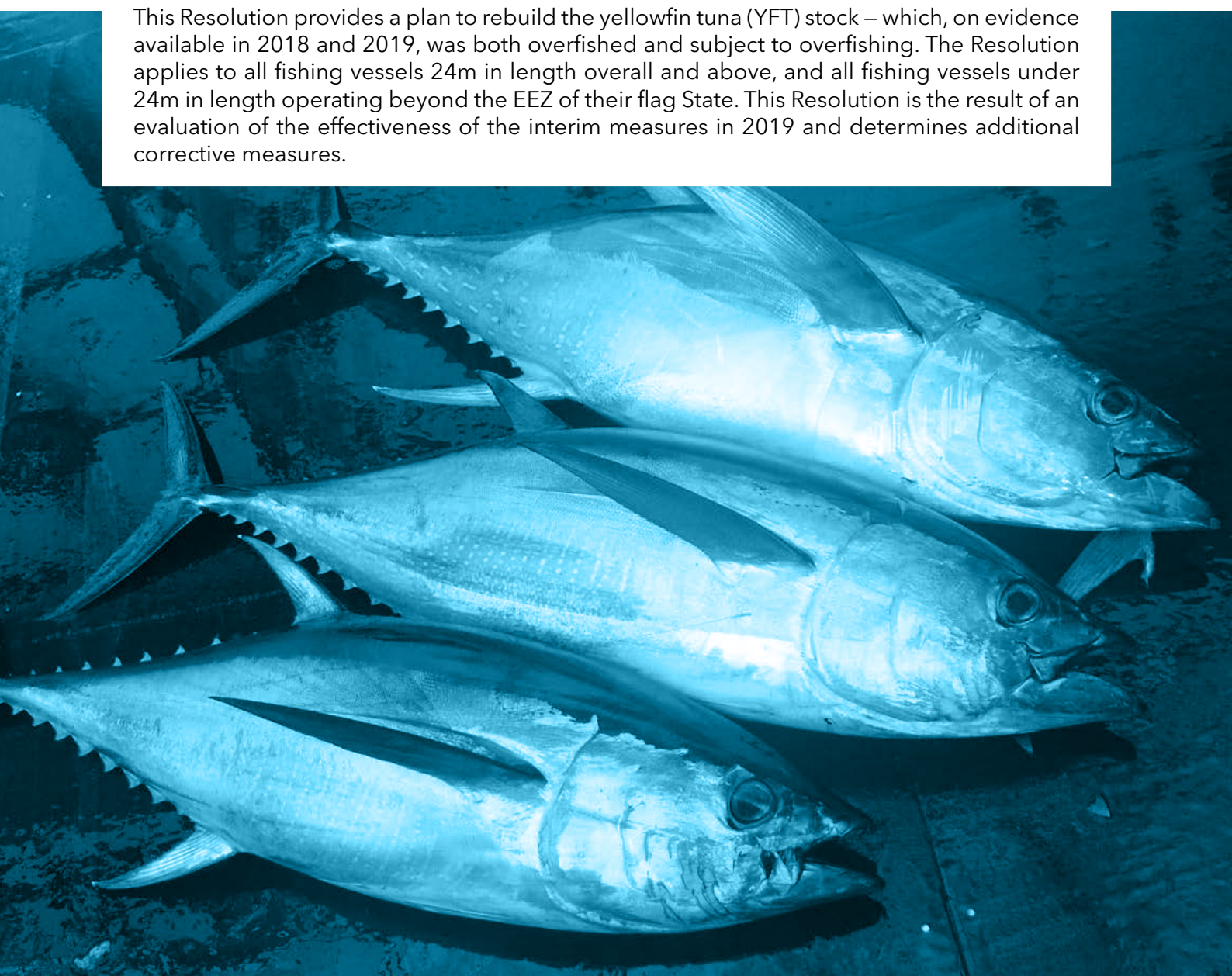


**RESOLUTION 21/01****ON AN INTERIM PLAN FOR REBUILDING THE INDIAN OCEAN YELLOWFIN TUNA STOCK IN THE IOTC AREA OF COMPETENCE**

APPLICABLE TO



This Resolution provides a plan to rebuild the yellowfin tuna (YFT) stock – which, on evidence available in 2018 and 2019, was both overfished and subject to overfishing. The Resolution applies to all fishing vessels 24m in length overall and above, and all fishing vessels under 24m in length operating beyond the EEZ of their flag State. This Resolution is the result of an evaluation of the effectiveness of the interim measures in 2019 and determines additional corrective measures.

**REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

The five current reporting requirements under this Resolution all apply to flag States. CPCs must report: the methods undertaken to achieve the catch reductions, reductions made due to over catch of annual limit and the status of reducing the use of supply vessels; the level of implementation of gillnet measures; the summary of the most recent yellowfin catches; operations in which purse seiners are served by each supply vessel and the list of vessels that have fished for yellowfin tuna.

WHO

CPC FLAG STATE

WHAT

Methods taken for achieving catch reductions; corrective actions taken to adhere to the prescribed catch levels; and the status of reducing the use of supply vessels

Level of implementation of gillnet measures

Submit catches of yellowfin disaggregated for vessel 24 m overall length and over, and those under 24 m if they fish outside the EEZ as per Resolution 15/02

Operations in which purse seiners are served by each supply vessel

The list of vessels that have fished for yellowfin tuna in the IOTC Area of Competence in the preceding year

WHEN

DEADLINE
In the Report of Implementation annually

DEADLINE
To the Compliance Committee

DEADLINE
By 30 June annually

DEADLINE
Before 1 January annually for the coming year of operations

DEADLINE
By 15 February annually for the preceding year of operations

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS: FORMAT AND CONTENT

Reporting templates are provided for: purse seiners served by supply vessels; data on catches of yellowfin tuna by vessel category.

