

**RESOLUTION 13/06**
**ON A SCIENTIFIC AND MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK ON
 THE CONSERVATION OF SHARK SPECIES CAUGHT IN
 ASSOCIATION WITH IOTC MANAGED FISHERIES**

APPLICABLE TO



CPC FLAG STATE



CPC COASTAL STATE



CPC PORT STATE



CPC MARKET STATE

This Resolution addresses the need to establish a scientific framework for the conservation and management of shark species in IOTC. It is mindful that oceanic whitetip sharks (*Carcharinus longimanus*) can be easily distinguished from other shark species and can therefore be released before they are taken on board the vessel. It prohibits retention on board, transshipment, landing or storage of any whitetip shark or part thereof, except for scientific purposes and artisanal fishers (paragraph 3). It applies to all CPC flag vessels and on the IOTC Record of Authorised Vessels or authorised to fish IOTC species on the high seas.

**REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

Reporting requirements are not expressly stated; this Resolution requires CPCs to encourage their fishers to record incidental catches as well as live releases of oceanic whitetip sharks and provides that these data must be kept at the IOTC Secretariat.

Therefore, the data would be sourced from their flag vessels and fishers. The Resolutions 15/01 and 15/02 relating to the recording of catch and effort and mandatory statistical requirements apply, including for the deadline.

WHO

CPC FLAG STATES

WHAT

Reports on incidental catches and live releases where fishers provide them

CPCs, especially those targeting sharks, must submit data as required by IOTC data reporting procedures in Res. 15/01 and 15/02

WHEN

DEADLINES

*To submit yearly data by 30 June, annually
Longline fleets to confirm yearly data by 30 December, annually*

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS: FORMAT AND CONTENT

Data must be submitted according to IOTC data reporting procedures under Resolutions 15/01 and 15/02.

Detailed template reporting forms also covering shark catches have been developed by the Secretariat and the Scientific Committee in Excel format.

REPORTING REQUIREMENT 1:

SUBMIT TO THE IOTC SECRETARIAT A REPORT ON THE INCIDENTAL CATCHES AND LIVE RELEASES OF OCEANIC WHITETIP SHARK. (PARA 5)

IMPLEMENTATION

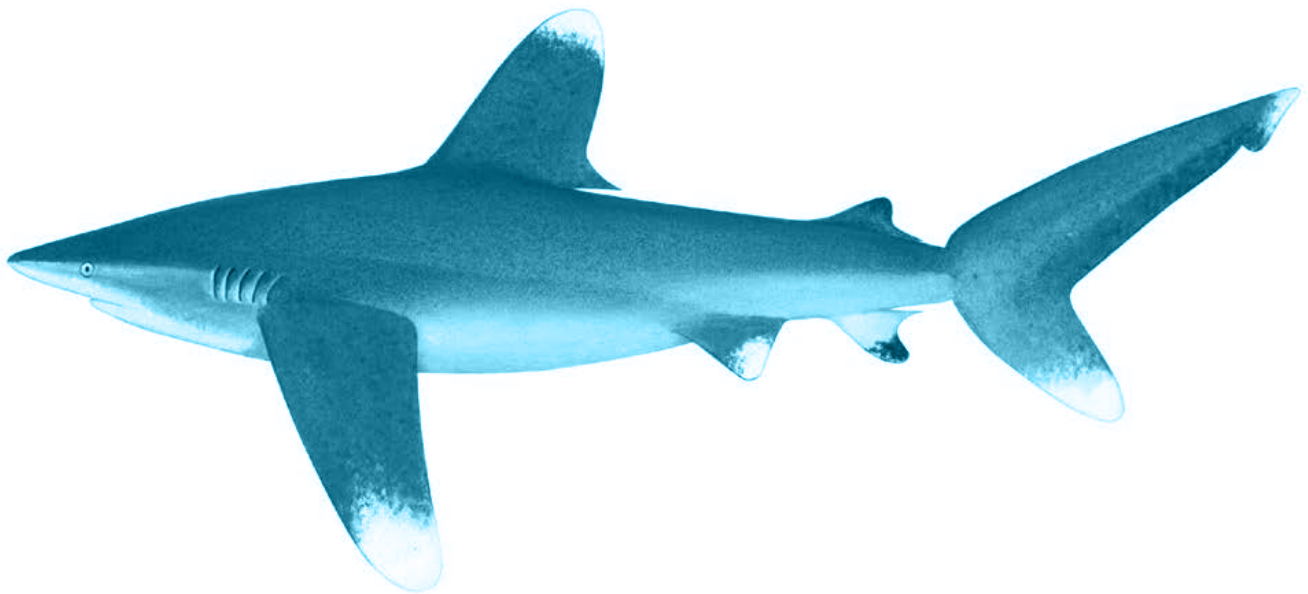
- How to report: Incidental catch and release of oceanic whitetip shark data submitted under this Resolution must be submitted according to IOTC data reporting procedures. Specific data recording and submission guidelines have been developed by the Scientific Committee and for shark data the applicable template forms should be followed meticulously.
- Reporting format: Data must be submitted in specified file format. The template spread-sheet form can be accessed under <http://www.iotc.org/data/requested-statistics-and-submission-forms> (form 1D1)
- Where to send the information: The forms should be sent to iotc-secretariat@fao.org

