

**REPORT FROM THE CCSBT OBSERVER TO
Twenty Second Session of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission 21 – 25 May 2018,
Bangkok, Thailand
CCSBT Observer (Indonesia)**

1. The Twenty Second Session of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission was held in Bangkok, Thailand, from 21 – 25 May 2018. Delegates from 27 Contracting Parties (Members), 2 Cooperating Non-Contracting Parties, and 14 Observers (submitted credentials) attended the meeting.

Cooperation between IOTC and Other Organization and Institution

2. IOTC acknowledged the contributions to the IOTC work from a wide range of partners and collaborators including: the tuna RFMOs, SIOFA, SWIOFC, the Indian Ocean Commission (IOC), INFOFISH, WWF, IPNLF, PEW, SIF, ISSF, OFCF, CSIRO (Australia), the SWIOFISH1 Project, and the FAO-GEF ABNJ Tuna Project.
3. No specific issue related to the cooperation between IOTC and CCSBT was discussed during the meeting.

Adopted Resolutions

4. The Commission adopted the following 10 (ten) Resolutions as follow:

1. Resolution 18/01 On an interim plan for rebuilding the Indian Ocean yellowfin tuna stock in the IOTC Area of Competence;
2. Resolution 18/02 On management measures for the conservation of blue shark caught in association with IOTC fisheries;
3. Resolution 18/03 On establishing a list of vessels presumed to have carried out illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing in the IOTC Area of Competence;
4. Resolution 18/04 On bioFAD experimental project;
5. Resolution 18/05 On management measures for the conservation for the conservation of billfish, striped marlin, black marlin, blue marlin and Indo-Pacific sailfish;
6. Resolution 18/06 On establishing a programme for transshipment by large-scale fishing vessels;
7. Resolution 18/07 On measures applicable in case of non-fulfilment of reporting obligations in the IOTC;
8. Resolution 18/08 Procedures on a fish aggregating devices (FADs) management plan, including a limitation on the number of FADs, more detailed specifications of catch reporting from FAD sets, and the development of improved fad design to reduce the incidence of entanglement of non-target species;
9. Resolution 18/09 On a scoping study of socio-economic indicators of IOTC fisheries;
10. Resolution 18/10 On vessel chartering in the IOTC Area of Competence

IOTC IUU Vessel List

There are 74 vessels shall remain on the IOTC IUU Vessel List.

Requests For The Accession To The Status Of Cooperating Non-Contracting Party

The Commission **NOTED** the application for Cooperating Non-Contracting Party (CNCP) status from Curaçao, Liberia, and Senegal (IOTC-2018-CoC15CNCP-02), which was received before the deadline of 90 days prior to the commencement of the session.

The Commission **GRANTED** CNCP status to Liberia and Senegal.

However, the Commission also **NOTED** that Curaçao was not present at the CoC15, and recalling its decision that, applications for CNCP status shall no longer be considered, unless the State submitting the application is present at the Compliance Committee and Commission meetings to present its application, the Commission **AGREED** not to grant CNCP status to Curaçao.

The Commission **ACKNOWLEDGED** Curaçao's presence and interventions at S22, and invited Curaçao to consider submitting an application for CNCP status in 2019.

Other Issues

No host was identified at S22 for the 2019 Annual meeting. IOTC noted that if no host can be identified the IOTC Secretariat will be responsible for finding a location and funding for the meeting