

## **IOTC Agreement – Article X**

### **Report of Implementation for the year 2015**

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF THE REPORT 16 MARCH 2016**

Reporting CPC: MOZAMBIQUE

Date of submission: 15 March

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

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**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 Nineteenth Session.*

- Resolution 15/11 On the implementation of a limitation of fishing capacity of Contracting Parties and Cooperating Non-Contracting Parties. <sup>a</sup>

Mozambique has taken in to consideration the implementation of this Resolution. In this regard in 2015 has submitted to the IOTC Secretariat the list of authorized vessels to fish in IOTC area of competence, a total of 10 Longliners being one over 24 m and 09 less than 24 metres (small scale).

Mozambique has also submitted in 2013 its Fleet Development Plan - FDP which intends to phase the replacement of these foreign tuna fishing vessels with vessels that will fish for Mozambique either directly under the Mozambique flag, or as long term charter vessels fishing for Mozambique companies. In 2015 Mozambique has started revision of the FDP to update the figures according to the current national tuna fleet development.

- Resolution 15/10 On target and limit reference points and a decision framework.

In order to follow the content of this resolution, Mozambique has attended the working parties on Billfish and ecosystem and bycatch, and the Scientific Committee Meeting .

Mozambique is committed to continue attending the meetings related to this subject and contribute in the development of alternative management measures to ensure the sustainability of the tuna resources.

- Resolution 15/09 On a fish aggregating devices (FADs) working group.

Although Mozambique does not have operational national purse seine fleet, it has an interest to follow the results from the working group, taking in to consideration that development of purse seine fleet is part of the national FDP.

Its contribution will be shared through participation or attendance on the WPTT and WPEB through national scientists and managers.

- Resolution 15/08 Procedures on 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.<sup>a</sup>

Mozambique did not have a national purse seine fleet operating in its EEZ or high seas in 2015, consequently, this measure was not applicable. Being part of the FDP, the aspiration to develop a purse seine fleet, Mozambique is planning to develop a FAD management plan of FADs to prepare for the future introduction of purse seine fleet and fulfill this requirement under this Resolution.

- Resolution 15/07 On the use of artificial lights to attract fish to drifting fish aggregating devices. Mozambique did not have a national purse seine fleet operating in its EEZ or high seas in 2015 however, to full implement this Resolution is considering the introduction of this provision/resolution in to domestic legislation and also include it in the Terms and Conditions for Tuna licensing process.

- Resolution 15/06 On a ban on discards of bigeye tuna, skipjack tuna, yellowfin tuna, and a recommendation for non-targeted species caught by purse seine vessels in the IOTC area of competence.

This measure has been shared with vessel master in order to comply it during the pre fishing briefing prior to receive the fishing license. However this requirement will be incorporated in the Terms and condition for tuna license which will be submitted to IOTC Secretariat.

Mozambique is planning to incorporate the measure in to national legislation during the revision of Maritime Fisheries Regulation which is ongoing.

- Resolution 15/05 On conservation measures for striped marlin, black marlin and blue marlin.

This measure is being shared with captains during the pre fishing briefings at designated ports. Will also be part of Terms and Conditions for Tuna license.

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

Mozambique has updated and submitted to IOTC Secretariat its template for the Certificate of Authorization to fish outside its EEZ.

Mozambique has also updated the list of vessels under its flag in 2015 which were registered in Authorized Fishing Vessels of IOTC.

Reporting on IMO number:

To allow the necessary time for CPCs to obtain an IMO number for eligible vessels that do not already have one, paragraph 2.b on IMO number is effective as of 1 January 2016. As of this date, CPCs shall ensure that all their fishing vessels that are registered on the IOTC Record of fishing vessels have IMO numbers issued to them. Paragraph 2.b on IMO number does not apply to vessels which are not eligible to receive IMO numbers.

In assessing compliance with the paragraph above, the Commission shall take into account exceptional circumstances in which a vessel owner is not able to obtain an IMO number despite following the appropriate procedures. **Flag CPCs shall report any such exceptional situations** to the IOTC Secretariat.

