

IOTC Agreement – Article X

Report of Implementation for the year 2016

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF THE REPORT 17 MARCH 2017

Reporting CPC: Japan

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Please NOTE: this document is composed of 3 sections to report on the implementation of IOTC Resolutions

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

- Resolution 16/01 On an Interim Plan for Rebuilding the Indian Ocean Yellowfin tuna Stock in the IOTC area of competence

N/A (This resolution is not applicable to Japan.)

The report on methods for achieving the YFT catch reductions has already been provided to the IOTC Secretariat:

Yes

Date of reporting (DD/MM/YYYY): [Click here to enter text](#)

No

Additional information:

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- Resolution 16/02 On harvest control rules for Skipjack tuna in the IOTC area of competence.

N/A (The adopted Harvest Control Rules did not request any actions in 2016.)

- Resolution 16/03 On the second performance review follow-up

N/A (The ad-hoc Technical Committee was not held in 2016)

- Resolution 16/04 On the implementation of a Pilot project in view of promoting the Regional observer scheme of IOTC

N/A (Any draft project was not circulated among Contracting Parties)

- Resolution 16/05 On vessels without nationality

Japanese fishing vessels did not encounter a vessel without nationality in 2016.



- Resolution 16/06 On measures applicable in case of non fulfilment of reporting obligations in the IOTC

“NOTING that incomplete reporting or no data reporting and that, despite the adoption of numerous measures intended to address the matter, lack of compliance with reporting obligations is still a problem for the Scientific Committee and for the Commission;”

Actions taken to implement their reporting obligations for all IOTC fisheries (in terms of Resolutions 15/01 and 15/02), including shark species caught in association with IOTC fisheries, and in particular the steps taken to improve their data collection for direct and incidental catches.

Note: where applicable, please report actions separately for artisanal (coastal), and industrial IOTC fisheries:

- **Action(s) to improve data collection that facilitate improvements in compliance in terms of IOTC mandatory reporting obligations (e.g. development or improvements in the implementation of logbooks, port-based sampling or related fisheries surveys, national observer scheme, vessel registry, electronic data capture, VMS, or on-board electronic monitoring):**

Japan has collected total catch data, catch and effort data and size data for direct and incidental catch through fishing logbooks and observers, and submitted them to the Secretariat in a timely manner.

- **Action(s) to improve data processing and reporting systems that facilitate submission of data to the IOTC Secretariat (e.g., development of fisheries databases and data dissemination systems, development of automated routines to process and extract IOTC data submissions, steps to minimise data entry errors):**

Logbooks and observer data are processed into electronic data files by National Research Institute of Far Sea Fisheries (NFIFSF), and verified them before a submission to the Secretariat.

- **Action(s) to improve the quality and accuracy of data submitted to the IOTC Secretariat (e.g., steps to improve data validation, improvements in sampling coverage, frame surveys, etc.; coherence of data with alternative fisheries datasets, comparability of data from previous years):**

Before a submission of the data to the Secretariat, various error checks including date and location of operation, range of weight of the fish, and CPUE are conducted by NFIFSF and Fishery Agency of Japan.

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- Resolution 16/07 On the use of artificial lights to attract fish
Japan reported, through the letter dated 21 June 2016, its intention to continue using artificial lights until 31 December 2017
- Resolution 16/08 On the prohibition of the use of aircrafts and unmanned aerial vehicles as fishing aids
Japan reported, through the letter dated 21 June 2016, its intention to continue using aerial vehicles until 31 December 2017.
- Resolution 16/09 On establishing a Technical Committee on Management Procedures
N/A (The technical committee was not held in 2016.)
- Resolution 16/10 To promote implementation of IOTC Conservation and Management Measures
N/A (This resolution applies to Contracting parties from the Commission meeting in 2017.)
- Resolution 16/11 On Port state measures to prevent, deter and eliminate illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing
Japanese fishing vessels follow the procedures for port call in accordance with this resolution.
- Resolution 16/12 Working Party on the Implementation of Conservation and Management Measures (WPICMM)
N/A (The WPICMM was not held in 2016).

