

ANNUAL REPORTS RECEIVED LATE

This addendum contains annual reports received after the deadline (16 October).

Cet addendum contient les rapports annuels reçues après de la date limite (16 octobre).

Este addendum incluye los informes anuales recibidos después de la fecha límite (16 octubre).

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ANNUAL REPORT OF GABON

IIe Partie (Mise en œuvre de la gestion)

Chapitre 3 : *Respect des exigences de déclaration dans le cadre des mesures de conservation et de gestion de l'ICCAT*RAPPORT ANNUEL, II^e PARTIE, CHAPÎTRE 3

Catégorie	N°	Information requise	Réponse
GEN	0001	Rapports annuels (Commission)	Cette année seuls les navires battant pavillons étrangers ont pêché sous accord de pêche au Gabon. Ces accords comportaient des mesures visant l'usage des DCP non emmêlant et fabriqué à partir de matériaux bio dégradables. Par ailleurs, afin d'éviter toutes interactions des DCP avec les équipements des compagnies d'exploration pétrolière le Gabon a recommandé aux armateurs de communiquer les coordonnées des balises de leur DCP.
GEN	0002	Rapport sur la mise en œuvre des obligations en matière de déclaration pour toutes les pêcheries de l'ICCAT, notamment les espèces de requins	Nous avons adopté un texte d'application interdisant le prélèvement des ailerons de requins en République Gabonaise.
GEN	0003	Tableau ICCAT de déclaration de l'application	Aucun tableau n'a été transmis car le Gabon ne dispose pas de quota pour les espèces indiquées dans le tableau de déclaration de l'application.
GEN	0004	Affrètement de navires - rapport récapitulatif	
GEN	0005	Affrètement de navires - accords et finalisation	
GEN	0006	Rapports de transbordement (en mer et au port)	
GEN	0007	Déclaration de transbordement (en mer)	
GEN	0008	Navires de charge autorisés à recevoir des transbordements de thonidés et d'espèces apparentées dans l'océan Atlantique et éventuelles modifications ultérieures.	
GEN	0009	LSPLV autorisés à transborder sur des navires de charge dans l'océan Atlantique et éventuelles modifications ultérieures.	
GEN	0010	Points de contact pour les notifications d'entrée au port	
GEN	0011	Liste des ports désignés auxquels les navires sous pavillon étranger peuvent solliciter l'entrée.	
GEN	0012	Délai de notification requis pour l'entrée au port de navires de pêche sous pavillon étranger	
GEN	0013	Copies des rapports d'inspection au port	
GEN	0014	Copies des rapports d'inspection au port faisant état de présomptions d'infractions	
GEN	0015	Mesures prises suivant l'inspection au port lorsque des présomptions d'infractions sont constatées	
GEN	0016	Notification des conclusions de l'enquête des présomptions d'infractions au terme de l'inspection au port	

Catégorie	N°	Information requise	Réponse
GEN	0017	Information sur les accords bilatéraux d'inspection au port	
GEN	0018	Accords d'accès et modification	
GEN	0019	Résumé des activités menées conformément aux accords d'accès, incluant toutes les captures réalisées	
GEN	0020	Liste des navires de 20 mètres ou plus	
GEN	0021	Rapport sur les actions internes pour les navires de 20 m ou plus	
GEN	0023	Techniques utilisées pour gérer les pêcheries sportives et récréatives	
GEN	0024	Navires impliqués dans des activités de pêche IUU	
GEN	0025	Commentaires sur des allégations d'activités IUU	
GEN	0026	Mesures commerciales, soumission des données d'importation et de débarquement	
GEN	0027	Données sur la non-application	
GEN	0028	Conclusions d'enquêtes sur des allégations de non-application	
GEN	0029	Observations de navires	
GEN	0030	Mesures prises concernant les rapports d'observations de navires	
BFT	1001	Fermes de thon rouge	
BFT	1002	Rapports d'élevage de thon rouge	
BFT	1003	Report de poissons restés en cages	
BFT	1004	Déclaration de mise en cage du thon rouge	
BFT	1005	Madragues de thon rouge	
BFT	1007	Plans de pêche, d'inspection et de réduction de la capacité pour 2015	
BFT	1008	Ajustements du plan de la capacité d'élevage	
BFT	1009	Modifications des plans de pêches ou des quotas individuels	
BFT	1010	Rapport sur la mise en œuvre de la Rec. 14-04, comprenant des informations sur les réglementations et autres documents connexes adoptés aux fins de la mise en œuvre de la Rec. 14-04	
BFT	1011	Prises de thon rouge de 2014	
BFT	1012	Navires de capture de thon rouge	
BFT	1013	Autres navires de thon rouge	
BFT	1014	Opérations de pêche conjointes	
BFT	1015	Messages VMS	Oui, applicable
BFT	1016	Plans d'inspection	
BFT	1017	Liste des navires d'inspection	
BFT	1018	Noms des agences autorisées et des inspecteurs individuels	
BFT	1019	Copies des rapports d'inspection	

