

IOTC Agreement – Article X

Report of Implementation for the year 2016

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF THE REPORT 17 MARCH 2017

Reporting CPC: Oman

Date of submission: 17/03/2017

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

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):** 17/03/2017
No

Additional information:

Our catch of yellowfin tuna for the year 2014, was below the specified threshold.

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

N/A. there is no action required for the moment, as the skipjack tuna stock is in healthy position.

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

N/A. no action required under this resolution.

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

N/A. no action required under this resolution.

- Resolution 16/05 On vessels without nationality

N/A. no action required under this resolution.

- 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):**

The Sultanate continues its effort to improve and enhance the data collection, through implementing enhanced data collecting scheme depending on port-based sampling given the fact that 99.1% of the total landings come from the artisanal fishery (small skiffs), and through logbook and fishing log-sheet for the rest of the fleet (industrial). On the other hand, the Sultanate is carrying timely census for boats and vessels, thus keeping its fleet register up to date . Also, the Sultanate is carrying out a project to develop and upgrade the existing VMS, which will lead to wider coverage and enhanced accuracy fo the data.

- **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):**

There are periodic reviews of the database according to the new requirements and the possibility of improvement and development. The automated routines to process and extract IOTC data submissions still need more work, but the input process are made through qualified staff (SQL experts) and have sufficient experience to extract the required data from the database to IOTC formats.

- **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):

Artisanal database system and reporting designed to achieve 95% accuracy, sample size is auto preset for each task of collecting data. In addition, we undertake regular and periodic surveys for artisanal boats and vessels to update the fishing fleet register. Moreover, we execute cross checkings to validate the export quantities of bigeye and swordfish with the imported countries.

Additional information:

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- Resolution 16/07 On the use of artificial lights to attract fish
N/A. The Sultanate does not have any purse seine vessels in the national fleet, and using artificial lights is not allowed by the law, Article 18 of the managing of fishing bylaw stated that: "it is prohibited to use any mean for the purpose of aggregating fish to catch them."
- Resolution 16/08 On the prohibition of the use of aircrafts and unmanned aerial vehicles as fishing aids
N/A. we do not have any purse seine vessels in our fleet. And using of such aircrafts and unmanned aerial vehicles are not allowed in general by the law. Even the government officials use subject to the pre-approval of the competent authority.
- Resolution 16/09 On establishing a Technical Committee on Management Procedures
N/A. no action required under this resolution.
- Resolution 16/10 To promote implementation of IOTC Conservation and Management Measures
N/A. There is no action required under this resolution
- Resolution 16/11 On Port state measures to prevent, deter and eliminate illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing
This resolution requires each CPCs to utilise the e-PSM system, we already had a training workshop delivered by the IOTC to train our staff on the system, and we will use it to implement the resolution.

- Resolution 16/12 Working Party on the Implementation of Conservation and Management Measures (WPICMM)

N/A. there is no action required under this resolution.

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.*

Sultanate of Oman is working progressively to fulfil the requirements of CMMs.

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): 17/03/2017
 No

The report is attached to the implementation report:

Yes No

Additional information:

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- 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 type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" 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	% Click here to enter text.	% or number of vessels 100%	Method By e-mail	Method They have to make a pre-request each time they want to enter or exit

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"/>
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c. Management at landing ports (of flag vessels).

	<i>Landing inspection</i>	<i>Landing reporting</i>	<i>Cooperation with other Parties</i>
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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 transhipment by foreign vessels in national ports
 Do not import tuna and tuna-like fish products

The report on import, landing or transhipment 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): 17/03/2017
 No

The report on import, landing or transhipment 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

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No

The report is attached to the implementation report:

Yes

No

Additional information:

Fishing on data buys, is prohibited according to the Omani law

- 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	N/A	N/A
Longline	NIL	NIL
Gillnet	N/A	N/A
Bait Boat	N/A	N/A
Hand line	N/A	N/A
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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.

The law in the Sultanate of Oman prohibits the fishing of marine turtles and the use of their eggs for any purpose.

The sultanate is giving great attention to the marine turtles, and there are on-going projects to collect data about marine turtles and assess their current situation as well as propose conservation measures of these resources.

During last year, no incidents had been recorded by our fleets targeting tuna and tuna like species.

The longline fleet, had been requested to carry a line cutters and de-hookers.

The progress of implementation of the FAO guidelines had been reported to the IOTC secretariat in due date, and is attached to this report.

The progress of implementation of the FAO guidelines had been reported to the IOTC.

- 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.

The official authorities informed and instructed the Omani flagged vessels targeting tuna and tuna like species, working in the high seas to implement the Res 12/06, and During last year, the fleet did not report any bycatch of seabirds.

- 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.

Article 27 of the executive regulations of the marine fishing and living aquatic resources protection law stated that : " it is not allowed to use driftnets unless a license is obtained from competent authority in which fishing area and depth are defined, which we do not give to any fishing vessels in the high seas".

- 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
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	encirclement
NIL	NIL
NIL	NIL
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Additional information:

The law in the Sultanate of Oman prohibits the fishing of cetaceans.

- 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>)	NIL

Additional information:

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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. We did not authorize any foreign vessel to fish in our EEZ

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

Each flag CPC of the LSTV shall include in its annual report each year to IOTC the details on the transshipments in ports by its vessels (Name of LSTV, IOTC Number, name of carrier vessel, species and quantity transhipped, date and location of transshipment). [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 transshipment in ports for 2016 have already been provided to the IOTC Secretariat:

Yes Date of reporting (DD/MM/YYYY): 17/03/2017
No

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

Yes No

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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:

The fishing vessels are obliged to comply with all the conservation and management measures, if they breach those measures, they will be facing legal actions under the Omani law.

- 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:

Under the Omani law, it is mandatory to carry out the fishing licenses and other certificates on-board the fishing vessels.

- 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:

Oman works strongly to fight the IUU activities. Moreover, and before registration, the competent authority undertakes a full check on the vessel history.

- 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:

Under the Omani law, no fishing activities are allowed without formal authorization from the competent authority.

- 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:

According to the Omani law, the owners of the fishing boats and vessels shall be Omani nationals

- 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:

Yes

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