

**RESOLUTION 17/08**

PROCEDURES ON A FISH AGGREGATING DEVICES (FADs) MANAGEMENT PLAN, INCLUDING A LIMITATION ON THE NUMBER OF FADS, MORE DETAILED SPECIFICATIONS OF CATCH REPORTING FROM FAD SETS, AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF IMPROVED FAD DESIGNS TO REDUCE THE INCIDENCE OF ENTANGLEMENT OF NON-TARGET SPECIES

APPLICABLE TO



CPC FLAG STATE



CPC COASTAL STATE



CPC PORT STATE



CPC MARKET STATE

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

This Resolution supersedes Resolutions 15/08, 13/08 and 12/08. The evolution and use of Fish Aggregating Devices (FADs) – both anchored (AFADs) and drifting (DFADs), has increased the efficiency of fishing operations such that, using instrumented FADs, there is little or no need to search for fish. These FADs aggregate the fish, and attached sounders provide information on the species and quantity of fish around the device.

There are three reporting requirements for flag States with purse seiners deploying and actively fishing on DFADs.

WHO

CPC FLAG STATE

WHAT

Submit DFAD management plan for its purse seine vessels

Submit the data elements prescribed in Annex I

Submit reviews/ updates of DFAD Management Plans

WHEN**DEADLINES**
*Annually***DEADLINES**
*Starting in 2016***DEADLINE**
*60 days prior to Annual Meetings***REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:
FORMAT AND CONTENT**

One reporting template is used to report of the quarterly deployment of activated instrumented buoys under this resolution. In addition to this, two guidelines have been developed to facilitate the development of FAD Management Plans, which are taken from the Annexes to this resolution.

REPORTING REQUIREMENT 1:**SUBMIT DFAD MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR PURSE SEINE VESSELS****IMPLEMENTATION**

- How to report: Flag CPCs should use the guideline in the Resolution to develop their DFAD management plan.
- Reporting format: An official Letter and attached DFAD Management Plan
- Where to send the information: The report should be mailed to iotc-secretariat@fao.org

REPORTING REQUIREMENT 2:

SUBMIT THE DATA ELEMENTS PRESCRIBED IN ANNEX I AND II

IMPLEMENTATION

- How to report: Flag CPCs should report on this requirement using the IOTC standards for the provision of catch and effort data.
- Reporting format: IOTC Standards for provision of catch and effort data
- Where to send the information: The report should be mailed to iotc-secretariat@fao.org

REPORTING REQUIREMENT 3:

SUBMIT REVIEWS/UPDATES OF DFAD MANAGEMENT PLANS

IMPLEMENTATION

- How to report: Flag CPCs should use the initial DFAD Management Plan submitted as the template to report on this requirement.
- Reporting format: A letter, plus report as per the original DFAD Management Plan
- Where to send the information: The report should be mailed to iotc-secretariat@fao.org

COOPERATION REQUIREMENTS

There are none in this resolution.

OBLIGATIONS OF THE INDUSTRY

Operators shall limit the number of instrumented buoys deployed by purse seine vessels at any one time to 350.

OBLIGATIONS OF THE SECRETARIAT

There are none in this resolution.

OBLIGATIONS OF THE COMMISSION & BODIES

The FAD Management Plans shall be analysed by the Compliance Committee.

The Scientific Committee shall analyse the data provided by the CPCs to provide additional FAD management options and recommendations for consideration by the Commission in 2016.

The Scientific Committee shall recommend the marking scheme for the FADs to the Commission at its annual session in 2016.



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