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Cc: IOTC-Secretariat; 远洋协会; 许柳雄
Subject: letter of feedback_China

Dear Sir/ Madam,

Reference is made to the letter of feedback regarding compliance issues issued to China on May 25 2018, IOTC reference: 6930. And I'd like to respond to the issues noted by the Compliance Committee as follows:

1. Regarding the size frequency for longline fisheries : According to Res 15/02 paragraph 5, "Alternatively, size data for longline fleets may be provided as part of the Regional Observer Scheme where such fleets have at least 5% observer coverage of all fishing operations".

For year 2016, China's longline observer coverage has reached to 5.01% (please see National report-2017 IOTC-2017-SC20-NR02 (revised)), and the observer trip reports and detailed catch data by species and size has been submitted to the Secretariat (on 19 October 2017).

Therefore, we believe that China has fully fulfilled the reporting requirement of size frequency data for the year 2016.

2. Regarding the size frequency on sharks: Please refer to Paragraph 1 above, as shark size data were submitted as part of the observer data sets, we believe that China has fully fulfilled the reporting requirement of size frequency on sharks for the year 2016.

Hope the information could assist.

Thank you very much for your kind attention and we apologize for late response.

Sincerely,

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