

**RESOLUTION 18/07****ON MEASURES APPLICABLE IN CASE OF NON-FULFILMENT OF REPORTING OBLIGATIONS IN THE IOTC**

APPLICABLE TO



This Resolution primarily addresses situations where flag State CPCs fail to comply with IOTC data reporting obligations. This specifically relates to the reporting of nominal catch data to the IOTC Secretariat by the 30th June of each year. These obligations alongside others, are codified in Resolutions 15/02 and 15/01. Due to patchy submission of information and data gaps, the Scientific Committee is currently hampered in its efforts to accurately assess the status of stocks and to provide informed management advice to the Commission.

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

There is one reporting requirement under this Resolution for Flag State CPCs to include in their annual Report on Implementation, and one for reporting of zero catches as part of the reporting of nominal catches. Reporting procedures are designated to facilitate the reporting of zero catches.

WHO

CPC FLAG STATE

WHAT

Detailed information on actions taken to implement reporting obligations for all IOTC fisheries, including shark species caught in association with IOTC fisheries, in particular the steps taken to improve their data collection for direct and incidental catches

Procedures to facilitate the reporting of zero catches as required under Annex I, paragraph 1 must be followed

WHEN**DEADLINE**

60 days ahead of the Session annually

DEADLINE

30 June annually

**REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:
FORMAT AND CONTENT**

Reports must be made in the annual Report of Implementation and a reporting template.

REPORTING REQUIREMENT 1:

INFORMATION ON ACTIONS TAKEN TO IMPLEMENT REPORTING OBLIGATIONS FOR ALL IOTC FISHERIES. (PARA 1)

IMPLEMENTATION

- How to report: A template report is not provided, but CPCs must provide the following information in Part C of the Implementation Report: actions taken to implement their reporting obligations for all IOTC fisheries, including shark species caught in association with IOTC fisheries, in particular the steps taken to improve their data collection for direct and incidental catches.
- Reporting format: In Part C of the Implementation Report.
- Where to send the information: The report should be mailed to iotc-secretariat@fao.org

REPORTING REQUIREMENT 2:

PROCEDURES TO FACILITATE THE REPORTING OF ZERO CATCHES AS REQUIRED UNDER ANNEX I, PARAGRAPH 1 MUST BE FOLLOWED. (PARA 4)

IMPLEMENTATION

- How to report: A template report is provided.
- Reporting format: A template is provided and is available at: www.iotc.org/compliance/reporting-templates. (form 1DR)
- Where to send the information: The report should be mailed to iotc-secretariat@ifao.org

COOPERATION REQUIREMENTS

None under this Resolution.

OBLIGATIONS OF THE INDUSTRY

Following the decision on the prohibition of retention, industry may no longer retain on-board the species targeted by the prohibition.

OBLIGATIONS OF THE SECRETARIAT

The IOTC Secretariat has three obligations under the Resolution:

- the IOTC Secretariat works with CPCs unable to meet reporting obligations to implement possible alternative methods for data collection, using established FAO data collection methods;
- the IOTC Secretariat includes in the annual compliance report, information detailing data submission status by species or stock (e.g. complete, incomplete, or missing) for each CPC;
- in consultation with the Chairperson of the Compliance Committee and the Commission, the IOTC Executive Secretary reviews new data submitted by identified CPCs to determine if certain required datasets are complete and if so, the Secretariat informs the CPC that it can resume retention of the concerned species/stock in the related fishery.

OBLIGATIONS OF THE COMMISSION & BODIES

The Compliance Committee must review actions taken by CPCs annually.

The Commission, on the basis of the review by the Compliance Committee, may consider to prohibit CPCs not complying with their reporting obligations from retaining relevant species in the year following the lack of or incomplete reporting until such data have been received by the IOTC Secretariat.



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