ANNUAL REPORT OF LIBYA

General Corporation for Agriculture, Animal and Marine Resources

SUMMARY

Purse Seine was the only type of fishing gear used in the 2015 fishing season by the Libyan fishing fleet which was made up of 14 purse seiners..

No reports of by catches by fishing vessels using other fishing gear were reported and there were no farming activities.

Fishing activity targeted only Bluefin tuna and took place mainly in International waters with a total catch of 1.154.83 Tons.

With the exception of 1,380kg all the catches resulted in live BFT which were then transferred to farms in Malta and Turkey.

All vessels were equipped with the statutory VMS equipment and data was transmitted to ICCAT as per pertinent ICCAT recommendations.

ROPs were detailed to each of the licenced vessels and National observers were detailed to most vessels..

All procedures and documentation regarding log books, pre authorisation requests, ITDs and BCDs were followed and corrective action taken where necessary either by way of monitored control transfers or by way of release at caging on arrival at the licenced farm site and in cooperation with the CPC responsible for the farming site following the stereoscopic camera control operation at caging transfer.

Part I (Information on Fisheries, Research and Statistics)

Section 1: Annual Fisheries Information

1.1 Types of fisheries

During the 2015 blue fin fishing season Purse seine was the only gear authorized. Bluefin tuna is a highly migratory species along the Libyan coast and fishing activity took place in accordance with the ICCAT measures (Rec. 08-05, Rec. 10-04, Rec. 12-03, 13-07 and 14-04).

1.2 Fishing effort trends

The total number of fishing vessels licenced during 2015 season was 14 purse seiners as in 2014. They were organised in two JFOs of four vessels each, one JFO consisting of two vessels, two vessels were active on an individual basis and two vessels developed mechanical problems and their allocated quota was distributed to the others.

1.3 Catch trends

The total catch of BFT in the Libyan waters and convention areas during 2015 was 1,154.8 tons. Data on BFT catches during the period 2003-2015 is submitted accordingly (Table 1).

Section 2: Research and Statistics

Due to the unstable situation in the country it was not possible to collate scientific data during 2015.

2.1 Fishery data

Collation of data re fisheries in general was not possible due to the pertinent stressful circumstances in the country

Data relating to BFT catches 2015 at caging stage are reported in TABLE II of this report

Part II (Management Implementation)

Section 3: compliance with the reporting requirements under ICCAT measures:

- *No BFT was landed at any of the Libyan designated ports.*
- *Due to the stressful situation in the country and in agreement with competent ICCAT bodies the ports of embarkation/disembarkation for ROPs were designated in Tunisia and Turkey.*
- *There was no sport and recreational fishing in season 2015..*
- *No JFOs with third country CPCs were authorized*
- *No transshipments of any sort took place.*
- *The minimum catch size of 30kg was strictly observed.*
- *Libya had no tagging program in 2015.*
- *Libya was mainly concerned with E- BFT in 2015 and other species were not monitored..*

Section 4: Implementation of ICCAT Conservation and Management Measures

Fishing activity of the BFT purse seiners in Libyan and International waters is regulated by the following decrees/ regulations:

- *Decree #205/2013 as updating of the previous decree #61/2010 which regulates licensing, monitoring, control and inspection of bluefin tuna fishing activity in Libyan waters and complied with the control measures adopted by ICCAT (Recs.08-05 ,09-06).*
- *Recc. 12-03 which modified by Recc.13-07implemented ICCAT recommendations re the multiannual recovery plan for BFT.*

4.1 closed season and catch limits

*The authorized fishing period for BFT by the purse seiners has been set from 26.5.2015 until 24.6.2015
Catch limits as per quotas assigned in CP-01 submitted to ICCAT*

4.2prohibitions of length and weight

Maximum allowed incidental catch of fish weighing less than30kg was 5%.

