



## RESOLUTION 16/05

### ON VESSELS WITHOUT NATIONALITY

APPLICABLE TO



## REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

The Resolution on vessels without nationality operationalises the substance of Articles 92 and 94 of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) and makes it mandatory for the IOTC Area of Competence and its Members. In doing so, it strengthens the tools adopted by IOTC to combat IUU fishing.

There is one reporting requirement under this resolution which applies to IOTC Contracting Parties (Members) and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties (CNCPS). It relates to reporting sightings of vessel-suspected or confirmed to be without nationality to the IOTC Secretariat.

### WHO

ALL MEMBERS AND CNCPS

### WHAT

Report sightings of vessels suspected or confirmed to be without nationality to the IOTC Secretariat

### WHEN

#### DEADLINES

*Any time (event-based reporting)*

# REPORTING REQUIREMENTS: FORMAT AND CONTENT

## SIGHTINGS OF VESSELS WITHOUT NATIONALITY

### REPORTING REQUIREMENT 1:

REPORT SIGHTINGS OF VESSELS WITHOUT NATIONALITY, SUSPECTED OR CONFIRMED, TO THE IOTC SECRETARIAT

#### IMPLEMENTATION

- How to report: A report on the sighting of the vessels without nationality should be sent to the IOTC secretariat.
- Reporting format: An official letter with completed sightings report including all identifiers relating to the vessel, positions and any evidence of fishing activities attached to it.
- Where to send the information: The report should be mailed to [iotc-secretariat@fao.org](mailto:iotc-secretariat@fao.org)

## COOPERATION REQUIREMENTS

Cooperation requirements pertain to Members and CNCPs who are encouraged to:

- Share information about vessels suspected or confirmed to be without nationality,
- Cooperate with all flag States to strengthen their legal, operational and institutional capacity to take action against their flagged vessels engaged in fishing activities in the IOTC area of competence, including the imposition of adequate sanctions, as an alternative to de-flagging vessels.

## OBLIGATIONS OF THE INDUSTRY

There are none in this resolution.

## OBLIGATIONS OF THE SECRETARIAT

There are two obligations for the IOTC Secretariat under the resolution:

- When information on a sighting is received by the IOTC Secretariat, it must circulate the information to all Members and CNCPs;
- The Secretariat will provide a report to the Compliance Committee.

## OBLIGATIONS OF THE COMMISSION & BODIES

There are none in this resolution.



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