



## RESOLUTION 11/04 ON A REGIONAL OBSERVER SCHEME

APPLICABLE TO



### REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

This Resolution supersedes Resolution 10/04 of the same name and it is targeted to flag States. The regional observer scheme focuses on the need to increase scientific information. Its objective is to collect verified catch data by species, as well as other relevant scientific data. Observers (and samplers) under the scheme have no enforcement mandate but only a scientific mandate. The scheme targets both at-sea observations and sampling in the small-scale fisheries.

There are three yearly reporting requirements for the flag State for this Resolution, namely the annual report to the Executive Secretary of IOTC and the annual report to the Scientific Committee of the number of vessels monitored and the coverage by gear type, and third, the observer reports provided by the observer after each trip.

#### WHO

CPC FLAG STATE

#### WHAT

Annual Report  
to IOTC Executive Secretary  
of number of vessels monitored  
and coverage by gear type

Annual Report  
to the Scientific Committee  
of number of vessels monitored  
and coverage by gear type

Submit observer reports  
in the set format within 150 days  
of end of the observer trip, in  
accordance with confidentiality  
policies and procedures

#### WHEN

##### DEADLINE

Implementation Report, 60 days  
before the session of the Commission

##### DEADLINE

National Scientific Report, 30 days  
before the Scientific Committee

##### DEADLINE

Within 150 days of the completion  
of each observer trip

### REPORTING REQUIREMENTS: FORMAT AND CONTENT

At its 13th Session in 2010, the IOTC Scientific Committee reviewed the report of the technical workshop organised in May 2010, and endorsed the documents produced by the Secretariat; an Observer Manual and an Observer Trip Report template containing the minimum reporting requirements. These were subsequently formally adopted at the 15th session of the Commission in 2011 where it was noted *“Minimum data requirements were adopted as well as an observer report template that will be reviewed and revised as necessary”*. Resolution 11/04 was also adopted which states *“the IOTC Scientific Committee will elaborate an observer working manual, a template to be used for reporting (including minimum data fields) and a training program”*. The information on the Regional Observer scheme and templates can be found at <http://www.iotc.org/science/regional-observer-scheme-science>.

#### REPORTING REQUIREMENT 1:

PROVIDE ANNUAL REPORT TO IOTC EXECUTIVE SECRETARY ON NUMBER OF VESSELS MONITORED AND COVERAGE BY GEAR TYPE

##### IMPLEMENTATION

- How to report: The flag State CPC shall complete the appropriate section of the Implementation Report (Part C) for the Commission
- Reporting format: Template of the Implementation Report (Part C), available at <http://www.iotc.org/compliance/reporting-templates>
- Where to send the information: The reports should be mailed to [secretariat@iotc.org](mailto:secretariat@iotc.org)

#### REPORTING REQUIREMENT 2:

PROVIDE ANNUAL REPORT TO THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE ON NUMBER OF VESSELS MONITORED AND COVERAGE BY GEAR TYPE

##### IMPLEMENTATION

- How to report: The flag State CPC shall complete the appropriate section of the National Scientific Report for the Scientific Committee.
- Reporting format: Template of the National Scientific Report, available at <http://www.iotc.org/science>
- Where to send the information: The reports should be mailed to [secretariat@iotc.org](mailto:secretariat@iotc.org)

#### REPORTING REQUIREMENT 3:

PROVIDE THE OBSERVER REPORT IN THE SET FORMAT WITHIN 150 DAYS OF END OF THE OBSERVER TRIP, IN ACCORDANCE WITH CONFIDENTIALITY POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

##### IMPLEMENTATION

- How to report: The flag State CPC shall complete the IOTC observer report template.
- Reporting format: Template of the observer report, available at <http://www.iotc.org/science/regional-observer-scheme-science>
- Where to send the information: The reports should be mailed to [secretariat@iotc.org](mailto:secretariat@iotc.org)

## COOPERATION REQUIREMENTS

There is none in this resolution.

## OBLIGATIONS OF THE INDUSTRY

Vessel Masters shall provide suitable food and lodging during the observer's deployment at the same level as the officers.

## OBLIGATIONS OF THE SECRETARIAT

There is none in this resolution.

## OBLIGATIONS OF THE COMMISSION & BODIES

There is none in this resolution.



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