4.3 Vessel Monitoring System

*It was obligatory for all BFT fishing and towing vessels to have an operational VMS.
VMS information was regularly reported to Secretariat every 6hrs.*

4.4 Licensing and Fishing Method

In terms of pertinent ICCAT recommendation adopted in domestic local regulation such as decree no 205/2013 which regulates the tuna fishery in Libya it is Mandatory for BFT catching vessels and Bft Others to obtain a BFT tuna fishing license and BFT-Other license from the General Corporation for Agriculture, Animal and Marine Resources. Catches and Transfer operations were conducted in terms of ICCAT Recommendation 14-04 Paragraphs 61,62,63,66,67,68,69,70,71,72,73,74,75,76,77,83,85,87,88,89,90,91,93.

4.5 Observers

It was obligatory to embark ICCAT Regional Observers for all Catching vessels during the entire fishing season. National Observers were also embarked on most of the Catching vessels

4.6: Inspection Schemes and Activities

Libya did not participate in any inspection scheme with other CPC for bluefin tuna in Mediterranean

Section 5: Difficulties encountered in implementation of and compliance with ICCAT measures:

Libya has made its best efforts to implement all ICCAT recommendations during the season and where difficulties were encountered counter-measures to resolve them were adopted:

- *The utilization of Libyan designated ports for embarkation/disembarkation of ROPs proved difficult because of insurance and safety concerns and this was resolved by adopting alternative port in Tunisia and Turkey after consultation with Secretariat.*
- *Where video camera shoots were not considered clear enough (due to bad weather or other reason), second control transfers took place. The eventual conclusions of the stereoscopic camera controls at caging have confirmed as correct most of the results of the transfers at sea and where necessary releases were authorized.*

Table 1

Year	Initial quota (t)	Current catch (t)
2003	1286	752.2
2004	1300	1299.6
2005	1400	1090.7
2006	1440	1254
2007	1280.14	1359
2008	1236.99	1317.8
2009	946.52	1081.64
2010	725.750	645.303
2011	902	ZERO
2012	902	762.948
2013	937.65	933.1
2014	937.65	932.63
2015	1,155	1,114.83

TABLE II

Statistical Data resulting from stereoscopic camera controls at caging on farms

LIBYA Live BFT Catches 2015

Sizing statistical Information	Cage	Cage	Cage	Cage
Live BFT Caught by Libyan vessels transferred to cages in Turkey	TUR-AKU-2015-002	TUR-BAS-2015-006	TUR-SAG-2015-006	TUR-SAG-2015-011
Mean weight (kg):	86.652	110,345	95.403	75.951
Minimum weight (kg):	32.186	36,365	33.322	33.002
Maximum weight (kg):	289.078	287,866	292.418	285.590
Weight S.D. (kg):	38.535	40,774	52.023	52.617
Weight CV (%):	44.467	36,952	54.529	69.277
Sample size (weight):	471	210	570	705
Samples out of formula range:	0	0	0	0
Mean FL (m) :	1.706	1,726	1.618	1.486
Minimum FL (m) :	1.212	1,211	1.176	1.172
Maximum FL (m) :	2.691	2,408	2.420	2.401
FL S.D. (m) :	0.242	0,209	0.285	0.292
FL CV (%):	14.166	12,103	17.604	19.672
Sample size (FL):	471	210	570	705

Sizing statistical Information	Cage	Cage	Cage	Cage	Cage	Cage	Cage
Live BFT Caught by Libyan vessels transferred to cages in Malta	MFF MLT-2015-AUT-028 CAGE 12	MFF MLT-2015-AUT-017 CAGE 12	MFF MLT-2015-AUT-016 CAGE 12	MFF MLT-2015-AUT-015 CAGE 12	F&F MLT-2015-AUT-029 CAGE 17	MARE BLU MLT-2015-AUT-08 CAGE15	MARE BLU MLT-2015-AUT-007 CAGE 4
Mean weight (kg):	144.182	163.019	129.492	101.928	98.856	128.872	108.120
Minimum weight (kg):	29.764	24.300	32.704	24.351	26.919	21.855	20.425
Maximum weight (kg):	273.701	281.392	267.102	248.470	232.379	229.194	247.101
Weight S.D. (kg):	54.825	43.330	53.527	51.822	66.704	51.856	64.395
Weight CV (%):	38.025	26.580	41.336	50.842	67.476	40.239	59.559
Sample size (weight):	112	72	118	175	62	197	162
Samples out of formula range:	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mean FL (m) :	1.985	2.097	1.915	1.741	1.687	1.906	1.746
Minimum FL (m) :	1.178	1.098	1.217	1.099	1.138	1.059	1.034
Maximum FL (m) :	2.532	2.556	2.510	2.449	2.393	2.381	2.444
FL S.D. (m) :	0.317	0.219	0.291	0.338	0.422	0.317	0.427
FL CV (%):	15.976	10.453	15.173	19.437	25.019	16.634	24.436
Sample size (FL):	112	72	118	175	62	197	162