REPORTING REQUIREMENT 2:

CPCS, ESPECIALLY THOSE TARGETING SHARKS, MUST SUBMIT DATA AS REQUIRED BY IOTC DATA REPORTING PROCEDURES. IN RES. 15/01 AND 15/02 (NOMINAL CATCH, CATCH AND EFFORT AND SIZE FREQUENCY DATA OF CATCHES OF OCEANIC WHITETIP SHARKS INCLUDING FROM THE COASTAL FLEET). (PARA 8)

IMPLEMENTATION

- How to report: Those CPCs submitting data under paragraph 8 for sharks must use IOTC data reporting procedures in Res. 15/01 and 15/02.
- Reporting format: Data must be submitted in specified file format. The template spread-sheet forms can be accessed under <http://www.iotc.org/data/requested-statistics-and-submission-forms> (forms 1RC, 3CE, 3AR and 4SF apply to sharks)
- Where to send the information: The forms should be sent to iotc-secretariat@fao.org



Oceanic Whitetip Shark (*Carcharhinus longimanus*), © R.Swainston/anima.net.au

TRANSPOSITION INTO NATIONAL LAW

PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK

TO PROHIBIT RETENTION ONBOARD, ETC OF THE CARCASS OF AN OCEANIC WHITETIP SHARK (PARAS 3 AND 4)

- 1) The operator of a [country] fishing vessel [that is included on the IOTC Record of Fishing Vessels, or is authorized to fish tuna and tuna-like species on the high seas managed by the IOTC], except any [country] fishing vessel that is exclusively engaged in artisanal fisheries in the Fisheries Waters, shall not intentionally cause or allow any person to retain onboard, tranship, land or store any part or whole carcass of any oceanic whitetip shark.
- 2) Section 1 does not apply to scientific observers, which shall be allowed to collect biological samples, including vertebrae, tissues, reproductive tracts, stomachs, skin samples, spiral valves, jaws, whole and skeletonised specimens for taxonomic works and museum collections, from oceanic whitetip sharks taken in the IOTC Area of Competence that are dead at haulback, provided that the samples are a part of a research project approved by the IOTC Scientific Committee (SC)/the IOTC Working Party on Ecosystems and Bycatch (WPEB).



COOPERATION REQUIREMENTS

None in this Resolution.

OBLIGATIONS OF THE INDUSTRY

CPCs must “encourage” industry to report details on incidental catch as well as live releases of oceanic whitetip shark to their flag State authorities.

OBLIGATIONS OF THE SECRETARIAT

The IOTC Secretariat is to ‘keep’ the data on incidental catch and live releases of oceanic whitetip shark.

OBLIGATIONS OF THE COMMISSION & BODIES

The provisional measures in this Resolution were to be evaluated by the Scientific Committee in 2016 to deliver more appropriate advice to the Commission for the management of the stock.



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