

**RESOLUTION 18/02****ON MANAGEMENT MEASURES FOR THE CONSERVATION OF BLUE SHARK CAUGHT IN ASSOCIATION WITH IOTC FISHERIES**

APPLICABLE TO



CPC FLAG STATE



CPC COASTAL STATE

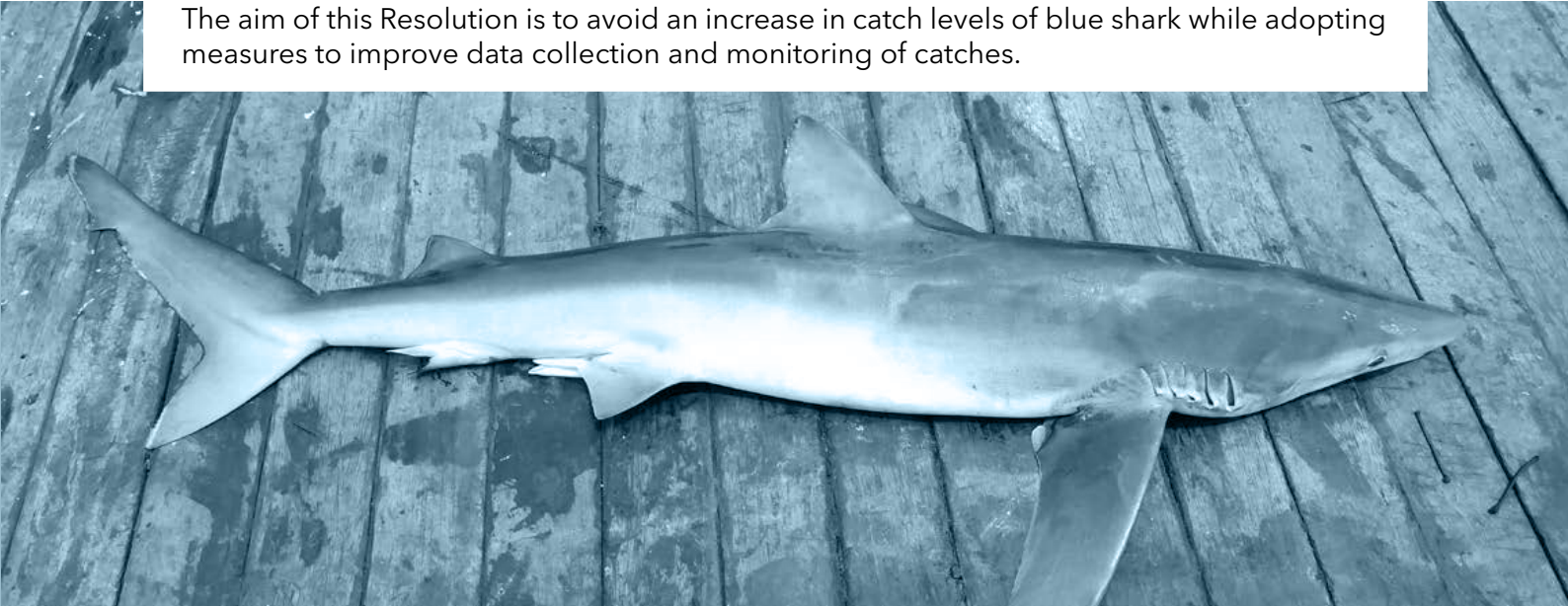


CPC PORT STATE



CPC MARKET STATE

The aim of this Resolution is to avoid an increase in catch levels of blue shark while adopting measures to improve data collection and monitoring of catches.

**REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

There are two reporting requirements for flag State CPCs, one to the Scientific Committee and the other to the Working Party on Ecosystem and Bycatch and Scientific Committee.

**WHO**

CPC FLAG STATE

**WHAT**

Information on the actions taken domestically to monitor catches of blue shark

Scientific research on blue shark

**WHEN****DEADLINE**

15 days before the session of the Scientific Committee

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**REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:  
FORMAT AND CONTENT**

Reporting templates have been developed each requirement in the template for the National Report to the Scientific Committee and are to be used for this Resolution. They are available at <https://www.iotc.org/science>, paras 5.1.3 and 7.1.

#### REPORTING REQUIREMENT 1:

PROVIDE INFORMATION ON THE ACTIONS TAKEN DOMESTICALLY TO MONITOR CATCHES OF BLUE SHARK. (PARA 4)

##### IMPLEMENTATION

- How to report: The flag State CPC should report in the annual National Report to the Scientific Committee.
- Reporting format: The template form can be downloaded from the following link: [iotc.org/science](http://iotc.org/science) (para 5.1.3)
- Where to send the information: The form should be mailed to [iotc-secretariat@fao.org](mailto:iotc-secretariat@fao.org)

#### REPORTING REQUIREMENT 2:

REPORT SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH ON BLUE SHARK. (PARA 5)

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## COOPERATION REQUIREMENTS

None in this Resolution.

## OBLIGATIONS OF THE INDUSTRY

Reporting of catch data to the flag State.

## OBLIGATIONS OF THE SECRETARIAT

None in this Resolution.

## OBLIGATIONS OF THE COMMISSION & BODIES

There are two obligations for the Scientific Committee and one for Resolution the Commission.

The Scientific Committee must:

- in light of the results of the next stock assessment of blue shark in 2021, provide advice, if possible, on options for candidate limit, threshold and target reference points for the conservation and management of blue shark in the IOTC area;
- provide advice by 2021 on potential management options for ensuring long-term sustainability of the stock.

The Commission must consider, at its 2021 meeting, the adoption of conservation and management measures which could include the catch limit for each CPC to be decided taking into account the most recent reported catch information or bycatch mitigation such as a ban on wire trace/shark line for blue shark as appropriate.



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