

RESOLUTION 16/10
TO PROMOTE IMPLEMENTATION OF IOTC CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT MEASURES

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The Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC),

RECOGNISING the desirability of improving the coherence, interpretation and accessibility of its Conservation and Management Measures;

CONCERNED that IOTC Contracting Parties and Cooperating Non-Contracting Parties (hereinafter referred to as “CPCs”), particularly developing CPCs, seem to find difficulties in implementing Conservation and Management Measures (CMMs) already adopted by the IOTC;

NOTING that among other things the major reasons for this situation seemed to be delivered from:

- Lack of human and financial capacity to implement CMMs;
- Frequent addition of new such measures and modifications to existing ones;
- Complicated structure of CMMs adopted by IOTC;
- Duplication of CMMs on one subject.

CONSIDERING that streamlining of IOTC work and enhancement of capacity building are necessary to drastically promote the implementation of CMMs;

ADOPTS in accordance with paragraph 1 of Article IX of the IOTC Agreement, that:

SPECIAL FUND FOR CAPACITY BUILDING

1. The Commission shall maintain a special fund for capacity building in order to ensure compliance with CMMs adopted by the IOTC. This special fund shall be financed by voluntary contributions and via an IOTC Regular Budget component. The IOTC Secretariat shall contact international organizations, donor agencies and non-governmental organizations to seek voluntary financial contribution.
2. The Special Fund for Capacity Building shall be utilized, over the next five (5) years (2017–2021), focus on, inter alia, (i) to improve data collection in developing CPCs and (ii) to develop capacity in implementation of CMMs.
3. At its plenary meeting in 2021, the Commission shall decide the next priority areas for the period from 2022–2026.

ARRANGEMENT OF PROPOSALS TO BE SUBMITTED AND LIMITATION TO THE NUMBER OF PROPOSALS TO BE CONSIDERED

4. To further improve coordination in development process of proposals for new and/or revised CMMs to be considered at the Sessions of the Commission, Contracting Parties are encouraged to submit a provisional title, Contracting Party sponsorship and a focal point for the proposal (including the email address of the focal point), a minimum of 60 days prior to each annual Session so that all Contracting Parties are provided with an opportunity to identify proposals being developed by other CPCs, and as appropriate, cooperate in the development of proposals prior to the Session in which they are to be discussed. Where possible, duplication shall be avoided and consensus may be reached on contentious matters before the Session, thereby improving efficiency during Plenary. Whether such consultation is held or not, proposals shall be submitted 30 days before the Commission



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meeting. Except for proposals based on recommendations of the CoC and SCAF, proposals received after the deadline shall be considered by the Commission if agreed by the Commission.

5. The Commission may consider limiting the number of new proposals to be considered at one plenary meeting.

STREAMLINING OF RESOLUTIONS

6. The Commission shall consider streamlining existing CMMs by:
- a) Abolishing outdated CMMs and incorporating key elements that remain to be fully implemented into a new CMM.
 - b) Combining multiple CMMs into a single CMM with multiple sections relating to a single broad subject area.
7. This Resolution supersedes Resolution 12/10 *Promote implementation of Conservation and Management Measures already adopted by IOTC*.