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ANNUAL REPORT OF IMPLEMENTATION TO IOTC

Reporting CPC: BELIZE

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Part 1 A: Actions taken under national legislation, in 2009 to implement conservation and management measures adopted by the Commission at the last session.

Resolution 09/01: On the performance of review follow-up

The content of this resolution is respected.

Resolution 09/02: On the implementation of a limitation of fishing capacity of Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties.

- In accordance with paragraph 1 of the aforementioned Resolution, please find attached a list of Belize flagged fishing vessels which fished for tropical tunas during 2006 (Attachment 5) and for swordfish and albacore during the year 2007 (Attachment 7).
- In accordance with paragraph 2 of the aforementioned Resolution we confirm that we have verified the effective presence and fishing activities of our vessels in the IPTOC area in 2006 and in 2007 through our VMS records, catch reports, vessel inspections etc.

Resolution 09/03: On establishing a list of vessels presumed to have carried out illegal, unregulated and unreported fishing in the IOTC area.

We have not observed any vessels that have engaged in IUU activities within the IOTC Convention area in 2009 nor have we received any reports of any Belize flagged vessels being engaged in IUU activities within this area.

Resolution 09/04: On a Regional Observer Scheme

Belize already has a collection of qualified flag State observers who will be deployed to our vessels for observer inspection as required and in accordance with the aforementioned Resolution. We also intend to utilize the IOTC's observers as necessary once the contribution factor and procedures for this Scheme has been determined at the upcoming meeting.

Resolution 09/05: To prohibit the use of large-scale driftnets on the high seas in the IOTC area of competence.

In compliance with this resolution, all Belize flagged vessels are prohibited from utilizing large scale driftnets on the high seas in the IOTC area.

Resolution 09/06: On Marine Turtles

In compliance with Resolution 08 /03 and 05/08 “On reducing the incidental by-catch of seabirds in longline fishery and on “Sea Turtles”, as advised in our submission dated 23rd April 2009 and Annual Report dated 29th January 2009, Belize issued Fishing Vessel Circular FVC-08/02 in compliance with these two resolution and utilizing the FAO guidelines for Reducing Sea Turtle Mortality in fishing operations. All these measures are in compliance with the requirements of Resolution 09/06.

Part 1B: Actions taken under national legislation to implement conservation and management measures adopted by the Commission in previous sessions.

In accordance with the above, please note that Belize had in its past submissions to the Commission, reported on the actions taken to implement conservation and management measures in accordance with the following Resolution.

- Resolution 08/03 and 05/08 On reducing the incidental bycatch of seabirds in longline fishery and on sea turtles respectively.
- Resolution 07/05 On limitation of fishing capacity of IOTC Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties in terms of number of longline vessels targeting Swordfish and Albacore.
- Resolution 07/02 Concerning the establishment of an IOTC record of vessels authorized to operate in the IOTC area.
- Recommendation 03/05 Concerning Trade Measures.
- Resolution 08/01 On mandatory statistical requirements for IOTC Members and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties.
- Resolution 07/04 Concerning Registration and Exchange of Information on Vessels Fishing for Tropical Tuna and Swordfish in the IOTC Area of Competence
- Resolution 06/03 on Establishing a Vessel Monitoring System Programme
- Resolution 05/03 Relating to the Establishment of an IOTC Program of Inspection in Port
- Resolution 08/02 on Establishing a Programme for Transshipment by Large Scale Fishing Vessels.
- Resolution 01/06 Concerning the IOTC Bigeye Tuna Statistical Document Programme.

