

RECOMMENDATION 03/04

CONCERNING ENHANCEMENT OF EFFECTIVENESS OF IOTC MEASURES TO ELIMINATE IUU ACTIVITIES IN THE IOTC AREA

THE INDIAN OCEAN TUNA COMMISSION (IOTC),

RECALLING that the Commission adopted the Resolution 99/02 Calling for Actions against Fishing Activities by Large Scale Flag of Convenience Longline Vessels at its 4th Session;

AWARE that further action was taken between Seychelles, Vanuatu and Japan to eliminate IUU large-scale tuna longline vessels (hereinafter referred to as “LSTLVs”);

RECOMMENDS, in accordance with paragraph 8 of Article IX of the Agreement, that

1. The Commission endorses the cooperative management frameworks concluded between the flag States (Seychelles and Vanuatu) and Japan to legalize 69 IUU-LSTLVs reported by Japan as IOTC-S8-03-13 (revised).
2. The Commission urges Seychelles, Vanuatu and Japan to implement the frameworks properly.
3. The Commission will be informed on an annual basis of the progress of the actions.