

**RESOLUTION 17/07****ON THE PROHIBITION TO USE LARGE-SCALE DRIFTNETS  
IN THE IOTC AREA**

APPLICABLE TO



This Resolution is based on United Nations General Assembly Resolution 46/215 which called for a global moratorium on large-scale pelagic driftnet fishing on the high seas by 1992. Large-scale driftnets are defined as gillnets or other nets or a combination of nets that are more than 2.5 kilometres in length. It applies to vessels registered on the IOTC Record of Authorised vessels that use driftnets to target IOTC species in the IOTC area.

CPCs must take all measures necessary to prohibit their fishing vessels from using large-scale driftnets while on the high seas in the IOTC area of competence, and to prohibit their fishing vessels from using large-scale driftnets in the entire IOTC area by 1 January 2022. The ban of large-scale driftnet fishing addresses concerns that such fishing will seriously undermine other conservation and management efforts - notably ecologically sensitive species, or ghost fishing of lost sections of netting.

**REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

There is one reporting requirements under this Resolution: CPCs must summarise their monitoring, control and surveillance (MCS) actions related to large-scale driftnet fishing in the IOTC Area of Competence in their annual Report of Implementation.

**WHO**

CPC FLAG, COASTAL AND PORT STATES

**WHAT**

Include in their Annual Report a summary of monitoring, control, and surveillance actions related to large-scale driftnet fishing in the IOTC area

**WHEN****DEADLINES**

*60 days before the session of the Commission annually*

**REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:  
FORMAT AND CONTENT**

The reporting must be in part C of the Report of Implementation.

## REPORTING REQUIREMENT 1:

SUMMARISE MONITORING, CONTROL, AND SURVEILLANCE ACTIONS RELATED TO LARGE-SCALE DRIFTNET FISHING IN THE ANNUAL REPORT OF IMPLEMENTATION. (PARA 6)

### IMPLEMENTATION

- How to report: CPCs should submit the Report of Implementation to the IOTC Secretariat, detailing the MCS actions taken to implement this Resolution.
- Reporting format: Report of Implementation, Part C.
- Where to send the information: Implementation report should be sent to [iotc-secretariat@fao.org](mailto:iotc-secretariat@fao.org) [Valid for Pakistan under 12/12 (5) on high seas.]

## TRANSPOSITION INTO NATIONAL LAW

### PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK

#### TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF LARGE-SCALE DRIFTNET FISHING (PARA 3)

- 1) For the purposes of this section, "large scale driftnet" means gillnets or other nets or a combination of nets that are more than 2.5 kilometres in length.
- 2) The operator of a [country] fishing vessel that is operating in the IOTC area of competence [and the operator of any fishing vessel in areas under [country] jurisdiction]<sup>1</sup> shall be prohibited from carrying on board or using for fishing any large-scale driftnet. [Valid for Pakistan under 12/12 (2) on high seas.]

## COOPERATION REQUIREMENTS

None in this Resolution.

## OBLIGATIONS OF THE INDUSTRY

The industry is prohibited from using large-scale driftnets on the high seas in the IOTC area. Use in the entire IOTC area is prohibited by 1 January 2022. [Valid for Pakistan under 12/12 (2) on high seas.]

## OBLIGATIONS OF THE SECRETARIAT

None in this Resolution.

## OBLIGATIONS OF THE COMMISSION & BODIES

The Commission must periodically assess whether additional measures should be adopted and implemented to ensure that large-scale driftnets are not used in the IOTC and to take into account the latest advice of the Scientific Committee. The first assessment must take place in 2023.

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



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