Note: ^a indicate that a template report exists for some of the requirements and can be downloaded at <http://www.iotc.org/compliance/reporting-templates>

Part 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.*

N/A

Part C. Data and information reporting requirements for CPCs to be included in this report (please refer to the section “Implementation Report due by 17 March 2016” of the *Guide on data and information reporting requirements for Members and Cooperating Non-contracting Parties*, available for download at <http://www.iotc.org/compliance/reporting-templates>).

- Resolution 01/06 Concerning the IOTC bigeye tuna statistical document programme

CPCs which export bigeye tuna shall examine export data upon receiving the import data from the Secretary, and report the results to the Commission annually [A template report exists].

Nil report, specify the reason: No large scale longline vessels on the IOTC RAV
 Do not export frozen big eye tuna

The report has already been provided to the IOTC Secretariat:

Yes **Date of reporting (DD/MM/YYYY):** [Click here to enter text.](#)
 No

The report is attached to the implementation report:

Yes No

Additional information:

The attached report is tentative since the data is still under examination in collaboration with Korea. Japan will re-submit revised report when the examination is done.

- Recommendation 05/07 Concerning a management standard for the tuna fishing vessels

The CPC flag States which issues licenses to their AFVs should report annually to the Commission all measures taken to meet the minimum management standards when they issue fishing licenses to their “authorised fishing vessels”.

a. Management in the fishing grounds (of flag vessels).

	<i>Scientific Observer boarding</i>	<i>Satellite-based vessel monitoring system</i>	<i>Daily or required periodic catch report</i>	<i>Entry/Exit report</i>
Yes, No?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Note	% 4.6%(2015)	% or number of vessels 100%	Method Domestic rules and regulations. (Ministerial Ordinance No.5, 22 Jan, 1963 (last revised : Ministerial	Method VMS

			Ordinance No.78, 22 Dec, 2016))	
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b. Management of transshipment (from the fishing grounds to the landing ports; of flag vessels)

	<i>Transshipment report</i>	<i>Port inspection</i>	<i>Statistical document program</i>
Yes, No?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Note	Method Domestic rules and regulations (Ministeral Ordinance No.5, 22 Jan, 1963 (last revised : Ministeral Ordinance No.78, 22 Dec, 2016))	Method Domestic rules and regulations (Act No.267, 15 Dec, 1949 (last revised: Act No.24, 11 April, 2016))	Click here to enter text.

c. Management at landing ports (of flag vessels).

	<i>Landing inspection</i>	<i>Landing reporting</i>	<i>Cooperation with other Parties</i>
Yes, No?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
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- Resolution 10/10 Concerning market related measures

For CPCs that import tuna and tuna-like fish products, or in whose ports those products are landed or transhipped, should report a range of information (e.g. information on vessels / owners, product data (species, weight), point of export) annually. *[A template report exists].*

- Nil report, specify the reason(s):** No landing from foreign vessels in national ports
 No transshipment by foreign vessels in national ports
 Do not import tuna and tuna-like fish products

The report on import, landing or transshipment of tuna and tuna-like fish products landed or transhipped in port in 2016 have already been provided to the IOTC Secretariat:



Yes

Date of reporting (DD/MM/YYYY): 16/03/2017

No

The report on import, landing or transshipment of tuna and tuna-like fish products landed or transhipped in port in 2016 is attached to the implementation report:

Yes

No

Additional information:

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- Resolution 11/02 Prohibition of fishing on data buoys

CPCs are to notify the IOTC Secretariat of all reports of observations of damaged data buoys.

Nil Report

The report has already been provided to the IOTC Secretariat:

Yes

Date of reporting (DD/MM/YYYY): [Click here to enter text.](#)

No

The report is attached to the implementation report:

Yes

No

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- Resolution 11/04 On a Regional observer scheme

CPCs shall provide to the Executive Secretary and the Scientific Committee annually a report of the number of vessels monitored and the coverage achieved by gear type in accordance with the provisions of this Resolution.

