

**RESOLUTION 17/05**
**ON THE CONSERVATION OF SHARKS CAUGHT
 IN ASSOCIATION WITH FISHERIES MANAGED BY IOTC**

APPLICABLE TO



CPC FLAG STATE



CPC COASTAL STATE

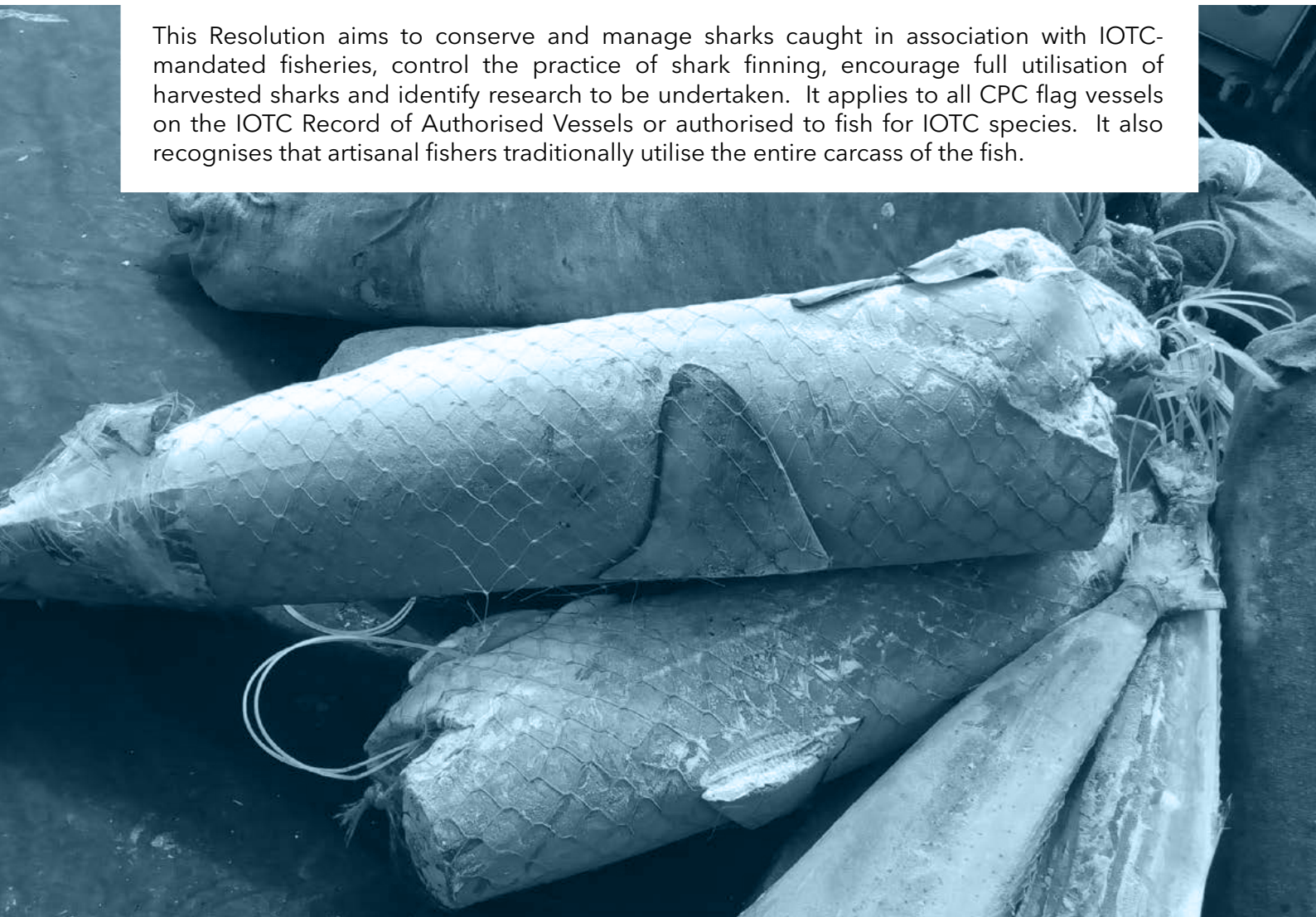


CPC PORT STATE



CPC MARKET STATE

This Resolution aims to conserve and manage sharks caught in association with IOTC-mandated fisheries, control the practice of shark finning, encourage full utilisation of harvested sharks and identify research to be undertaken. It applies to all CPC flag vessels on the IOTC Record of Authorised Vessels or authorised to fish for IOTC species. It also recognises that artisanal fishers traditionally utilise the entire carcass of the fish.

**REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

Flag States must report annually catches of sharks, including submission of all available historical data, estimates and life status of discards (dead or alive) and size frequencies, in accordance with IOTC data reporting procedures in Resolution 15/02 on Mandatory Statistical Requirements for IOTC CPCs.

WHO

CPC FLAG STATES

WHAT

Report nominal catch, catch and effort and size frequency data of catches of sharks collected through logbook programme and from coastal fleet

WHEN

DEADLINES

All fleets, except longline fleets, to submit final data by 30 June, annually

Longline fleets to submit provisional data by 30 June and final data by 30 December, annually



REPORTING REQUIREMENTS: FORMAT AND CONTENT

Detailed reporting templates to cover shark catches have been developed by the Secretariat. These forms cover data reporting requirements under Resolution 15/02 on Mandatory Statistical Requirements, and accommodate the reporting needs under this Resolution.

REPORTING REQUIREMENT 1:

PROVIDE STATISTICS OF CATCHES OF SHARKS: NOMINAL CATCH, CATCH AND EFFORT, DISCARDS AND SIZE FREQUENCY, COLLECTED THROUGH THE LOGBOOK PROGRAMME, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE IOTC DATA REPORTING PROCEDURES. (PARA 6)

IMPLEMENTATION

- How to report: Submission of data required under this Resolution must strictly comply with the relevant data recording and submission guidelines, as provided within the applicable template forms.
- Reporting format: Data must be submitted in specified file format. The template forms can be accessed at <https://www.iotc.org/data/reporting-data-iotc> (forms 1RC, 3CE, 3AR, 4SF, 1D1)
- Where to send the information: The data report should be sent to iotc-secretariat@fao.org



TRANSPOSITION INTO NATIONAL LAW

PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK

TO PROHIBIT THE REMOVAL OF SHARK FINS ON BOARD VESSELS (PARA 3)

- 1) 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:
- take measures to prevent the removal of any shark fin from its carcass aboard the vessel;
 - not remove, directly or indirectly allow the removal or disregard the removal of any shark fin from the carcass on board the vessel;
 - in relation to sharks landed fresh, not retain on board, carry, land or tranship shark fins which are not naturally attached to the shark carcass until the first point of landing;
 - in relation to sharks landed frozen, not have on board fins that total more than 5% of the weight of sharks on board until the first point of landing;
 - where fins and carcasses are not required to be offloaded together at the point of first landing, comply with such compliance-related measure(s) as may be required or directed by the [fisheries authority] including certification or monitoring by an observer.
- 2) Notwithstanding section 1, the operator may, in order to facilitate on-board storage, permit shark fins to be partially sliced through and folded against the carcass without removal from the carcass until the first point of landing.

TO PROHIBIT THE PURCHASE, OFFER FOR SALE AND SALE OF SHARK FINS REMOVED ON BOARD, ETC. (PARA 7)

- 3) Any person who purchases, offers for sale or sells shark fins which have been removed onboard, retained on board, landed or transhipped in contravention of section (1) or an applicable conservation and management measure of a relevant regional fisheries management organisation commits an offence.

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



COOPERATION REQUIREMENTS

The Commission shall consider appropriate assistance to developing CPCs for the collection of data on their shark catches.

OBLIGATIONS OF THE INDUSTRY

- Full utilization of the shark catch;
- Live release of sharks where possible;
- For sharks landed fresh: CPCs shall prohibit the landing, retention on-board, transshipment and carrying of shark fins which are not naturally attached to the shark carcass until the first point of landing;
- For sharks landed frozen, vessels to not have on-board fins that total more than 5 % of the weight of (fanned) shark carcasses on-board, up to the first point of landing;
- Vessels are prohibited from retaining on board, transshipping or landing any fins harvested in contravention to this resolution.

OBLIGATIONS OF THE SECRETARIAT

None in this Resolution.

OBLIGATIONS OF THE COMMISSION & BODIES

The Scientific Committee must request the IOTC Working Party on Ecosystems and Bycatch to continue its work on identifying and monitoring the status of sharks until such time as comprehensive assessments are possible for all relevant shark species/groups. In particular, the IOTC Working Party on Ecosystems and Bycatch will establish the Terms of Reference for the Commission to establish a long term-project on sharks in IOTC, with the aim to ensure the collection of data required for performing reliable stock assessments for key shark species.



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