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**IOTC CIRCULAR**  
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Dear Sir/Madam

**REQUEST TO ACCESS DATA ON PORT STATE MEASURES HELD BY THE IOTC SECRETARIAT**

IOTC records information on the quantities of species landed or transhipped in the e-PSM application. These data, required under IOTC Resolution 16/11 *On port State measures to prevent, deter and eliminate illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing* are held, confidentially, by the IOTC Secretariat.

The IOTC Secretariat has received the attached form, from the Spanish Oceanographic Institute (IEO), requesting access to port inspection data.

Please review this request and provide guidance on whether the Secretariat can release the requested information, for the purpose indicated.

If I do not hear back from your office by close of business 2 August, 2018, I shall conclude that your office does not have any objection for the Secretariat providing the requested data.

Yours sincerely



Christopher O'Brien  
Executive Secretary

**Attachments:**

- Application form to access port inspection data

Distribution

**IOTC Contracting Parties:** Australia, Bangladesh, China, Comoros, Eritrea, European Union, France (Territories), Guinea, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Rep of), Japan, Kenya, Rep. of Korea, Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldives, Mauritius, Mozambique, Oman, Pakistan, Philippines, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, United Rep. of Tanzania, Thailand, United Kingdom (OT), Yemen. **Cooperating Non-Contracting Parties:** Liberia, Senegal.  
**Intergovernmental Organisations, Non-Governmental Organisations. Chairperson IOTC. Copy to:** FAO Headquarters, FAO Representatives to CPCs.

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ANNEX I  
DATA USERS APPLICATION FORM

To the Executive Secretary of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission

I wish to submit the following request to receive and analyse data from the **IOTC Port Inspection Programmes**. I have read the above Data Users Policy, noting in particular, the matters relating to data confidentiality and providing an appropriate acknowledgement in the case of any publications arising from the use of these data, and agree to all the conditions listed.

Name of the institution/s requesting the data and contact details for the head researcher

*IEO, José Carlos Baez ([josecarlos.baez@ieo.es](mailto:josecarlos.baez@ieo.es)); OPAGAC (Miguel Herrera, [miguel.herrera@opagac.org](mailto:miguel.herrera@opagac.org))*

Project outline

*The OPAGAC Fisheries Improvement Project has identified secondary bycatch and ETP species and the contribution of OPAGAC's purse seiners to the fishing mortality of those stocks needs to be assessed. For this we need to raise estimates of total bycatch for those stocks, accounting for all sources of fishing mortality. The Project is using IOTC datasets and published data to derive estimates of bycatch levels for stocks of pelagic sharks, marine turtles and marine mammals.*

Specifications of the data required

*Data are required for longline fleets, including:*

- List of species of sharks transhipped/inspected by flag and gear type (e.g. deep-freezing or fresh-tuna longline), over the last three years;*
- Catches of main tuna market species (YFT, BET, ALB, SWO), and sharks transhipped/inspected, by flag, gear type, species [genus or group], year, month, and port (inspection)/fishing area (transhipments), as per the assessment areas defined for the YFT stock (below map).*

Names and positions of the staff accessing the data (*Note, the IOTC Secretariat expects to be informed of any changes to the data users list*)

*Alberto García, Consultant (BSc University of Alicante, Spain)*

*Miguel Herrera, Deputy Manager (Sustainability) OPAGAC*

*José Carlos Báez, Senior Scientist IEO, Spain*

*Isadora Moniz, FIP Coordinator OPAGAC*

Intentions with respect to publication of the results of the proposed work

*The purpose is to prepare a document to address one of the objectives of the FIP. The paper, titled **Assessing the Contribution of Purse Seine Fisheries to Overall Levels of Bycatch in the Indian Ocean**, will be also presented to the next IOTC Working Party on Ecosystems and Bycatch or Data Collection and Statistics, depending on when it is completed.*

Following request from CPCs related to this specific request, the undersigned also agree to the conditions listed below:

i)

Signature and date



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06-21-2018

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Indian Ocean Tuna Commission  
Commission des Thons de l'Océan Indien

Organisation: Spanish Oceanographic Institute (IEO)

Approved / Not Approved

Signature and date:

IOTC Executive Secretary: