

**Government of Pakistan  
Ministry of Maritime Affairs  
Ports and Shipping Wing  
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**Subject: RESPONSE TO THE FEED BACK LETTER OF IOTC**

Reference to the your Feed Back Letter of Last year 2018 on the subject noted above and to state under

1. There was some lack of communication between concern authorities resulting in poor compliances of IOTC. Since last two years, significant improvement has been made and also noticed by the IOTC.
2. Refer to resolution 15/01 row 4.3 regarding the VMS implementation plan Pakistan Government is committed to have VMS on board and it is mandatory and no new renewal and no new registration will be made with out having VMS on all boats. Pakistan Maritime Security Agency is implementing the mandatory requirement in true letter and spirit. Pakistan Maritime Security Agency is setting up the system of monitoring the boats through VMS. It will be expected that VMS implementation report will be submitted to IOTC very soon.
3. As far as the issue of authorized and active vessel, Government of Pakistan has taken the measure to start the census of tuna fishing boats which will help to get registered locally and to acquire the IMO number. It will also be helpful to develop a Fleet Development Plan and for future allocation principles.
4. As far as the mandatory requirement of data reporting of sharks fisheries and allied species Pakistan is intending to strengthen the Port Sampling in the country.
5. As far as the mandatory requirement of Regional observer program WWf Pakistan is running the Crew Based Observer Program in Pakistan which will be part of ROS scheme of IOTC very soon.

  
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