

**MOZAMBIQUE'S RESPONSE TO LETTER OF FEEDBACK FROM IOTC
COMMISSION**

Please find the attached Matrix in response to the IOTC Letter of Feedback regarding the outstanding Compliance Issues raised at the 15th Session of CoC, held in Bangkok, Thailand, in May 2018.

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<p>The CoC ACKNOWLEDGED the important work that Mozambique had undertaken in addressing the concerns raised by CoC14 in 2017, as well as the difficulties that Mozambique continues to face in fully implement a number of the CMMs adopted by the Commission, including the following:</p>	<p>Mozambique reaffirms its commitment to implement IOTC resolutions and will continue making effort at national level to improve its compliance status.</p> <p>Actions undertaken by Mozambique include the continuity of re-writing process its fisheries regulations to address the new Fisheries Law as well as transposition of IOTC Resolutions into national legislation.</p> <p>In the interim, to ensure that Mozambique comply with IOTC Resolutions, the provision of the IOTC Resolutions have been included in the Terms and Conditions for all national fishing licenses for tuna. Further, Mozambique's tuna fleet is being briefed on the IOTC Resolutions that are also included in the national tuna licenses during the pre fishing briefings at national designated ports.</p>
<p>Has not reported Size frequency for the coastal fisheries to IOTC standard, as required by Resolution 15/02.</p>	<p>No data collected and reported for artisanal fisheries to IOTC, because artisanal fisheries in Mozambique do not target tuna directly and thus, tuna species are caught as bycatch making the reporting process a big challenge.</p> <p>However, recognizing that artisanal fisheries in the Northern section of the country has some significant impact on IOTC species (neritic tunas and billfishes), Mozambique is conducting an internal assessment on existing data collection system for artisanal fisheries (SNAPA). Results were shared in the WPDCS12 (IOTC-2016-WPDCS12-13-MOZ) including an action plan to overcome the gaps in data collection (including lack of collection of size frequency data).</p> <p>Nevertheless Mozambique is reporting data on semi industrial linefish, including the size frequency of the narrow-bared Spanish mackerel.</p>

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<p>Has not reported Size frequency on sharks, as required by Resolution 05/05 superseded by the Resolution 17/05.</p>	<p>Mozambique did not reported data on size frequency on sharks for industrial fleet because during the observer coverage the vessels conducted catch and safe release of the majority of shark species caught.</p> <p>For artisanal Mozambique is not collecting SF data on sharks and some catch data are reported in aggregated form. To overcome this concern Mozambique is has developed and shared with IOTC (WPDCS) small project which contain an action plan to collect this information.</p>
<p>Has not fully implemented the requirement of inspection reports, as required by Resolution 16/11</p>	<p>This misreport of the required information was due to internal reasons related to compliance but the issue was solved out and this information will be reported accordingly to IOTC Secretariat.</p>
<p>Has not provided the mandatory Report on import, landing and transshipment of tuna and tuna-like fish products in ports, as required by Resolution 10/10</p>	<p>This was due to misunderstanding on the interpretation of the Resolution. Mozambique will approach the IOTC Secretariat for better understand on the requirement and will follow the procedures for the future reporting, including the inspection of at least 5% inspection of landings.</p>
<p>Has not fully implemented the requirement of At least 5% inspection of landing/transshipment, as required by Resolution 16/11.</p>	