
**IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS RELEVANT TO THE COMPLIANCE
COMMITTEE****PREPARED BY: IOTC SECRETARIAT, 24 APRIL 2018**

PURPOSE

To provide the Compliance Committee with an opportunity to consider the progress made during the intersessional period, in relation to the recommendations for actions by the Chair of the Compliance Committee and/or the IOTC Secretariat.

BACKGROUND

In 2017, the Commission endorsed seven (7) **RECOMMENDATIONS**, from the Compliance Committee, for action by the Chair of the Compliance Committee and/or the IOTC Secretariat. These actions and their implementation in the intersessional period are detailed below.

RECOMMENDATIONS REQUIRING ACTION**1) IOTC Record of Authorised Vessels.**

CoC14.02 (Para 16) The CoC **RECOMMENDED** that the IOTC Secretariat shall not register new vessels without LOA on the IOTC Record of Authorised Vessels.

Progress of Implementation: No new vessel without LOA was registered in the IOTC Record of Authorised Vessels during the 2017/2018 intersessional period.

2) Review of the implementation of Fleet Development Plans.

CoC14.08 (Para 37) The CoC **RECOMMENDED** that the IOTC Secretariat analyse FDPs submitted in the light of the provisions of Resolution 15/11, notably those introducing new vessels/capacity in the FDPs.

Progress of Implementation: The review undertaken by the IOTC Secretariat is presented in document *IOTC-2018-CoC15-05*.

3) National reports on the progress of implementation of Conservation and Management Measures (Article X.2 IOTC Agreement). Follow-up on individual compliance status.

CoC14.10 (Para 44) The CoC **RECOMMENDED** that those CPCs (Eritrea, Guinea, India, Sierra Leone, Sudan, Yemen, Bangladesh and Djibouti) who have not submitted their national 'Reports of Implementation' for 2016 do so within 30 days after the end of the Commission meeting. The Chair of the CoC, with the assistance of the IOTC Secretariat shall follow-up with each such CPC to ensure a national 'Reports of Implementation' is submitted for publication on the IOTC website and to inform

CPCs during the Commission meeting and then also via an IOTC Circular once each report is received.

Progress of Implementation: Letters were sent out on 14th June 2017 to Bangladesh, Eritrea, Guinea, India, Sierra Leone, Sudan and Yemen. None of the above-mentioned seven CPCs have submitted their outstanding Reports of Implementation. The Cooperating Non-Contracting Party status of Djibouti was not renewed in 2017 (S22), therefore, no follow-up was done with Djibouti.

4) **Responses to Feedback Letters.**

CoC14.12 (Para 60) The CoC **RECOMMENDED** that the responses to the Feedback Letters be made available to CPCs at the future Compliance Committee meetings.

Progress of Implementation: Copies of Feedback Letters which were handed over to CPCs present at the S22, were also sent to individual CPCs by e-mail on 8th June 2017. Eighteen responses have been received and twelve responses are outstanding. All responses received by the IOTC Secretariat to the Feedback Letters issued at S22, are available in the meeting page of the CoC15.

5) **Concerns over India's engagement.**

CoC14.17 (Para 68) The CoC **NOTED** the lack of engagement from India and **RECOMMENDED** that the Commission express strong concerns to India through the Letter of Feedback.

Progress of Implementation: Letter of Feedback to India was sent on 8th June 2017 and a letter of concern was sent on 15th December 2017.

6) **Results of investigations of possible infractions detected under the IOTC Regional Observer Programme to monitor at-sea transshipments.**

CoC14.20 (Para 83) The Commission **RECOMMENDED** that Oman provide the results of investigations of possible infractions identified by the IOTC Observers.

Progress of Implementation: Oman had provided the results of its investigations of possible infractions identified by IOTC Observers, in document *IOTC-2017-CoC14-08b*.

7) **Activities by the IOTC Secretariat in support of capacity building for developing CPCs – Resolution 12/10**

CoC14.31 (Para 124) The CoC **RECOMMENDED** that the IOTC Secretariat continue with those capacity building activities and strengthen activities that would allow CPCs to address the issue of mandatory statistics and the implementation of the Regional Observer Scheme..

Progress of Implementation: The IOTC Secretariat has conducted several capacity building activities in 2017 to assist CPCs to improve their compliance status to IOTC Resolutions. Information on the compliance support missions conducted in the last intersessional period is available in document *IOTC-2018-CoC15-11*.