

**RESOLUTION 16/06****ON MEASURES APPLICABLE IN CASE OF NON-FULFILMENT OF REPORTING OBLIGATIONS IN THE IOTC**

APPLICABLE TO

**REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

This resolution is primarily addressing the situation related to flag State CPCs failing to comply with IOTC data reporting obligations. This specifically relates to the reporting of nominal catch data to the IOTC Secretariat by the 30th June of each year. These obligations alongside others, are codified in Resolutions 15/02 and 15/01. Due to patchy submission of information and data gaps, the Scientific Committee is currently hampered in its efforts to accurately assess the status of stocks and to provide informed management advice to the Commission.

There is one reporting requirement under this resolution, applying to flag State CPCs. The requirement relates to explaining in detail which actions were taken *"to implement their reporting obligations for all IOTC fisheries, including shark species caught in association with IOTC fisheries, in particular the steps taken to improve their data collection for direct and incidental catches"*.

WHO**CPC FLAG STATE****WHAT**

Detailed explanations as to which actions were taken to implement reporting obligations for all IOTC fisheries, including shark species caught in association with IOTC fisheries, in particular the steps taken to improve their data collection for direct and incidental catches.

Complete data reporting in the fisheries in which the CPC is active, and in which it has reporting obligations provided for in related resolutions.

WHEN**DEADLINE**

60 days ahead of the Session, each year, starting in 2017

**REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:
FORMAT AND CONTENT**

No reporting templates are provided for in this resolution.

REPORTING REQUIREMENT 1:

INFORMATION ON ACTIONS TAKEN TO IMPLEMENT REPORTING OBLIGATIONS FOR ALL IOTC FISHERIES

IMPLEMENTATION

- How to report: A template report is not provided, but CPCs must provide the following information in the implementation report: actions taken to implement their reporting obligations for all IOTC fisheries, including shark species caught in association with IOTC fisheries, in particular the steps taken to improve their data collection for direct and incidental catches.
- Reporting format: In the appropriate part of the Implementation Report.
- Where to send the information: The data reports should be mailed to iotc-secretariat@fao.org

COOPERATION REQUIREMENTS

There are none in this resolution.

OBLIGATIONS OF THE INDUSTRY

Following the decision on the prohibition of retention, industry may no longer retain on-board the species targeted by the prohibition.

OBLIGATIONS OF THE SECRETARIAT

The IOTC Secretariat has three obligations under the resolution::

- The IOTC Secretariat works with CPCs unable to meet reporting obligations to implement possible alternative methods for data collection, using established FAO data collection methods.
- The IOTC Secretariat includes in the annual compliance report, information detailing data submission status by species or stock (e.g. complete, incomplete, or missing) for each CPC;
- In consultation with the Chairperson of the Compliance Committee and the Commission, the IOTC Executive Secretary reviews new data submitted by identified CPCs, to determine if certain required datasets are complete. If the datasets are deemed to be complete, the Secretariat informs the CPC that it can resume retention of the concerned species/stock in the related fishery.

OBLIGATIONS OF THE COMMISSION & BODIES

There are four obligations relating to the Compliance Committee, as follows:

- Actions taken and reported by CPCs are reviewed annually by the Compliance Committee, and findings are submitted to the Commission;
- The Compliance Committee identifies those CPCs that did not submit required data (i.e. data are missing or incomplete) and notifies them that they may be prohibited by the Commission from retaining the concerned species/stock from the relevant fishery as of the following year;
- The Compliance Committee considers if other actions consistent with this resolution should also be recommended to the Commission;
- Following an authorisation to resume retention by the Executive Secretary over the course of the preceding year, the Compliance Committee reviews the decision and, if it considers that data are still incomplete, the Compliance Committee will re-identify the CPC and suggest the retention prohibition to be re-enacted by the Commission.

One obligation relates to the Commission, as follows:

- On the basis of the findings of the Compliance Committee, the Commission may consider to prohibit CPCs not complying with their reporting obligations to not retain given species in the following year.