

**RESOLUTION 01/06****CONCERNING THE IOTC BIGEYE TUNA STATISTICAL DOCUMENT PROGRAMME**

APPLICABLE TO



This Resolution aims to reduce uncertainty about bigeye tuna (BET) catches through the collection of market data and to reduce the opportunities to put illegally harvested catches on the market.

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

There is one reporting requirement for the market State.

- Two bi-annual reporting requirements where CPC market State as importers of tuna products must report to the Executive Secretary twice per year, April 1 for data in the period 1 July - 31 December of the previous year, and 1 October for the period of 1 January - 30 June of the current year.

There are two reporting requirements for the flag State.

- One yearly reporting requirement where CPC flag State, as exporters and re-exporters of Bigeye tuna, are required to inform the Commission of the outcomes of their data cross-checking efforts (compiled third State import data received from the IOTC Secretary vs. national export data).
- One event-based reporting requirement where the flag State CPC must provide sample forms (statistical document and/or re-export certificate) and information on validation to the IOTC Secretary.

WHO

CPC MARKET STATE

CPC FLAG STATE

IMPORTING

EXPORTING

WHAT

Report frozen big eye tuna import data

Report the results of the export/import data cross-checking exercise to the Commission

Provide sample forms (statistical document and/or re-export certificate) and information on validation

WHEN

DEADLINE

1st April, annually (data 01/07 to 31/12)
1st October, annually (data 01/01 to 30/06)

DEADLINES

The result of cross-checking imported quantities vs exported quantities, must be reported annually, 60 days before the Commission meeting

DEADLINES

For information on validation, any time a competent authority change occurs

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS: FORMAT AND CONTENT

Three specific reporting templates have been developed by the Secretariat, to facilitate the submission of data on imports (concerning importing market States only), and information on validating authorities, and to report the results of data cross-checking (imports vs. exports).

REPORTING REQUIREMENT 1:

REPORT BIGEYE TUNA IMPORT DATA (PARA 1, 5)

IMPLEMENTATION

- How to report: Importing market State CPCs ought to use the excel template form developed for this exercise. Import data to be submitted are sub-divided into direct imports (product accompanied by an IOTC BET Statistical Document), and re-exported imports (product accompanied by an IOTC BET Re-export Certificate), in order to facilitate recording. Examples on how to fill these separate sheets are provided for guidance. Imports are detailed on an item/item basis. The reporting is done twice a year, covering the preceding half-year.
- Reporting format: The report must be submitted in specified file format. The template spreadsheet form can be accessed under <http://www.iotc.org/compliance/reporting-templates>
- Where to send the information: The report should be mailed to iotc-secretariat@fao.org

REPORTING REQUIREMENT 2:

PROVIDE SAMPLE FORMS (STATISTICAL DOCUMENT AND/OR RE-EXPORT CERTIFICATE) AND INFORMATION ON VALIDATION (PARA 3)

IMPLEMENTATION

- How to report: Annexes 1 and 2 of the resolution contain the forms on the basis of which CPCs are to develop their national sample forms. All items on the sample forms must be maintained. Annex 4 of the resolution contains the template to report information on validation authorities of IOTC statistical documents. This Annex has been further developed into an electronic template, and CPCs are encouraged to use that template to submit such information.
- Reporting format: The sample forms should reflect the original basic templates, and mirror all items contained on the original forms. The report on validation authorities ought to be submitted in specified file format. The template spreadsheet form can be accessed under <http://www.iotc.org/compliance/reporting-templates>
- Where to send the information: The report should be mailed to iotc-secretariat@fao.org



REPORTING REQUIREMENT 3:

REPORT THE RESULTS OF THE DATA CROSS-CHECKING EXERCISE (PARA 6)

IMPLEMENTATION

- How to report: CPCs ought to use the excel template form developed for this exercise. Examples on how to fill these separate sheets are provided for guidance. The reporting is done annually.
- Reporting format: The template spreadsheet form can be accessed under <http://www.iotc.org/compliance/reporting-templates>
- Where to send the information: The report should be mailed to iotc-secretariat@fao.org



COOPERATION REQUIREMENTS

CPCs are encouraged to directly exchange relevant copies of statistical documents and re-export certificates in order to facilitate the monitoring of the programme.

OBLIGATIONS OF THE INDUSTRY

Not included in this Resolution.

OBLIGATIONS OF THE SECRETARIAT

The IOTC Secretariat shall:

- Circulate BET import data received from importing market States to all CPCs, Summary reports of data collected by IOTC Contracting and Co-operating Parties in relation with the IOTC Statistical Document Programme are available at <http://iotc.org/compliance/statistical-document-programme>
- Request validation information from fishing/exporting non-Contracting Parties,
- Maintain and update validation information of CPCs and non-Contracting Parties: <http://iotc.org/statdoc> (Access restricted to CPC, Login required).

OBLIGATIONS OF THE COMMISSION & BODIES

The Commission shall:

- contact all exporting countries and inform of the documentation scheme/requirement,
- request non-Contracting Parties importing BET to cooperate and to provide data from implementation of the programme.



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