

## IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE IN 2015

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### PURPOSE

To provide the Compliance Committee with an opportunity to consider the progress made during the intersessional period, in relation to the recommendations for actions by the Chair of the Compliance Committee and the Secretariat.

### BACKGROUND

In 2015, the Commission endorsed six (6) RECOMMENDATIONS, from the Compliance Committee, for action by the Chair of the Compliance Committee and the Secretariat. These actions and their implementation in the intersessional period are detailed below.

### DISCUSSION (*OF PREVIOUS REQUESTS*)

#### 1) *National Reports on the Progress of Implementation of Conservation and Management Measures*

**(para. 36)** The CoC **RECOMMENDED** that those CPCs (Eritrea, Guinea, India, Pakistan, Sierra Leone, Sudan, Yemen, Djibouti and South Africa) who have not submitted their national 'Reports of Implementation' for 2015, do so within 30 days after the end of the Commission meeting. The Chair of the CoC, with the assistance of the IOTC Secretariat shall follow-up with each such CPC to ensure a national 'Reports of Implementation' is submitted for publication on the IOTC website and to inform CPCs during the Commission meeting and then also via an IOTC Circular once each report is received.

**Progress of Implementation:** Letters were sent out on 27th November 2015 to Eritrea, Guinea, India, Pakistan, Sierra Leone, Sudan, Yemen and Djibouti. None of the above-mentioned eight CPCs have submitted their outstanding Reports of Implementation. South Africa submitted its Report of Implementation on 27th April 2015, on the first day of the Commission meeting, and it was duly posted in the IOTC website on 29<sup>th</sup> April 2015.

**(para. 47)** The CoC **RECOMMENDED** that the IOTC Secretariat provide CPCs with the assessment criteria to understand the process of how the Compliance Reports are compiled, including information on the year being assessed for each requirement.

**Progress of Implementation:** The assessment criteria were sent out via IOTC CIRCULAR 2016-011 on 15th January 2016. One CPC (Australia) responded with comments on the criteria that led to improvements over what was initially circulated. One other CPC (the European Union) advised that they did not have any comments on the criteria.

#### 2) *Identification Of Repeated Possible Infringements Under The Regional Observer Programme*

**(para. 86)** The CoC **RECOMMENDED** that those CPCs identified in paper IOTC–2015–CoC12–08c and 8c Add1, a summary of possible infractions of IOTC regulations by large-scale fishing vessels (LSTLVs/carrier vessels), which have not submitted any response to the CoC, investigate and report back to the Commission via the IOTC Secretariat, the findings of their investigations, within three (3) months of the end of the 19th Session of the Commission, by

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submitting reports on the follow-up on the irregularities identified. In order to assist with the comprehensive evaluation of any alleged infringement, copies of the logbooks, VMS plots, licenses and any other relevant documents should be provided by the flag States, as necessary. The IOTC Secretariat shall, at the end of the three (3) months, notify the Commission via a Circular, of those CPCs who have not provided a response.

**Progress of Implementation:** A letter of reminder was sent to Thailand on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2015. The response of Thailand was received on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2016, and is presented in document *IOTC-2016-CoC13-08b Add\_2 - Response to 2014 possible infractions from Thailand*.

**(para. 87)** The CoC **RECOMMENDED** that the IOTC Secretariat work with the Contractor to request that a draft of the inspection report be provided to the fishing master of the LSTLVs to give the opportunity of the fishing master to provide comments on the inspection report and when there are comments, they are provided back to the observer for consideration for the final observer report.

**Progress of Implementation:** A new boarding form was provided to the fleets participating in the Regional Observer Programme on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2016, for them to provide comments. No comment was received from the fleets, and the new boarding form is now being used by the IOTC observers, and it presents the Master of LSTLVs the opportunity to provide their comments.

### 3) *Review of FAD management plans*

**(para. 123)** The CoC **RECOMMENDED** that the IOTC Secretariat provide a summary of compliance with the FADs management plans in a tabular format to the next CoC.

**Progress of Implementation:** Document IOTC-2016-CoC13-11 - Summary of compliance with the drifting fish aggregating devices management plans is presented to CoC13, whereby the Secretariat presents the analysis in a tabular format.

### 4) *How to progress on compliance issues*

**(para. 147)** The CoC **RECOMMENDED** that the concerned CPCs consider the development of a proposal on a Working Party on Compliance for S20.

**Progress of Implementation:** IOTC Letter *Ref: 6056*, dated 8<sup>th</sup> December 2015, from the Chair of Compliance Committee, was transmitted to Mozambique; the main proponent of the proposal at S18. The letter was also copied to the co-sponsors of the proposal, namely UK(OT) and the Maldives. No response was received from the recipients.

Proposal V, submitted by the Seychelles, will once more present the concept for the consideration of the Commission at this year's Annual meeting.