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### SUBJECT: A GUIDE TO IOTC DATA REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERS AND COOPERATING PARTIES

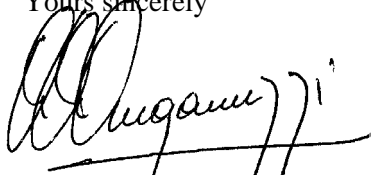
As you are aware, the IOTC has a range of Resolutions that require Contracting Parties and Cooperating Non-Contracting Parties to submit certain information to the Secretariat by particular deadlines.

A guide to your reporting requirements is attached to assist you in the timely provision of these data.

You will also notice that the secretariat would like to receive the information by email and via the [secretariat@iotc.org](mailto:secretariat@iotc.org) address. This means that the email addresses such as [vessel.record@iotc.org](mailto:vessel.record@iotc.org), [active.vessel@iotc.org](mailto:active.vessel@iotc.org), [statdoc@iotc.org](mailto:statdoc@iotc.org), etc should now no longer be used.

Please not hesitate to contact us if we can assist you with your data submissions.

Yours sincerely



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#### Attachments:

- Guide to IOTC data reporting requirements

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## Guide to IOTC data reporting requirements for members and cooperating parties

The exact requirements are described in the resolutions which are available from [www.iotc.org](http://www.iotc.org).

All data should be faxed or emailed to [secretariat@iotc.org](mailto:secretariat@iotc.org) and clearly marked as to which resolution they pertain to.

April
<p><b>By 1 April:</b></p> <p><b>Resolution 01/06 Concerning the IOTC bigeye tuna statistical document programme</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For CPCs that import bigeye tuna, import data for the period 1 July – 31 December of the previous year.</li> </ul> <p><b>Recommendation 03/05 Concerning trade measures</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For CPCs that import or land tuna and tuna-like species and products, information on vessels / owners, product data (species, weight), point of export.</li> </ul>
June
<p><b>By 30 June:</b></p> <p><b>Resolution 01/05 Mandatory statistical requirements for IOTC Members</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Catch, effort and size frequency data from surface fleets and fleets operating in the coastal zones for the previous year.</li> <li>Provisional catch, effort and size frequency data from longline fleets operating on the high seas for the previous year.</li> <li>Catch, effort and size frequency data from artisanal, small scale and sports fisheries.</li> </ul> <p><b>Including Resolution 05/05 Concerning the conservation of sharks caught in association with fisheries managed by IOTC</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Data on shark catches in accordance with IOTC data reporting procedures.</li> </ul> <p><b>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</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>List of the vessels &gt;24 m LOA that have fished for tropical tunas and swordfish in the IOTC Area during the previous year.</li> <li>List of the vessels &lt;24 m LOA that have fished for tropical tunas and swordfish outside of their EEZ during the previous year.</li> <li>List of the foreign flagged vessels that have been issued with licences by your country to fish for tuna and tuna-like species in the IOTC Area.</li> </ul> <p><b>Resolution 06/03 On establishing a vessel monitoring system programme</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A report on the implementation and progress of your VMS programme.</li> </ul>
July
<p><b>By 1 July:</b></p> <p><b>Resolution 05/03 Relating to the establishment of an IOTC programme of inspection in port</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>List of the foreign vessels that have landed in your ports tuna or tuna-like species caught in the Indian Ocean, including catch details (weight and species).</li> </ul> <p><b>Resolution 06/02 On establishing a programme for transshipment by large-scale fishing vessels</b></p> <p>By 1 July 2008:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>List of the carrier vessels that are authorised to receive at-sea transshipments from your LSTLV's in the IOTC Area.</li> </ul>
September
<p><b>By 1 September - starting 2008:</b></p> <p><b>Resolution 06/02 On establishing a programme for transshipment by large-scale fishing vessels</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The quantities of species transhipped during the previous year.</li> <li>The list of LSTV's registered in the IOTC Record of which have transhipped during the previous year.</li> <li>A comprehensive report assessing the content and conclusions of the reports from the observers assigned to the carrier vessels which have had received transshipments from your LSTLV's.</li> </ul>
October
<p><b>By 1 October:</b></p> <p><b>Resolution 01/06 Concerning the IOTC bigeye tuna statistical document programme</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For CPC's that import bigeye tuna, the import data for the period 1 January – 30 June of the current year.</li> </ul>
December
<p><b>By 30 December:</b></p> <p><b>Resolution 01/05 Mandatory statistical requirements for IOTC Members</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Final catch, effort and size frequency data from longline fleets operating on the high seas for the previous year.</li> </ul> <p><b>Including Resolution 05/05 Concerning the conservation of sharks caught in association with fisheries managed by IOTC</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Data on shark catches in accordance with IOTC data reporting procedures.</li> </ul>

### The following information may be sent to the secretariat at any time.

**Resolution 01/03 Establishing a scheme to promote compliance by Non-Contracting Party vessels with resolutions established by IOTC.**

- Notice of any vessel fishing contrary to IOTC conservation and management measures.

**Resolution 05/02 Concerning the establishment of an IOTC record of vessels authorised to operate in the IOTC area.**

- Provide any amendments to the list of vessels authorised to operate in the IOTC area.
- Provide factual information when there are reasonable grounds for suspecting that an AFV not on the IOTC List of Authorised Vessels is engaged in fishing or transshipment of tuna or tuna-like species in the IOTC Area.

**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.**

- Information on any vessels not on the active vessels list but known or presumed to be fishing for tropical tunas and swordfish in the Area

**Resolution 06/01 On establishing a list of vessels presumed to have carried out illegal, unregulated and unreported fishing in the IOTC area.**

- List of vessels presumed to be carrying out IUU fishing activities in the IOTC Area, with supporting evidence – 120 days before the next Commission meeting.

**Resolution 06/02 On establishing a programme for transshipment by large-scale fishing vessels - by 1 July 2008:**

- Any changes to the list of carrier vessels that are authorised to receive at-sea transshipments from your LSTLV's in the IOTC Area.
- Masters of receiving carrier vessels to transmit (to the Secretariat) the IOTC transshipment declaration, along with its number in the IOTC Record of Carrier Vessels within 24 hours of the completion of the transshipment.