

Report of Implementation

Reporting CPC: Philippines

Date: March 2010

Part 1 A. *Describe the actions taken, under national legislation, in the previous year to implement conservation and management measures adopted by the Commission at the last Session.*

Resolution 09/01 *On the performance review follow-up*

The Philippines fisheries management principles are focussed to ensuring that all fishing activities conducted by its flagged vessels are compliant to all conservation and management measures put in place by the Commission which is designed to ensure the sustainable catch of fish stocks and conservation of biodiversity. In fact, the Philippines is a member of the Coral Triangle Initiative which has been organized to ensure that all biological life found within its waters is sustained. This same principle will be put in place in any of its activities outside of its waters.

Resolution 09/02 *On the implementation of a limitation of fishing capacity of Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties* The Philippines has maintained relatively small fleet of active fishing vessels operating within the Indian Ocean which is commensurate with its idea of sustainable catching.

Resolution 09/03 *On establishing a list of vessels presumed to have carried out illegal, unregulated and unreported fishing in the IOTC area* The Philippines has not observed any IUU fishing activities within the convention area.

Resolution 09/04 *On a Regional observer scheme* The Philippines has fully participated in the Regional Observer Program of the IOTC. It has also prepared its own corps of observers in the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission which can also be utilized in other tuna RFMOs when accredited as such.

Resolution 09/05 *To prohibit the use of large-scale driftnets on the high seas in the IOTC area of competence* A survey has been conducted by the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources [BFAR] on this activity and we have concluded that no fishing company authorized to fish in the convention area utilize such gear.

Resolution 09/06 *On marine turtles* The Philippine fleet that operate fishing vessels have been reminded by the BFAR and are therefore mindful of the need to reduce the by-catch of sea turtles. Out of the seven species of sea turtle in the world, the Philippines is home to five of these heroes in a half-shell. As such, it is in the interest of the Philippines to conserve this marine life.

Part 1 B. *Describe the actions taken, under national legislation, to implement conservation and management measures adopted by the Commission in previous Sessions, and which have not been reported previously.*

On August 1, 2008, the DA- FAR issued FISHERIES ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 226:Series of 2008 which is entitled "Regulation on the Mesh Size of Tuna Purse Seine Nets and Trading of Small Tuna". This applies to all tuna catchers regardless of gear.

Part 2. In order to assist the Secretariat to prepare more accurate reports for the Compliance Committee, CPCs are invited to complete the following form and submit it together with Part 1 of this document.

Application	Subject (Resolution number)	Information to be provided by CPCs
Flag State Controls	Authorised Vessels (07/02)	Number of vessels on the Record of Authorised Vessels 73
	Active Vessels (07/04)	Number of vessels active in the previous year 7
		Active vessels list provided to the Secretariat Yes
	Control of domestic vessels (01/02)	Number of inspections of flag vessels: At sea In port 6
		Number of vessels issued with logbooks 7
		• Types of logbook: Paper type (bound) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Electronic <input type="checkbox"/>
		Number of vessels marked 7
	Number of vessels whose fishing gears are marked 7	
	Vessel Monitoring System (06/03)	Number of authorised vessels fitted with VMS transceiver/transponder 7
	Transshipment (08/02)	Number of carrier vessels authorised all
		Number of authorisations issued for: Transshipments at sea 24 Transshipments in port 2
		Report on the quantities of fish, by species, transhipped at sea has been provided to the Secretariat Yes
		List of vessels that have transhipped has been provided to the Secretariat Yes
Assessments of Observer reports have been provided to the Secretariat No		
Compliance of flag	Number of cases brought against vessels for undermining IOTC conservation and management measures 0	

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	vessels (06/01; 09/03)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of cases reported to the Secretariat none
	Scientific Data (08/01)	Information for active vessels has been provided to the Secretariat in relation to: Nominal catch data Yes Catch and effort data Yes Size data No
	Bigeye tuna Statistical Document Programme – flag State (01/06; 03/03)	Number of bigeye tuna export documents validated 29
		Number of institutions authorised to validate bigeye tuna statistical documents 1
		Number of officials authorised to validate bigeye tuna statistical documents 3
		Number of validated bigeye tuna export documents, which have been received from importing State(s) 29
	Bigeye tuna Statistical Document Programme – importing State (01/06; 03/03)	Quantities of bigeye tuna imported nilkg
		Number of valid bigeye tuna statistical documents received no
		Number of invalid bigeye tuna statistical documents received 0
		Number of bigeye tuna statistical documents exchanged with flag State(s) nil
	By-catch and interactions with other species (05/05; 08/03)	Information has been provided to the Secretariat and Scientific Committee on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bycatch of Sharks Yes Interactions with Seabirds N/A
		Information has been provided to the Secretariat and Scientific Committee on the implementation of bycatch mitigation devices: For seabirds N/A For sharks N/A
		Has provided the Scientific Committee with information on research work undertaken to mitigate the

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		adverse effects of fishing activities on: Seabirds No Sharks No
Port State controls	Programme of inspection in port (05/03)	Number of foreign vessels calling into your port(s) nil
		Number of foreign vessels inspected nil
		Number of cases involving foreign vessels found to have undermined IOTC conservation and management measures 0 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of cases reported to the flag State 0 • Number of cases reported to the Secretariat 0
Coastal State controls	Foreign vessels licensed (07/04)	Number of foreign vessels licensed nil
		Number of foreign vessels that have been refused a licence 0
		Information on licensed foreign vessels has been reported to the Secretariat No
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 nil <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of cases where actions have been taken nil • Number of cases reported to the Secretariat 0