ANNEX I

Part I of Annual Report (Scientific Report)

Number	Information required	Response
	GENERAL - all species	
S1	Annual Reports (Scientific)	Not available
S2	Fleet Characteristics	Minimal fishing activity of species other than BFT
S3	Estimation of nominal catch Task I	Not sent
S4	Catch & Effort (Task II)	Not sent
S5	Size samples (Task II)	N.a
S6	Catch estimated by size	Not available
S7	Tagging declarations (conventional and electronic)	N.a. Libya has neither released nor recovered any tags.
S8	Catches from sport & recreational fisheries in the Mediterranean Sea (all tuna and tuna-like species)	N.a. Libya has no activity
S9	Specific data to determine separately the magnitude of recreational fisheries of each species	N.a. No activity at all.
S10	Information collected under domestic observer programs	N.a. Libya has no activity
S11	Alternative scientific monitoring approach	N.a. There is no alternative monitoring.
S12	Information and data on pelagic Sargassum	N.a. There is no information available.
S13	Specific information for the fishing vessels that were authorized to carry out pelagic longline fisheries and harpoons in the Mediterranean during the preceding year	N.a. There is no information available.
	BLUEFIN TUNA	
S14	Sport and Recreational fishing data	N.a. No sport/recreational fishing in Libya 2015
S15	Size sampling from farms	N.a. Libya has no BFT farm.
S16	Results of BFT pilot studies under para 87 [88]	N.a. Libya has no BFT farm.
S17	Results of sampling programme and/or alternative at the time of BFT caging	N.a. Libya has no BFT farm.
S18	Information on and data collected under the national BFT observer programmes	N.a. Libya has no BFT farm.
S19	Report on fishing mortality of all W-BFT, including dead discards	N.a. Libya involved in E-BFT activities.
S20	Information on confiscated bluefin tuna of unauthorised by-catch	N.a. No unauthorised by catch was recorded.
S21	Details of cooperative research programs on W-BFT to be undertaken	N.a. Libya not involved in w-BFT activities.
S22	Updates to abundance indices and other fishery indicators	N.a. Libya involved in E-BFT activities.
S23	Information resulting from GBYP related research including new information resulting from enhanced biological sampling activities	N.a. Libya not involved
	TROPICAL TUNA	
S24	Catch information from logbooks on BET/YFT vessels	No tropical tuna in Libya
S25	Management Plans for the use of fish aggregating devices	N.a.
	SWORDFISH	
S26	Best available data on SWO, including by sex and discards and effort statistics	Not available due to minimal fishing activity
	BILLFISH	
S27	Results of scientific programmes for billfish	N.a. Libya involved in bill fish fishing

Number	Information required	Response
S28	Report on methods for estimating live and dead discards of blue marlin and white marlin/spearfish	N.a Libya involved in such fishing activity.
SHARK		
S29	CPCs shall submit Task I and Task II data for sharks including available historical data	N.a. No available data.
S30	Task I and Task II of Thresher sharks, including discards and releases	N.a. No available data.
S31	CPCs shall record through their observer programs the number of discards and releases of silky sharks with indication of status (dead or alive) and report it to ICCAT	N.a. No available data.
S32	Plan for improving data collection for sharks on a species specific level	N.a. No available data.
S33	Task I and Task II of silky sharks caught for local consumption	N.a. No available data.
S34	Task I and Task II of hammerhead sharks caught for local consumption	N.a. No available data.
S35	Number of discards and releases of hammerhead sharks with indication of status (dead or alive)	N.a. No available data.
S36	Number of discards and releases of oceanic whitetip with indication of status (dead or alive)	N.a. No available data.
OTHER BY-CATCH		
S37	Provision of Existing identification guides for sharks, seabirds and turtles and marine mammals caught in the Convention Area	N.a. No available data.
S38	Information on interactions of its fleet with sea turtles in ICCAT fisheries by gear type	N.a. No available data.
S39	CPCs shall record data on seabird incidental catch by species through scientific observers in accordance with the Recommendation 10-10 and report these data annually.	N.a. No available data.
S40	CPCs shall report the by-catch and discard data	N.a. No available data.
S41	Notification of measures taken on the collection of by-catch and discard data in artisanal fisheries through alternative means	N.a. No available data.
S42	CPCs shall report on steps taken to mitigate by-catch and reduce discards, and on any relevant research	N.a. No available data.

