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**IOTC CIRCULAR 2012/03**

**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 data and information to the Secretariat by particular deadlines.

The attached guide is provided to assist you in the timely provision of these data and information.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can assist you with queries regarding any of your data and information submissions.

Sincerely yours,

Alejandro Anganuzzi

*Executive Secretary*

**Attachment** - Guide to IOTC data and information reporting requirements for members and Cooperating Non-contracting Parties  
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Please **NOTE**: the exact requirements are described in the resolutions which are available from [www.iotc.org](http://www.iotc.org). All data should be faxed (+248 4224364) or emailed to [secretariat@iotc.org](mailto:secretariat@iotc.org) and clearly marked as to which resolution they pertain to.

### February 2012

#### By 08 February, 2012:

**Resolution 11/03** *On Establishing A List Of Vessels Presumed To Have Carried Out Illegal, Unregulated And Unreported Fishing In The IOTC Area*

CPCs shall transmit every year to the Secretary a list of the vessels presumed to have been carrying out IUU fishing activities in the IOTC Area of competence during the current and previous year, accompanied by evidence supporting the presumption of IUU fishing activity.

#### By 15 February, 2012:

**Resolution 10/07** *Concerning a Record of Licensed Foreign Vessels Fishing for Tunas and Swordfish in the IOTC Area*

All CPCs which issue licenses to foreign flag vessels to fish for tunas and swordfish in the portion of their EEZ that falls within the IOTC Area of Competence, by 15 February every year:

- Shall submit to the Secretary a list of all foreign flag vessels to which such licences have been issued during the previous year.

**Resolution 10/08** *Concerning a Record of Active Vessels Fishing for Tunas and Swordfish in the IOTC Area*

All IOTC Members and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties (CPCs) with vessels fishing for tunas and swordfish in the IOTC Area of Competence, shall submit to the Secretary by 15 February every year a list of their respective vessels that were active in the Area during the previous year and that are:

- larger than 24 metres in length overall, or
- in case of vessels less than 24m, those operating in waters outside the economic exclusive zone of the flag State.

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### February 2012

#### By 22 February, 2012:

#### **IOTC Agreement Article X** *Report of Implementation*

- An annual statement of the actions taken with respect to IOTC conservation and management measures since the previous meeting.

#### **Resolution 01/06** *Concerning the IOTC bigeye tuna statistical document programme*

- CPCs which export bigeye tuna shall examine export data upon receiving the import data from the Secretary, and report the results to the Commission annually.

#### **Recommendation 05/07** *Concerning a management standard for the tuna fishing vessels*

- The CPC flag states which issues licenses to their AFVs should report annually to the Commission all measures taken meet the minimum management standard when they issue fishing licenses to their “authorised fishing vessels”.

#### **Resolution 09/06** *On marine turtles*

- CPCs shall report to the Commission, in accordance with Article X of the IOTC Agreement, their progress of implementation of the FAO Guidelines and this Resolution.

#### **Resolution 10/06** *On Reducing the Incidental Bycatch of Seabirds in Longline Fisheries*

- CPCs shall provide to the Commission, as part of their annual reports, information on how they are implementing this measure and all available information on interactions with seabirds, including bycatch by fishing vessels carrying their flag or authorised to fish by them. This is to including details of species where available to enable the Scientific Committee to annually estimate seabird mortality in all fisheries within the IOTC area of competence.

#### **Resolution 10/10** *Concerning market related measures*

- For CPCs that import tuna and tuna-like fish products, or in whose ports those products are landed or transhipped, should report , a range of information (e.g. information on vessels / owners, product data (species, weight), point of export) annually.

#### **Resolution 11/04** *On a Regional observer scheme*

CPCs shall provide to the Executive Secretary and the Scientific Committee annually a report of the number of vessels monitored and the coverage achieved by gear type in accordance with the provisions of this Resolution.

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### April 2012

#### By 1 April, 2012:

##### **Resolution 01/06** *Concerning the IOTC bigeye tuna statistical document programme*

- For CPCs that import bigeye tuna, import data for the period 1 July – 31 December of the previous year.

### June 2012

#### By 30 June, 2012:

##### **Resolution 05/05** *Concerning the conservation of sharks caught in association with fisheries managed by IOTC*

- CPCs shall annually report data for catches of sharks, in accordance with IOTC data reporting procedures, including available historical data.

##### **Resolution 06/03** *On establishing a vessel monitoring system programme*

- Each CPC shall provide to the IOTC Secretariat, by 30 June each year, a report on the progress and implementation of its VMS programme.

##### **Resolution 09/06** *On marine turtles*

- Data on interactions with sea turtles, including successful mitigation measures, incidental catches and other impacts on marine turtles in the IOTC Area, such as the deterioration of nesting sites and swallowing of marine debris.

##### **Resolution 08/04** *Concerning The Recording Of Catch By Longline Fishing Vessels In The IOTC Area*

- The flag State and the States which receive logbook data provided by the fishing masters shall provide all the data for any given year to the IOTC Secretariat and the Scientific Committee by June 30th of the following year on an aggregated basis.

