

**REPORT FROM THE CCSBT OBSERVER TO
SIXTEENTH SESSION OF
INDIAN OCEAN TUNA COMMISSION (IOTC)
(6 – 10 April 2013, Grand Baie, Mauritius)
CCSBT Observer (Indonesia)**

1. The Seventeenth Session of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC) was held in Grand Baie, Mauritius, from 6 to 10 April 2013. Delegates from 25 Members of the Commission, 2 cooperating non-Contracting Parties, 16 Observers (including invited experts) have attended the Session.

Cooperation between IOTC and CCSBT

2. No matter related to cooperation between IOTC and CCSBT was discussed during the meeting.

Adopted Resolutions

3. The Commission adopted the following 11 (eleven) Resolutions as following:
 - 1) Resolution 13/01 On the removal of obsolete Conservation and Management Measures
 - 2) Resolution 13/02 Concerning the IOTC record of vessels authorised to operate in the IOTC area of competence
 - 3) Resolution 13/03 On the recording of catch and effort data by fishing vessels in the IOTC area of competence
 - 4) Resolution 13/04 On the conservation of cetaceans
 - 5) Resolution 13/05 On the conservation of whale sharks (*Rhincodon typus*)
 - 6) Resolution 13/06 On a scientific and management framework on the Conservation of sharks species caught in association with IOTC managed fisheries
 - 7) Resolution 13/07 Concerning a record of licensed foreign vessels fishing for IOTC species in the IOTC area of competence and access agreement information
 - 8) Resolution 13/08 Procedures on a fish aggregating devices (FADs) management plan, including more detailed specification of catch reporting from FAD sets, and the development of improved FAD designs to reduce the incidence of entanglement of non-target species
 - 9) Resolution 13/09 On the conservation of albacore caught in the IOTC area of competence
 - 10) Resolution 13/10 On interim target and limit reference points and a decision framework
 - 11) Resolution 13/11 On a ban on discards of bigeye tuna, skipjack tuna, yellowfin tuna and non-targeted species caught by purse seine vessels in the IOTC area of competence

Other Issues

4. The Seventeenth session of IOTC will be held in the first quarter of 2013 but the venue has not been determined yet.