**The report on exceptional situations has already been provided to the IOTC Secretariat:**

Yes       **Date of reporting (DD/MM/YYYY):** Click here to enter text  
No  ; **if no report exceptional situations below:**

This measure was taken in to consideration in 2015 to allow compliance in 2016.

- Resolution 15/03 On the vessel monitoring system (VMS) Programme. <sup>a</sup>

In 2015 Mozambique has fully covered all national and foreign tuna vessels fishing in its EEZ. Reports have been submitted to IOTC Secretariat.

The terms and conditions for foreign tuna fishing vessels also mention about the need to have VMS and reporting to the FMC as a pre condition for licensing process.

- Resolution 15/02 On mandatory statistical reporting requirements for IOTC Contracting Parties and Cooperating Non-Contracting Parties (CPCs).

Mandatory statistical data was submitted to IOTC Secretariat on within the deadlines. Moreover continuous interaction is ongoing for clarifications of some matters related to the submitted data.

- Resolution 15/01 On the recording of catch and effort data by fishing vessels in the IOTC Area of Competence.

To meet requirement of this Resolution, Mozambique has developed and is implementing since 2013 the national tuna longliner logbook based on the IOTC requirements for data gathering. In the view to develop a national purse seine fleet, a specific logbook is to be developed.

In 2015 there was no need to update the longliner logbook as it follows IOTC requirements.

Note: <sup>a</sup> 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.*

The General Maritime Fisheries Regulation is in the process of revision. A consultant hired by IOTC Secretariat (Global Partnership for oceans of the World Bank project) is assisting Mozambique to accommodate provisions of relevant IOTC Resolutions as part of national legislation.

It is expected that the revision of the legislation will be concluded in 2016, and IOTC Secretariat will be notified on the final results.

**Part C.** Data and information reporting requirements for CPCs to be included in this report (please refer to the section “Implementation Report due by 16 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:

Mozambique has exported 17.607 KGS OF Bigeye tuna during period of 01 July to 31 December 2015 to USA, Uruguay and Spain. Data was compared with import data from the secretariat and there was no mention of importing data from Mozambique.

- 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>
<b>Yes, No?</b>	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 type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Note</b>	% 20 % in 2015	% or number of vessels 100% of tuna vessels	Method 10 days periodic catch reports Fishing logbook, daily fishing logsheet	Method <a href="#">Click here to enter text.</a>

b. Management of transshipment (from the fishing grounds to the landing ports; of flag vessels)

	<b>Transhipment report</b>	<b>Port inspection</b>	<b>Statistical document program</b>
<b>Yes, No?</b>	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"/>
<b>Note</b>	Method Transhipment authorisation are issued. Monitoring of transhipment by fishing inspector in Port is conducted. No transhipment at sea is allowed.	Method Tuna fishing Vessels are inspected before issuing the license. The vessel are also inspected on return to the fishing port at the end of each fishing trip	Statistical BET export document is issued. MOZ does not import BET.

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

	<b>Landing inspection</b>	<b>Landing reporting</b>	<b>Cooperation with other Parties</b>
<b>Yes, No?</b>	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"/>
<b>Note</b>	Method Monitoring of the landing by fishing inspectors	Method Inspection report (landing report) completed by Fishing Inspector	Maritime Authority Health authority, Port Authority, Navy, Maritime Agencies, customs and others

Additional information:

Mozambique meets this requirement also by implementing the Terms and Condition for tuna license for national and foreign tuna vessels and by conducting pre-fishing briefings in designated ports prior to fishing activities where the masters are briefed on all legislation and rules that must be followed in the tuna fishery.

- 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 2015 have already been provided to the IOTC Secretariat:**

Yes       Date of reporting (DD/MM/YYYY): 13 March 2016  
 No

**The report on import, landing or transshipment of tuna and tuna-like fish products landed or transhipped in port in 2015 is attached to the implementation report:**

Yes

No

Additional information:

NIL report submitted on the 13 March 2016.