PART 2

Application	Subject (Applicable Resolution)	Information to be provided by CPCs
Flag State Controls	Authorized vessels (07/02)	Number of vessel on the Record of Authorized Vessels: 9
	Active Vessels (07/04)	Number of vessels active in the previous year: 6
		Active Vessel List provided to the Secretariat: YES
	Control of Domestic Vessels (01/02)	Number of inspections of flag vessels: At Sea: None At Port: 1 per year or as required from time to time
		Number of Vessels issued with logbooks Types of logbooks: Belize flagged vessels are provided with a detailed catch report form that must be submitted on a monthly basis or after every voyage.
		Number of vessel marked: 6
		Number of vessels whose gears are marked: Nil
	Vessel Monitoring System(06/03)	Number of authorized vessels fitted with VMS transceiver/transponder All of our vessels regardless of length and size are fitted with VMS in accordance with the applicable IOTC Resolution
	Transshipment (08/02)	Number of carrier vessels authorized: 1 caried vessel has been authroized , but we have no registered or licensed carrier vessel in our fleet
		Number of authorizations issued for transshipment at sea: 4 Transshipment at Port: Nil
		Report of the quantities of fish, by sepcies, transshipped at sea has been provided: NO
		List of vessels that have transshipped has been provided to the Secretariat: YES (Attachment 1)
Assessment of observer reports have been provided to the Secretariat: No reports have been submitted by obersers		

Compliance of Flag vessels (06/01; 09/03)	Number of cases brought against vessels for undermining IOTC Conservation and Management Measures There has been no cases brought against Belize flagged vessels for undermining IOTC's Conservation and Management Measures.
Scientific Data (08/01)	Information for active vessels has been provided to the Secretariat in relation to: Nominal Catch Data: YES (Attachment 2) Catch and Effort data: YES (Attachment 3) Size Data: YES (Attachment 4)
Bigeye tuna statistical Document Program - Flag State (01/06; 03/03)	Number of bigeye tuna export documents validated: N/A
	Number of institutions authorized to validate bigeye tuna statistical documents: 2
	Number of officials authorized to validate bigeye tuna statistical documents: 4
	Number of validated bigeye tuna export documents, which have been received from importing States(s): N/A
Bigeye tuna statistical Document Programme Importing State (01/06;03/03)	Quantities of bigeye tuna imported: Nil (Not Applicable) we have not/do not import tuna
	Number of valid bigeye tuna statistical documents received: N/A
	Number of invalid bigeye tuna statistical documents received: N/A
	Number of bigeye tuna statistical documents exchanged with Flag State(s): N/A.
By-catch and interactions with other species (05/05; 08/03)	Information has been provided to the Secretariat and Scientific Committee on: By catch of sharks: No. Belize has no reports of shark by-catches for 2009 Interaction with seabirds: YES (refer to our Annual Report Part 1A)
	Information has been provided to the Secretariat and Scientific Committee on the implementation of bycatch mitigation devices. For seabirds: YES (refer to our 2008 annual report submission and Part 1A of our Annual report for 2009) For Sharks: Yes (all our vessel owners and operators have been notified of the restrictions contained in Resolution 05/05 and have complied with the requirement contained therein.)

Port State Controls	Programme of inspection in Port (05/03)	Has provide the Scientific Committee with information on research work undertaken to mitigate the adverse effects of fishing activities on Seabirds and sharks: We are not a coastal state within the IOTC Convention area and as such have not undertaken any research to mitigate the adverse effects on fishing activities on seabirds and sharks.
		Number of foreign vessels calling into your port(s): N/A (We are not a coastal state within the IOTC Convention area.)
		Number of foreign vessels inspected: N/A
		Number of cases involving foreign vessels found to have undermined IOTC Conservation and Management measures Number of cases reported to the Flag State: N/A Number of cases report to the Secretariat: N/A
Coastal State Controls	Foreign vessels licensed (07/04)	Number of foreign vessels licensed: N/A
		Number of foreign vessels that have been refused a license: N/A
		Information on licensed foreign vessels have been report to the Secretariat: N/A
Responsibility of all CPCs	Control of Nationals (07/01)	Number of cases detected where natural or legal persons have engaged in activities that undermine IOTC conservation and management measures : None Number of cases where actions have been taken: None Number of cases reported to the Secretariat: None