Type of gear	No of vessels monitored in 2015	Coverage in 2015 (%)
Purse seine	0 vessel	0.0%
Longline	10 vessels	4.6%
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- Resolution 12/04 On marine turtles

CPCs shall report to the Commission, in accordance with Article X of the IOTC Agreement, their progress of implementation of the FAO Guidelines and this Resolution.

Japan collects data on vessels' interactions with marine turtles and report it through the National report and observer reports. Japan has also been taking actions in accordance with the FAO Guidelines on marine turtles.

- Resolution 12 /06 On Reducing the Incidental Bycatch of Seabirds in Longline Fisheries

CPCs shall provide to the Commission, as part of their annual reports, information on how they are implementing this measure and all available information on interactions with seabirds, including bycatch by fishing vessels carrying their flag or authorised to fish by them. This is to include details of species where available to enable the Scientific Committee to annually estimate seabird mortality in all fisheries within the IOTC Area of Competence.

Japan has implemented the mitigation measures to seabird stipulated in this resolution in accordance with its domestic rules and regulations. By-catch data were submitted to the IOTC Secretariat through a observer report and a National report. In addition, Japan presented four(4) information papers regarding seabird by-catch to 12th Working Party on Ecosystems and Bycatch in 2016.

- Resolution 12/12 To Prohibit the use of large-scale driftnets on the high seas in the IOTC Area

CPCs shall include in their Annual Report a summary of monitoring, control, and surveillance actions related to large-scale driftnet fishing on the high seas in the IOTC area of competence.

Japan has complied with the resolution by the Act No.267, Dec 15, 1949 (last revised: Act No.24, 11 April, 2016) and the Ministerial Ordinance No.5, 22 Jan, 1963 (last revised : Ministerial Ordinance No.78, 22 Dec, 2016).

- Resolution 13/04 On the conservation of cetaceans

CPCs shall report, in accordance with Article X of the IOTC Agreement, any instances in which cetaceans have been encircled by the purse seine nets of their flagged vessels.

Not applicable (No PS vessels on the IOTC RAV in 2016);

No encirclement reported by flag vessels in 2016,

Encirclement reported by flag vessels in 2016 (Complete the table below):

Name of the species	Number of instances of encirclement
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- Resolution 13/05 On the conservation of whale sharks (*Rhincodon typus*)

CPCs shall report, in accordance with Article X of the IOTC Agreement, any instances in which whale sharks have been encircled by the purse seine nets of their flagged vessels.

Not applicable (No PS vessels on the IOTC RAV in 2016);

No encirclement reported by flag vessels in 2016,

Encirclement reported by flag vessels in 2016 (Complete the table below):

Name of the species	Number of instances of encirclement
Whale sharks (<i>Rhincodon typus</i>)	Click here to enter text.

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- Resolution 14/05 Concerning A Record Of Licensed Foreign Vessels Fishing For IOTC Species In The IOTC Area Of Competence And Access Agreement Information

For Government to Government access agreement in existence prior to the entry into force of this resolution, where coastal CPCs allow foreign-flagged vessels to fish in waters in their EEZ in the IOTC Area for species managed by IOTC through a CPC-to-CPC agreement, CPCs involved in the referred agreement:

- Shall submit copy of the access agreement,
- Shall submit information concerning these agreements (paragraphs 3a, b, c, d, e, f, g),

A report template exists and can be requested at secretariat@iotc.org

Additional information:

N/A

- Resolution 14/06 On establishing a programme for transhipment by large-scale fishing vessels
(Report of flag vessels transhipping in foreign ports)

Each flag CPC of the LSTV shall include in its annual report each year to IOTC the details on the transhipments in ports by its vessels (Name of LSTV, IOTC Number, name of carrier vessel, species and quantity transhipped, date and location of transhipment). *[A template report exists].*

Nil report, specify the reason(s): No LSTVs on the RAV
 Flag LSTVs do not tranship in foreign ports

The details on transhipment in ports for 2016 have already been provided to the IOTC Secretariat:

Yes Date of reporting (DD/MM/YYYY): 24/02/2017
No

The details on transhipment in ports for 2016 are attached to the implementation report:

Yes No

Additional information:

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- Resolution 15/04 Concerning the IOTC record of vessels authorised to operate in the IOTC Area of Competence.

