

RESOLUTION 01/02
RELATING TO CONTROL OF FISHING ACTIVITIES

The Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC),

Taking note of the results of the Intersessional Meeting on an Integrated Control and Inspection Scheme, held in Yaizu, Japan, from 27 to 29 March 2001.

Taking note of the willingness to introduce, before the adoption of the integrated control and inspection scheme, minimum control measures applicable to the fishing vessels flying the flag of a Contracting party, and or, of a Cooperating Non Contracting Party, which carry out fishing activities in the area of the competence of the IOTC.

Taking into account that Contracting Parties have agreed that the implementation of an integrated control and inspection scheme should follow a phased approach.

Adopts, in accordance with the provisions of Article IX of the Agreement establishing the IOTC, the following:

1. Each Contracting Party and Non-Contracting Party co-operating with the IOTC shall:
 - a) Authorise the use of fishing vessels flying its flag for fishing activities only where it is able to exercise effectively its responsibilities in respect of such vessels;
 - b) Ensure that fishing vessels flying its flag comply with applicable resolutions adopted under the IOTC Agreement;
 - c) Notify to the Secretariat on an annual basis by 31st January, or in any case before the vessel's entry into the IOTC Area, all fishing vessels greater than 24 meters in overall length (or greater than 20 meters between perpendiculars) authorised to fish in the IOTC Area and notably whether the vessel is authorised to fish one or more regulated resource.

This notification shall include for each vessel:

- I. Name of vessel, registration number;
- II. Previous flag (if any);
- III. International Radio Call Sign;
- IV. Vessel type, length and gross registered tonnage or gross tonnage;
- V. Name and address of owner and/or charter, and/or operator.

Each Contracting Party and Non-Contracting Party co-operating with the IOTC shall notify to the Secretariat of any modifications including suspensions, withdrawals and limitations to this information without delay.

The Secretary shall make available to all Contracting Parties and Non-Contracting Parties co-operating with the IOTC, the information notified under sub-paragraph (c).

2. Each Contracting Party and Non-Contracting Party co-operating with the IOTC shall:
 - a) Ensure that each of its fishing vessels carry on board documents issued and certified by the competent authority of that Contracting Party or of that Non-Contracting Party co-operating with IOTC, including, at a minimum, the following:
 - I. License, permit or authorisation to fish and terms and conditions attached to the licence, permit of authorisation;
 - II. Vessel name;
 - III. Port in which registered and the number(s) under which registered;
 - IV. International call sign;

- V. Names and addresses of owner(s) and where relevant, the charter;
 - VI. Overall length;
 - VII Engine power, in KW/horsepower, where appropriate.
- b) Verify above documents on a regular basis and at least every year;
 - c) Ensure that any modification to the documents and to the information referred to in 1.a) is certified by the competent authority of that Contracting Party or of that Non-Contracting Party co-operating with the IOTC
3. Each Contracting Party and Non-Contracting Party co-operating with the IOTC shall ensure that its fishing vessels authorised to fish in the IOTC area are marked in such a way that they can be really identified with generally accepted standards such as the FAO Standard Specification for the Marking and Identification of Fishing vessels.
4. a) Each Contracting Party and Non-Contracting Party co-operating with the IOTC shall ensure that gear used by its fishing vessels authorised to fish in the IOTC Area is marked appropriately, such as, the ends of nets, lines and gear in the sea, shall be fitted with flag or radar reflector buoys by day and light buoys by night sufficient to indicate their position and extent.
- b) Marker buoys and similar objects floating and on the surface, and intended to indicate the location of fixed fishing gear, shall be clearly marked at all time with the letter(s) and/or number(s) of the vessel to which they belong.
- c) Fish aggregating devices shall be clearly marked at all time with the letter(s) and / or number(s) of the vessel to which they belong.
5. Each Contracting Party and Non-Contracting Party co-operating with the IOTC shall ensure that all their respective fishing vessels greater than 24 m LOA, and authorized to fish in the IOTC Area keep a bound fishing national logbook with consecutively numbered pages. The original recordings contained in the fishing logbooks shall be kept on board the fishing for a period of at least 12 months.