REPORT FROM THE CCSBT OBSERVER TO Twenty Third Session of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission 17-21 June, Hyderabad, India CCSBT Observer (Indonesia)

The Twenty Third Session of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission was held in Hyderabad, India, from 17 – 21 June 2019. Total of 163 delegates attended the session, comprising from 24 Contracting Parties (Members) of the Commission, 2 Cooperating Non-Contracting Parties, 12 Observers to the Commission (including 7 Invited Experts) and delegates from the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations.

Adopted Resolution

The Commission adopted 7 Conservation and Management Measures, as follows:

- 1. Resolution 19/01 On an interim plan for rebuilding the Indian Ocean yellowfin tuna stock in the IOTC Area of competence.
- 2. Resolution 19/02 Procedures on a fish aggregating devices (FADs) management plan.
- 3. Resolution 19/03 On the conservation of mobulid species caught in association with fisheries in the IOTC Area of Competence.
- 4. Resolution 19/04 Concerning the IOTC Record of Vessels Authorised to operate in the IOTC Area of Competence.
- 5. Resolution 19/05 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.
- 6. Resolution 19/06 On establishing a programme for transhipment by large-scale fishing vessels.
- 7. Resolution 19/07 On vessel chartering in the IOTC Area of Competence.

IOTC IUU Vessel List

The Commission added 1 vessel to the IOTC IUU Vessels List, bringing the total number of vessels listed to 65 vessels

Requests for The Accession to The Status of Cooperating Non-Contracting Party

The Commission granted the status of Cooperating Non-Contracting Party, until the close of the 24th Session in 2020, to Liberia and Senegal.

Other Issues

Indonesia will be host for the 24th Session of the Commission (S24), and its associated meetings in Bali, Indonesia. The meetings will be held from 31 May to 12 June 2020.