CPCs shall review their own internal actions and measures taken pursuant to paragraph 7, including punitive actions and sanctions and, in a manner consistent with domestic law as regards disclosure, report the results of the review to the Commission annually. In consideration of the results of such review, the Commission shall, if appropriate, request the flag CPCs of AFVs on the IOTC Record to take further action to enhance compliance by those vessels with IOTC Conservation and Management Measures.

The flag CPCs of the vessels on the record shall:

- take measures to ensure that their AFVs comply with all the relevant IOTC Conservation and Management Measures;
Describe the measures:
Japan requires its AFVs to operate in consistent with IOTC CMMs in the IOTC Convention Area through the Act No.267, 15 Dec, 1949 (last revised: Act No.24, 11 April, 2016) and relative Ministerial Ordinance, Notification of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, and Notice of Director of Fisheries Management Division of Fisheries Agency.
- take measures to ensure that their AFVs on the IOTC Record keep on board valid certificates of vessel registration and valid authorisation to fish and/or tranship;
Describe the measures:

Japan ensures that Japanese AFVs keep on board valid certificates of vessel registration and valid authorisation to fish and/or tranship through the Ministerial Ordinance No.5, 22 Jan, 1963 (last revised : Ministerial Ordinance No.78, 22 Dec, 2016).

- ensure that their AFVs on the IOTC Record have no history of IUU fishing activities or that, if those vessels have such a history, the new owners have provided sufficient evidence demonstrating that the previous owners and operators have no legal, beneficial or financial interest in, or control over those vessels; the parties of the IUU incident have officially resolved the matter and sanctions have been completed; or that having taken into account all relevant facts, their AFVs are not engaged in or associated with IUU fishing;

Describe the measures:

No Japanese AFV on the IOTC Record has history of IUU fishing activities.

- ensure, to the extent possible under domestic law, that the owners and operators of their AFVs on the IOTC Record are not engaged in or associated with tuna fishing activities conducted by vessels not entered into the IOTC Record in the IOTC area of competence;

Describe the measures:

Japan ensures that Japanese AFVs conduct transshipments with authorised carrier vessels listed in the IOTC Record through the Ministerial Ordinance No.5, 22 Jan, 1963 (last revised : Ministerial Ordinance No.78, 22 Dec, 2016).

- take measures to ensure, to the extent possible under domestic law, that the owners of the AFVs on the IOTC Record are citizens or legal entities within the flag CPCs so that any control or punitive actions can be effectively taken against them;

Describe the measures:

Japan ensures that only Japanese citizens or legal entities within Japan have a right of becoming the owners of the AFVs on the IOTC Record through the Act No.267, 15 Dec, 1949 (last revised: Act No.24, 11 April, 2016) , the Act No.60, 14 July, 1967(last revised: Act No.119, 27 Nov, 2014) and the Act No.76, 14 Jun, 1996(last revised: Act. Act No.119, 27 Nov, 2014)

- Resolution 15/08 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

From 2015 on, CPCs shall submit to the Commission, 60 days before the Annual Meeting, a report on the progress of the management plans of FADs, including reviews of the initially submitted Management Plans, and including reviews of the application of the principles set out in Annex III.

Not applicable (No PS vessels on the IOTC RAV in 2016);

The report has already been provided to the IOTC Secretariat:



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The report is attached to the implementation report:

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No

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