
REPORT ON THE IOTC BIGEYE STATISTICAL DOCUMENT RECORD

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This document summarises the information received in accordance with IOTC's Bigeye Statistical Document Programme (Resolution 01/06), in particular for the period 1 January to 30 June 2008.

Submission of data for 2008 and historical summaries

Paragraph 5. The Contracting Parties which import bigeye tuna shall report the data collected by the Programme to the Secretary each year by April 1 for the period of July 1 - December 31 of the preceding year and October 1 for the period of January 1 - June 30 of the current year, which shall be circulated to all the Contracting Parties by the Secretary.

An overview of the level of reporting associated with the bigeye tuna statistical programme since the programmes implementation is given in Table 1.

With respect to submissions received for the year 2008, Belize, China, Japan and Korea provided information for the period 1 January to 30 June (Table 1). China has also provided information for the period 1 July to 31 December 2008.

The quantities and sources of the bigeye tuna imported by CPCs are given in Table 2.

Paragraph 10. The Secretary shall maintain and update information specified in paragraphs 3 and 9 (samples of forms) and provide it to all the Contracting Parties, and promptly circulate any changes.

A dedicated database to input all data reported for Resolution 01/06 is maintained by the Secretariat. Updates are disseminated whenever new information is received.

All correspondence related with the implementation of the IOTC Statistical Document and Re-export Certificate Program is also entered in the database.

Paragraph 11. The Commission shall request the non-Contracting Parties which import bigeye tuna to cooperate with implementation of the Programme and to provide to the Commission data obtained from such implementation.

No information has been received from non-Contracting Parties to-date.

Table 1. An overview of the levels of reporting associated with the bigeye tuna statistical programme since the programmes implementation. S1 (semester 1) refers to the period 1 January to 30 June. S2 (semester 2) refers to the period 1 July to 31 December. Shaded cells indicate that information has been provided to the Secretariat. CPC's that have lodged validation documents (signatures and seals) with the Secretariat are indicated. Data as of February 2009

IOTC MEMBERS	BIGEYE TUNA STATISTICAL DOCUMENT DATA														
	Validation documents	2008		2007		2006		2005		2004		2003		2002	
		S2	S1	S2	S1	S2	S1	S2	S1	S2	S1	S2	S1	S2	—
AUSTRALIA	✓														
BELIZE	✓														
CHINA	✓														
COMOROS															
ERITREA															
EC	✓														
FRANCE (OT)															
GUINEA															
INDIA															
INDONESIA	✓														
IRAN.	✓														
JAPAN	✓														
KENYA	✓														
KOREA, REPUBLIC OF	✓														
MADAGASCAR															
MALAYSIA															
MAURITIUS	✓														
OMAN	✓														
PAKISTAN															
PHILIPPINES	✓														
SEYCHELLES	✓														
SRI LANKA	✓														
SUDAN															
TANZANIA															
THAILAND	✓														
UK(OT)															
VANUATU															
Cooperating Parties															
SENEGAL	✓														
SOUTH AFRICA	✓														
URUGUAY															

Table 2. The amount (rounded tonnes) and source of frozen bigeye tuna reported by importing countries in accordance with the bigeye tuna statistical document programme. Note, CPC's that reported zero imports are not included.

Importing Country: China¹						
Source (flag of harvester)	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
Unknown	3,151					
TOTAL	3,151 t					

Notes ¹ China has indicated that detailed information on fishing areas, gears and flag States of the harvesting vessels is currently not available.

Importing Country: EC²						
Source (flag of harvester)	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
Kenya			10			
Mauritius		5	5			
Seychelles		2				
TOTAL		7 t	15 t			

Notes: ² Data are from three members of the EC

Importing Country: Japan						
Source (flag of harvester)	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
China	2,205	5,236	5,292	4,599	2,532	3,555
Taiwan,China	11,949	22,242	24,642	39,287	47,945	55,082
EC (Spain)		3	2			
Indonesia	235	629	1,347	1,568	1,920	2,156
Republic of Korea	389	1,133	2,147	3,026	1,438	420
Maldives				24	27	
Namibia						19
Oman	53	85				
Papua New Guinea					121	385
Philippines	1,232	2,238	1,378	1,365	1,374	1,456
Seychelles	2,578	4,137	3,084	4,903	4,288	1,965
South Africa	1					7
Sri Lanka			128	15		
Thailand	25					
TOTAL	18,666 t	35,703 t	38,020 t	54,787 t	59,646 t	65,045 t

Importing Country: Republic of Korea						
Source (flag of harvester)	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
China	117		64	198		30
Taiwan,China	8		499	524		259
Indonesia	171		76	87	184	
Japan	9			36	1	
Oman	43					
Papua New Guinea				18	70	
Philippines	115			58		
Seychelles	4					4
TOTAL	467 t		638 t	922 t	255 t	293 t

Importing Country: Thailand						
Source (flag of harvester)	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
China						72
Taiwan,China			61	115	30	5
TOTAL		0 t	61 t	115 t	30 t	77 t