- 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): 13 March 2016

No

**The report is attached to the implementation report:**

Yes

No

Additional information:

NIL report submitted on the 13 March 2016

- 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 2014	Coverage in 2014 (%)
Purse seine	0	0
Longline	7	20
Gillnet	0	0
Bait Boat	0	0
Hand line	0	0
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Additional information:

Data reflected in the table corresponds to year 2015.

- 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.

Nil report regarding implementation of this resolution in 2014 was submitted in 15th July 2015 to IOTC Secretariat. Report on implementation of the FAO Guideline is attached to this report.

Mozambique addressed this requirement in 2015 through pre-fishing briefings of the masters of national longliners. Moreover, this Resolution is also included in the Terms and conditions of the tuna license. The longliner logbook also addresses this issue, requiring vessel master to record any interaction or catch of 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.

0 incidental catch of seabirds. NIL report for 2014 submitted to IOTC Secretariat in 15 July 2015.

Mozambique also reported the implementation of this resolution on the 2015 annual report to the scientific committee

Mitigation measures are included in the ATF Terms & Conditions for Mozambican fishing vessels.

Mozambique has started revising Fisheries Regulation to incorporate IOTC Resolutions as part of its national legislation, including requirements of this Resolution.

- 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.

Mozambique is implementing this requirement through Fisheries regulation No 43/2003, Article 48, which bans the use of large scale driftnets. This measure is verified by the fishing inspectors during their at sea surveillance operations and record information in the Inspection report in port or at sea.

- 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 2015);**

**No encirclement reported by flag vessels in 2015,**

**Encirclement reported by flag vessels in 2015 (Complete the table below):**

Name of the species	Number of instances of encirclement
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Additional information:

Mozambique does not have purse seinner fleet registerd on the IOTC RAV in 2015, consequently this requirement was not applicable.

- 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 2015);**

**No encirclement reported by flag vessels in 2015,**

**Encirclement reported by flag vessels in 2015 (Complete the table below):**

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

Additional information:

Mozambique does not have purse seinner fleet registered on the IOTC RAV in 2015, consequently this requirement was not applicable.

- 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@iote.org](mailto:secretariat@iote.org)*

Additional information:

Mozambique has an agreement with European Union. The respective protocol expired in January, 2015. The agreement and related information was submitted to IOTC Secretariat on the 14 February 2015 together with the final list of foreign fishing vessels licensed in 2014.

- 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 2015 have already been provided to the IOTC Secretariat:**

Yes       Date of reporting (DD/MM/YYYY): 13 March 2016  
No

**The details on transshipment in ports for 2015 are attached to the implementation report:**

Yes       No

Additional information:

NIL report submitted to IOTC Secretariat the 13 March 2016.

- 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:

Mozambique is implementing an MCS system through:

- VMS system which is mandatory for all tuna vessels licensed to operate in its EEZ
  - Conduct at sea and port inspections to comply with national and regional/international requirements
  - Conduct pre fishing briefings prior to initiate the fishing operations
  - Developed and Introduced tuna logbooks to gather information
  - Introduced a ERS system for EU fleet and intent to expand it for the national fleet and other foreigner fleets
  - Cooperation with regional initiatives to combat IUU Fishing
- 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:

The Fisheries Law (articles 39, 42) and Maritime Fisheries Regulation and other legal instruments require that vessel masters keep on board their fishing vessels valid licenses and authorization issued by Mozambique authorities.

- 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:

All license applications are subject to verification prior to issuance the license. This activity is carried out through cross check of information in different RFMOs and other combined IUU lists. Vessels with IUU history not resolved cannot be licensed until the matter is solved.

- 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:

The national vessels does not tranship to other vessels (carrier, LSTFVs). They land at designated ports and subject to inspections process. At sea and in port surveillance operations are conducted to ensure this measure.

- 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:

The national legislation have punitive actions/sanctions for each infringement with includes fees (articles 98,99 and 100 of Fisheries Law).

Mozambique maintain national vesselsr record with all details such as previous names, name of owners and agents, etc. This information is annualy verified to avoid any mistake.