

## **Report from the CCSBT Observer (Indonesia) to the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC)**

### **Observer for CCSBT (Indonesia)**

1. The 28<sup>th</sup> Session of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC) was opened and chaired by the IOTC Chairperson Ms Jung-re Riley Kim (Rep. of Korea). The meeting was held between 13-17 May 2024 in Bangkok - Thailand.
2. Letters of Credentials were received from 28 Contracting Parties and 1 Cooperating Non-contracting Party (Liberia). The Commission admitted 25 Observers (including the invited experts).
3. The Commission adopted the following eleven Conservation and Management Measures:
  - a. Resolution 24/01 On climate change as it relates to the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission.
  - b. Resolution 24/02 On management of drifting fish aggregating devices (FADS) in the IOTC area of competence.
  - c. Resolution 24/03 On establishment of a list of vessels presumed to have carried out illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing in the IOTC area of competence.
  - d. Resolution 24/04 On a regional observer scheme.
  - e. Resolution 24/05 On establishing a programme for transshipment by large-scale fishing vessels.
  - f. Resolution 24/06 On a ban on discards of bigeye tuna, skipjack tuna, yellowfin tuna, and non-targeted species caught by vessels in the IOTC record of authorisation that operate in the IOTC area of competence.
  - g. Resolution 24/07 On a management procedure for skipjack tuna in the IOTC area of competence.
  - h. Resolution 24/08 On a management procedure for swordfish in the IOTC area of competence.
  - i. Resolution 24/09 To promote compliance by nationals of contracting parties and cooperating non-contracting parties with IOTC conservation and management measures.
  - j. Resolution 24/10 On the promotion of the implementation of IOTC conservation and management measures.
  - k. Recommendation 24/11 On conservation and management measure on marine pollution.
4. The Commission noted that several CPCs have contested their compliance assessments and agreed not to publish the 2024 Final Compliance Reports of CPCs in the public part of the IOTC website. The Commission further agreed to include a notation in the 2024 Final Compliance Reports, specifying which assessments were contested by CPCs.
5. Noting the call for a Special Session (SS) on yellowfin tuna from a member, the Commission agreed that a SS be held in the first half of 2025 should no yellowfin tuna management measure be adopted during the regular session of the Commission in April 2025.

6. The Commission agreed to renew the CNCP status of Liberia, until the end of the Commission meeting in 2025.
7. The Commission agreed to include thirteen vessels in the IOTC IUU Vessels List and updated details of eight vessels previously included in the IOTC IUU Vessels List.
8. The Commission noted that at SC26, no nominations were received for the new Scientific Committee chair, and Dr. Toshihide Kitakado from Japan continued as chair for another term as an interim measure. The Commission also agreed that an election for the SC chair should take place at the next session of the SC in 2024
9. Due to the resignation of the previous independent Chair of the Technical Committee on Allocation Criteria (TCAC), the Commission had undertaken an intersessional process to identify suitable candidates to take over as the new independent Chair of the TCAC. Dr Quentin Hanich was elected as the new independent Chair of the TCAC by secret ballot. The Commission agreed that the Vice-Chair(s) for the TCAC would be elected from CPCs, with the aim of supporting the independent chair, at the start of the 13<sup>th</sup> TCAC meeting in October 2024.
10. The Commission agreed that the first session of the Working Party of Socio Economics be held back-to-back with the 13<sup>th</sup> TCAC meeting in October 2024.
11. The Commission adopted a programme of work and budget and a corresponding scheme of contributions for the 2025 calendar year by maintaining the same amount in 2024 by USD 4,401,862.
12. The Commission adopted a schedule of meetings for 2025.
13. The 30<sup>th</sup> Session of the IOTC, and associated meetings, will be held from 7-17 April 2025 in La Réunion, hosted by the European Union.