

**RESOLUTION 17/07****ON THE PROHIBITION TO USE LARGE-SCALE DRIFTNETS
IN THE IOTC AREA**

APPLICABLE TO

**REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

Resolution 17/07 supersedes Resolution 12/12, whose title (and remit) focused exclusively on the prohibition of large-scale driftnets in the high seas. Resolution 17/07 implements United Nations General Assembly Resolution 46/215 which calls for a global moratorium on large-scale high seas driftnet fishing, and expands its remit to the EEZ of coastal States in its latest 2017 iteration. Large-scale driftnets are defined as being more than 2.5km in length. The ban of large scale driftnet fishing addresses concerns that such fishing will seriously undermine other conservation and management efforts - notably ecologically sensitive species, or ghost fishing of lost sections of netting. Use of the same gear within EEZs is prohibited from 1 January 2022.

There are two reporting requirements under the resolution. The first addresses flag States only who are to report a list of vessels flying their flag which use large-scale driftnets for fishing in their EEZ - by the end of 2020; and the second addresses flag, coastal and port States, who are to summarise the monitoring, control and surveillance (MCS) actions they have undertaken with regards to large-scale driftnet fishing in the IOTC Area of Competence, as part of their annual Report of Implementation.

WHO

CPC FLAG STATE

CPC FLAG, COASTAL AND PORT STATES

WHAT

Notify the IOTC Secretariat of any CPC-flagged vessel using large-scale driftnets in their EEZ

Include in their Annual Report a summary of monitoring, control, and surveillance actions related to large-scale driftnet fishing in the IOTC Area of Competence.

WHEN**DEADLINE***Before 31 December 2020***DEADLINE***60 days before the session of the Commission, every year*

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS: FORMAT AND CONTENT

There is no specific reporting template for this resolution. However, the reporting under requirement 2 must be made in part C of the implementation report.

REPORTING REQUIREMENT 1:

NOTIFY THE IOTC SECRETARIAT OF FISHING VESSELS OPERATING LARGE-SCALE DRIFTNETS IN THEIR EEZ

IMPLEMENTATION

- How to report: CPCs should submit a list of vessels engaging in driftnet activities, and to update it on an as-is basis when changes occur.
- Reporting format: A Letter; no specific format provided.
- Where to send the information: The information should be emailed to iotc-secretariat@fao.org

REPORTING REQUIREMENT 1:

SUMMARIZE MONITORING, CONTROL, AND SURVEILLANCE ACTIONS RELATED TO LARGE-SCALE DRIFTNET FISHING IN THE IOTC AREA OF COMPETENCE

IMPLEMENTATION

- How to report: CPCs should submit the Implementation Report to the IOTC Secretariat, where it details the MCS actions taken to implement this resolution.
- Reporting format: Implementation report, part C.
- Where to send the information: Implementation report should be mailed to iotc-secretariat@fao.org

COOPERATION REQUIREMENTS

There are none in this resolution.

OBLIGATIONS OF THE INDUSTRY

The industry is prohibited from using large-scale driftnets on the high seas in the IOTC area of competence. Operators still deploying large-scale driftnets within their EEZ are invited to start planning for a total ban.

OBLIGATIONS OF THE SECRETARIAT

There are none in this resolution.

OBLIGATIONS OF THE COMMISSION & BODIES

The Commission shall periodically assess whether additional measures should be adopted and implemented with regards to the use of large scale driftnets. The first such assessment shall take place in 2023.



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