



RESOLUTION 15/05

ON CONSERVATION MEASURES FOR STRIPED MARLIN, BLACK MARLIN AND BLUE MARLIN

APPLICABLE TO



REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

The intent of this regulation is to reduce catches of striped, black and blue marlins back to 2009-2014 levels, and gather more data on catches to enhance scientific knowledge and analyses. There is one reporting requirement for the flag State CPC, and this reporting requirement, although for all fishing gears, is emphasised as required for gillnet fisheries.

The reporting requirement of this resolution for coastal State CPC focused on the submission of catch and effort data of marlins caught by foreign fishing vessels and reported to the coastal State through the logbooks programme (if the coastal State is licensing foreign fishing vessels). It is implied that this information shall be reported as per the requirements of Resolution 15/01 in accordance with the timeline of Resolution 15/02.

WHO

CPC FLAG STATE

CPC COASTAL STATE

WHAT

Report data on nominal catch, catch and effort, length frequencies and bycatch/discards of striped, black and blue marlins

Reporting catch and effort data on marlins from foreign fishing vessels logbooks (if the coastal State is licensing foreign fishing vessels)

WHEN

DEADLINE

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REPORTING REQUIREMENTS: FORMAT AND CONTENT

Reporting templates have been developed for submitting data on catch and effort, length frequencies and bycatch/discards for IOTC fisheries and are to be used for this Resolution. They are available at <http://www.iotc.org/data/requested-statistics-and-submission-forms>

MARLINS DATA REPORTING BY FLAG STATE

REPORTING REQUIREMENT 1:

REPORT DATA ON NOMINAL CATCH, CATCH AND EFFORT, LENGTH FREQUENCIES AND BYCATCH/DISCARDS OF STRIPED, BLACK AND BLUE MARLINS

IMPLEMENTATION

- **How to report:** The flag State CPC should address an official letter to the IOTC Secretariat, covering the data reporting templates which should be attached.
- **Reporting format:** The template form can be downloaded from the following link: <http://www.iotc.org/data/requested-statistics-and-submission-forms>
- **Where to send the information:** The letter should be mailed to secretariat@iotc.org

MARLINS DATA REPORTING BY COASTAL STATE

REPORTING REQUIREMENT 2:

PROVIDE TO THE IOTC SECRETARIAT A REPORT OF CATCH AND EFFORT DATA ON MARLINS FROM FOREIGN FISHING VESSELS LOGBOOKS (IF THE COASTAL STATE IS LICENSING FOREIGN FISHING VESSELS), IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE IOTC DATA REPORTING PROCEDURES

IMPLEMENTATION

- **How to report:** For marlins data required to be submitted under the resolution, the specific data recording and submission guidelines, as provided within the applicable template forms, ought to be followed meticulously. For marlins, form 3CE apply.
- **Reporting format:** Data must be submitted in specified file format. The template spread-sheet form can be accessed under <http://www.iotc.org/data/requested-statistics-and-submission-forms>
- **Where to send the information:** The data report should be mailed to secretariat@iotc.org

COOPERATION REQUIREMENTS

There is none in this resolution.

OBLIGATIONS OF THE INDUSTRY

Reporting of data to the flag State. Reporting of data to the coastal State.

OBLIGATIONS OF THE SECRETARIAT

There is none in this resolution.

OBLIGATIONS OF THE COMMISSION & BODIES

There are four obligations under the resolution, targeting the Scientific Committee on one hand, and the Commission on the other.

The Scientific Committee shall:

- Task the Working Party on Billfish to continue their work on monitoring and assessing the above stocks;
- Evaluate catch trends and recommend conservation and management measures,
- Annually review information reported and make recommendations to the Commission.

Commission shall:

- consider assistance to developing CPCs for the collection of the required data.