

**RESOLUTION 00/01. RESOLUTION ON COMPLIANCE WITH MANDATORY
STATISTICAL REQUIREMENTS FOR IOTC MEMBERS AND REQUESTING
COOPERATION WITH NON-CONTRACTING PARTIES**

The Indian Ocean Tuna Commission;

Recognizing that fisheries information is essential for all scientific work including stock assessments and for proper fisheries management in IOTC,

Recalling that "Mandatory Statistical Requirements for IOTC Members" were introduced at the 3rd Session of IOTC in 1998,

Expressing concern that many IOTC members fail to fully comply with such requirements,

Expressing further concern that there are significant fishing activities carried out by non-Contracting Parties in the IOTC Area and that, in particular, 70% of data from longline operations are still not reported to the IOTC,

RESOLVES that,

1. All Contracting Parties and Cooperating Non-Contracting Parties shall comply with the Resolution 98/01, "Mandatory Statistical Requirements for IOTC Members" adopted at the 3rd Session of IOTC in 1998.
2. The Secretary shall consider options to encourage the timely collection and provision of fisheries data to improve the compliance of data requirements and report them to the 2001 IOTC Scientific Committee and Commission meetings.
3. The Commission shall request Contracting and Non-Contracting Parties, to cooperate by submitting all required fisheries data before the beginning of the next Working Party .