

RESOLUTION 01/01
CONCERNING THE NATIONAL OBSERVER PROGRAMMES FOR TUNA FISHING
IN THE INDIAN OCEAN

The Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC),

Taking note of the conclusions of the intersessional meeting on the establishment of a control and inspection scheme which was held in Yaizu, Japan from the 27th to the 29th March 2001, and notably of paragraph 30 relating to the observer programmes,

Aware of the need to adopt and put into effect, prior to the adoption of an integrated programme of control and inspection, minimum control measures applicable to vessels flying the flag of a Contracting Party undertaking activities in the IOTC zone of competence,

Recommends in accordance with the provisions of the Agreement establishing the IOTC, that

1. The Contracting Parties, and non-contracting Parties cooperating with the IOTC are encouraged to present, as appropriate, before the annual meeting to be held in 2002, the national observer programmes that have been put into effect in order to observe and follow the application and compliance with IOTC measures for the vessels of Contracting Parties, non-Contracting Cooperating Parties, and fishing entities in the area of competence of IOTC
2. This presentation may include the following elements:
 - objectives of the programme (the IOTC measures concerned, the fisheries concerned)
 - characteristics of the vessels concerned (overall length, tonnage (GT, GRT), presence of vessel monitoring equipment on board, type of fishing gear, species caught)
 - coverage rate by fleet (number of observers on board compared with the number of vessels engaged in fishing, average duration of each trip for each vessel),
 - observation reporting model;
 - principal results of the observer programme