REPORTING REQUIREMENT 1:

THE METHODS USED TO ACHIEVE THE CATCH REDUCTIONS, CORRECTIVE ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE CPC TO ADHERE TO THE PRESCRIBED CATCH LEVELS, THE STATUS OF REDUCING THE USE OF SUPPLY VESSELS. (PARAS 12, 15, 18)

IMPLEMENTATION

- **How to report:** Information to be provided as part of the annual Report of Implementation.
- **Reporting format:** No specific format is foreseen, but the report on measures to achieve yellowfin tuna catch reductions, the corrective actions taken by the CPC and the status of reducing the use of supply vessels must be included in Part C of the annual Report of Implementation in the template at <http://www.iotc.org/compliance/reporting-templates>
- **Where to send the information:** The report should be sent to iotc-secretariat@fao.org
[Valid for Indonesia, Iran, Madagascar, Oman and Somalia under 19/01 (12, 16).
Valid for India under 18/01 (7, 3)]

REPORTING REQUIREMENT 2:

THE LEVEL OF IMPLEMENTATION OF GILLNET MEASURES (PARA 24)

IMPLEMENTATION

- **How to report:** Information to be provided as part of the Report of Implementation for 2023.
- **Reporting format:** No specific format is foreseen for the implementation level of gillnet measures but it will be included in Part C of the annual Report of Implementation in the template at <http://www.iotc.org/compliance/reporting-templates> .
- **Where to send the information:** The report should be sent to iotc-secretariat@fao.org.
[Valid for Indonesia, Iran, Madagascar, Oman and Somalia under 19/01 (23).]

REPORTING REQUIREMENT 3:

PROVIDE A SUMMARY OF MOST-RECENT YELLOWFIN CATCHES FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF THE IOTC COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE AS PER RESOLUTION 15/02. (PARAS 28)

IMPLEMENTATION

- How to report: CPCs are required to fill in the reporting template for catches of yellowfin by vessel category developed by the Secretariat.
- Reporting format: CPCs are required to complete a reporting template available at <http://www.iotc.org/compliance/reporting-templates>. (Form 1RC-YFT)
- Where to send the information: The report should be sent to iotc-secretariat@fao.org [Valid for Indonesia, Iran, Madagascar, Oman and Somalia under 19/01 (25, 26). Valid for India under 18/01 (8)]



REPORTING REQUIREMENT 4:

REPORT ANNUALLY BEFORE 1 JANUARY FOR THE COMING YEAR OF OPERATIONS IN WHICH PURSE SEINERS ARE SERVED BY EACH SUPPLY VESSEL. (PARA 20)

IMPLEMENTATION

- How to report: Annually before 1 January for the coming year of operations.
- Reporting format: CPCs are required to complete a reporting template available at <http://www.iotc.org/compliance/reporting-templates>.
- Where to send the information: Reports should be sent to iotc-secretariat@fao.org. [Valid for Indonesia, Iran, Madagascar, Oman and Somalia under 19/01 (18).]

REPORTING REQUIREMENT 5:

REPORT ANNUALLY BY 15 FEBRUARY FOR THE PRECEDING YEAR OF OPERATIONS THE LIST OF VESSELS THAT HAVE FISHED FOR YELLOWFIN TUNA IN THE IOTC AREA OF COMPETENCE. (PARA 26)

IMPLEMENTATION

- How to report: Annually by 15 February for the coming year of operations.
- Reporting format: CPCs are required to complete a reporting template available at <http://www.iotc.org/compliance/reporting-templates>.
- Where to send the information: Reports should be sent to iotc-secretariat@fao.org. [Not valid for India, Indonesia, Iran, Madagascar, Oman and Somalia]

COOPERATION REQUIREMENTS

None in this Resolution.

OBLIGATIONS OF THE INDUSTRY

None in this Resolution.

OBLIGATIONS OF THE SECRETARIAT

The IOTC Secretariat, under the advice of the Scientific Committee, must prepare and circulate a table of allocated catch limits disaggregated as per the conditions in paragraphs 5-13 for the preceding year, in December of the current year.

The IOTC Secretariat shall report each year these lists of active vessels that have fished yellowfin tuna to the IOTC Compliance Committee and to the IOTC Scientific Committee in the form of aggregated statistics concerning fishing fleets capacity metrics.

OBLIGATIONS OF THE COMMISSION & BODIES

The Compliance Committee evaluates the level of CPC compliance with reporting obligations and catch limits and makes recommendations to the Commission accordingly.

The Scientific Committee has the following obligations under the Resolution.

1. Implement the "Workplan to improve current assessment of yellowfin tuna" and advise the Commission the financial and administrative requirements to further strengthen the work undertaken to minimize the issues and complexities regarding yellowfin tuna stock assessment.
2. Verify alternative data collection methodologies by 2023 in order that CPCs may increase their observer coverage or field sampling in gillnet fishing vessels by 10% using such methodologies (electronic or human) to be reported in Table 9 in the Annual Scientific Report.
3. Prioritise the work on the yellowfin tuna management procedure and provide advice to the Technical Committee on Management Procedures and to enable the Commission to adopt the yellowfin tuna management procedure at the earliest opportunity.
4. Undertake an evaluation of the effectiveness of the measures detailed in the Resolution, taking into account all sources of fishing mortality possible aiming at returning and maintaining biomass levels at the Commission's target level.

The measures in this Resolution are considered as interim measures and were to be reviewed by the Commission no later than at its annual Session in 2023.



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