##### **Resolution 10/02** *Mandatory statistical requirements for IOTC Members (note similar requirements in Resolution 10/03 Concerning the recording of catch by fishing vessels in the IOTC Area and Resolution 08/04 Concerning the recording of catch by longline vessels in the IOTC Area)*

- Catch, effort and size frequency data from surface fleets and fleets operating in the coastal zones for the previous year.
- Provisional catch, effort and size frequency data from longline fleets operating on the high seas for the previous year.
- Catch, effort and size frequency data from artisanal, small scale and sports fisheries.
- Longline fleets operating in the high seas shall provide provisional data for the previous year no later than 30 June.

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### June 2012

- All other fleets (including supply vessels) shall submit their final data for the previous year no later than 30 June.

**Resolution 10/06** *On reducing incidental bycatch of seabirds in longline fisheries*

- Data on interactions with seabirds, including incidental catches.

### July 2012

**By 1 July, 2012:**

**Resolution 05/03** *Relating to the establishment of an IOTC programme of inspection in port*

- The reporting requirement for this resolution should now be under Resolution 10/11

### September 2012

**By 14 September, 2012:**

**Resolution 11/05** *On establishing a programme for transshipment by large-scale fishing vessels*

- The quantities of species transhipped during the previous year.
- The list of LSTV's registered in the IOTC Record of which have transhipped during the previous year.
- A comprehensive report assessing the content and conclusions of the reports from the observers assigned to the carrier vessels which have received transhipments from your LSTLV's.

**By 16 September, 2012:**

**Resolution 10/01** *For the Conservation and Management of Tropical Tunas Stocks in the IOTC Area of Competence*

The area described in paragraph 2 of Resolution 10/01 shall be closed for **purse-seine** vessels in each year from 0000 hours on 1 November to 2400 hours on 1 December.

Each CPC shall inform the IOTC Secretary what:

- necessary legal and administrative measures have been taken to implement the closure,
- steps have been taken to inform all interested parties and their national tuna and tuna-like species industries of the closure.

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### October 2012

#### By 1 October, 2012:

**Resolution 01/06** *Concerning the IOTC bigeye tuna statistical document programme*

- For CPC’s that imports bigeye tuna, the import data for the period 1 January – 30 June of the current year.

### December 2012

#### By 18 December, 2012:

**Resolution 10/01** *For the Conservation and Management of Tropical Tunas Stocks in the IOTC Area of Competence*

The area described in paragraph 2 of Resolution 10/01 shall be closed for **longline vessels** in each year from 0000 hours on 1 February to 2400 hours on 1 March.

Each CPC shall inform the IOTC Secretary what:

- necessary legal and administrative measures have been taken to implement the closure,
- steps have been taken to inform all interested parties and their national tuna and tuna-like species industries of the closure.

#### By 30 December, 2012:

**Resolution 10/02** *Mandatory statistical requirements for IOTC Members*

- Final catch, effort and size frequency data from longline fleets operating on the high seas for the previous year.

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

**Resolution 07/02** *Concerning the establishment of an IOTC record of vessels authorised to operate in the IOTC Area (note similar requirements in Recommendation 05/07 Concerning a management standard for tuna fishing vessels).*

- 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.
- The internal actions and measures and punitive actions taken in accordance with this resolution.

**Resolution 10/07** *Concerning a Record of Licensed Foreign Vessels Fishing for Tunas and Swordfish in the IOTC Area*

- The CPCs shall notify the Secretary of any information concerning foreign flag fishing vessels that requested a license but are not included in the Record of Authorized Vessels.

**Resolution 10/11** *On Port state measures to prevent, deter and eliminate illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing*

- Port State CPCs that have denied a foreign fishing vessel entry into its port shall communicate its decision to the IOTC secretariat.
- Port State CPCs that have denied a foreign fishing vessel the use of the port for landing, transshipping, packaging and processing of fish that have not been previously landed and for other port services shall promptly notify IOTC Secretariat.
- Port State CPCs that have withdrawn its denial, shall promptly notify the IOTC Secretariat.
- Where, following an inspection, there are clear grounds for believing that a vessel has engaged in IUU fishing or fishing related activities the Port State CPCs shall promptly notify the IOTC Secretariat.
- Port State CPCs shall, within three full working days of the completion of an inspection, transmit by electronic means a copy of the inspection report and, upon request, an original or a certified copy thereof, the IOTC Secretariat.

**Resolution 11/03** *On establishing a list of vessels presumed to have carried out illegal, unregulated and unreported fishing in the IOTC area.*

- CPCs and non-Contracting Parties may at any time submit to the Secretary any additional information, which might be relevant to the establishment of the IUU Vessels List. The Secretariat shall circulate the information before the annual meeting to CPCs concerned, together with all the evidence provided.
- CPCs and non-Contracting Parties to transmit any comments to the Secretary at least 30 days before the next Commission Meeting.

**Resolution 11/05** *On establishing a programme for transshipment by large-scale fishing vessels*

- 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.