONTENT

Reporting templates have been developed for submitting data on catch and effort, length frequencies and bycatch/discards for IOTC fisheries and are to be used for this Resolution. They are available at <http://www.iotc.org/data/requested-statistics-and-submission-forms>

REPORTING REQUIREMENT 1:

REPORT DATA ON CATCHES, RELEASED ALIVE AND/OR DISCARDED, TOGETHER WITH EFFORT, SIZE AND DISCARD DATA OF STRIPED, BLACK AND BLUE MARLINS AND INDO-PACIFIC SAILFISH. (PARA 8)

IMPLEMENTATION

- How to report: The flag State CPC should address an official letter to the IOTC Secretariat, covering the data reporting templates which should be attached.
- Reporting format: The template form can be downloaded from the following link: <http://www.iotc.org/data/requested-statistics-and-submission-forms> (forms 1RC, 3CE, 3AR, 4SF, 1D1)
- Where to send the information: The letter should be sent to iotc-secretariat@fao.org

REPORTING REQUIREMENT 2:

ACTIONS TAKEN DOMESTICALLY TO MONITOR CATCHES AND MANAGE FISHERIES FOR STRIPED, BLACK AND BLUE MARLIN AND INDO-PACIFIC SAILFISH (PARA 9)

IMPLEMENTATION

- How to report: In the national report to the Scientific Committee.
- Reporting format: The template for the national report can be downloaded from the following link: <https://www.iotc.org/science> (para 6.6 of the template)
- Where to send the information: The letter should be sent to iotc-secretariat@fao.org.





TRANSPOSITION INTO NATIONAL LAW

PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK

TO PROHIBIT RETENTION ON BOARD, TRANSHIPMENT, LANDING ANY UNDERSIZE STRIPED MARLIN, BLACK MARLIN, BLUE MARLIN, INDO-PACIFIC SAILFISH (PARA 5)

The operator of a [country] fishing vessel that is operating in the IOTC area of competence [and the operator of any foreign fishing vessel in areas under [country] jurisdiction]¹ shall:

- a. not retain on board, tranship or land, any striped marlin, black marlin, blue marlin or Indo-pacific sailfish smaller than 60 cm Lower Jaw Fork Length; and
- b. where such species smaller than the minimum length described in subsection (a) are brought on board, immediately return them to the sea in a manner that maximizes post-release survival potential without compromising the safety of crew.

¹ Optional. To be included where national jurisdiction is within the IOTC area of competence.



COOPERATION REQUIREMENTS

None in this Resolution.

OBLIGATIONS OF THE INDUSTRY

Reporting catch data to the flag State.

OBLIGATIONS OF THE SECRETARIAT

None in this Resolution.

OBLIGATIONS OF THE COMMISSION & BODIES

The obligations under the Resolution are to be undertaken by the Scientific Committee, the Compliance Committee and the Commission.

The Scientific Committee must:

- together with the Working Party on Billfish continue their work on monitoring and assessing the above stocks and provide advice to the Commission;
- annually review information provided and assess the effectiveness of the fisheries management measures reported by CPCs and, as appropriate, provide advice to the Commission;
- for each species, provide specified advice including: options to reduce fishing mortality; options for candidate reference points; and species-specific minimum conservation sizes.

The Compliance Committee must annually review information provided and assess the effectiveness of the fisheries management measures reported by CPCs and, as appropriate, provide advice to the Commission.

The Commission must consider assistance to developing CPCs for the collection of the required data.



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