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IOTC CIRCULAR 03/07

SUBJECT: UPDATE OF THE IOTC RECORD OF ACTIVE VESSELS FOR 2006

As you are aware, IOTC Resolution 05/04 *Concerning registration and exchange of information on vessels, including flag of convenience vessels, fishing for tropical tunas and swordfish in the IOTC Area of competence* requires Contracting Parties and Cooperating Non-Contracting Parties (CPC's) to submit the following information by 30 June each year:

- A list of their vessels of 24 m LOA or greater that have fished for tropical tunas and swordfish in the Area during the previous year; and
- A list of their vessels of less than 24 m LOA that have fished for tropical tunas and swordfish outside of their Economic Exclusive Zone during the previous year.

Also those CPC's which issued licenses to foreign-flagged vessels to fish for IOTC species should submit to the Secretary the above information on for these vessels at the same time. Please, refer to the text of the Resolution 05/04 for more details of the data requested.

As the next Session of the IOTC will take place on May 13-18, and in anticipation of further discussions and evaluations related to the provisions of Resolution 06/05 *On the limitation of fishing capacity, in terms of number of vessels, of IOTC contracting parties and co-operating non contracting parties*, I would appreciate if you could make available the above information by 30 April 2007. Such an earlier submission is necessary if the Commission is to have an informed debate on the issue of current fishing capacity in the Indian Ocean.

Yours sincerely

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Executive Secretary

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