Annex II Annual Report part II section 3

Category	No.	Information required	Response
GEN	0001	Annual Reports (Commission)	Annual Report part II no 024/2014
GEN	0002	Report on implementation of reporting obligations for all ICCAT fisheries, including shark species	Sent to iccat 29/9/2014
GEN	0003	ICCAT Compliance Reporting Table	PNCs answered 09.09.2015
GEN	0004	Vessel Chartering - summary report	Not applicable. Libya does not charter any vessels
GEN	0005	Vessel Chartering - arrangements and termination	Not applicable. Libya does not charter any vessels
GEN	0006	Transshipment reports	Not applicable. Libya does not any Transshipment
GEN	0007	Transshipment declaration (at sea)	Not applicable. Libya does not Transshipment declaration
GEN	0008	Carrier Vessels authorised to receive transshipment of tuna and tuna-like species in the Atlantic Ocean and any subsequent modifications	Not applicable. Libya does not carrier vessels authorised
GEN	0009	LSPLVs which are authorised to tranship to carrier vessels in the Atlantic Ocean and any subsequent modifications	Not applicable. Libya does not authorised to transport to carrier vessels in the Atlantic ocean
GEN	0010	Points of contact for port entry notifications	Not applicable. Libya does not points of contact for port.
GEN	0011	List of designated ports into which foreign fishing vessels may request entry	Not applicable. Libya does not designated ports into which foreign fishing vessels
GEN	0012	Notification period required for entry into port of foreign fishing vessels	Not applicable. Libya does not notification period required
GEN	0013	Copies of port inspection reports	Not applicable. Libya does not copies of port inspection
GEN	0014	Copies of port inspection reports containing apparent infringements	Not applicable. Libya does not copies of port inspection
GEN	0015	Action taken following port inspection if apparent infringement is found	Not applicable. Libya does not action taken following port inspection
GEN	0016	Notification of results of investigation of apparent infringements following port inspection	Not applicable. Libya does not notification of results of investigation
GEN	0017	Information of bilateral arrangement for Port Inspection	Not applicable Libya does not Information of bilateral arrangement
GEN	0018	Access Agreements and changes	Not applicable. Libya does not Access any agreements
GEN	0019	Summary of activities carried out pursuant to access agreements, including all catches	Not applicable. Libya does not activities carried out pursuant
GEN	0020	List of vessels greater than 20 metres	Sent to iccat 10/04/2014
GEN	0021	Vessels 20 m internal actions report	Sent to iccat 29/9/2014
GEN	0022	LSTLV Management standard	Not applicable. no LSTLV included in 2014
GEN	0023	Techniques used to manage sport and recreational fisheries	Not applicable. No sport and recreational fisheries included
GEN	0024	Vessels involved in IUU Fishing	Not applicable. Libya does not vessels in IUU
GEN	0025	Comments on IUU allegations	Not applicable. Libya does not vessels in IUU
GEN	0026	Trade Measures Submission of import and landing data	Not applicable. No BFT landed
GEN	0027	Data on non-Compliance	Sent to iccat 29/09/2014
GEN	0028	Findings of investigations in relation to allegations of non-compliance	Not applicable. No investigation
GEN	0029	Vessels sightings	Not applicable. No vessel been sight
GEN	0030	Actions taken with regard to reports of vessel sightings	Not applicable. No vessel been sigh
BFT	1001	Bluefin tuna farming facilities	Not applicable. Libya has no farm Activities.
BFT	1002	Bluefin tuna farming reports	Not applicable.No farming in Libya
BFT	1003	Carry over of caged fish	Not applicable.no fish carried over

Category	No.	Information required	Response
BFT	1004	Bluefin tuna caging declaration	Not applicable. Libya has not caging declaration(no farms)
BFT	1005	Bluefin tuna traps	Not applicable.Libya has no traps
BFT	1006	Bluefin tuna trap declarations	Not applicable. Libya does not operate Bluefin tuna traps
BFT	1007	Fishing, inspection and capacity reduction plans for 2015	Vide Fishing Plan 04/03/15
BFT	1008	Adjustments to farming capacity plan	Not applicable. Libya does not operate Bluefin tuna traps
BFT	1009	Modifications to fishing plans or individual quotas	n/a
BFT	1010	Report on implementation of Rec. 10-04, including information on regulations and other related documents adopted for implementation of 10-04	Vide fishing Plan 04/03/15
BFT	1011	Bluefin tuna catches 2015	Sent to iccat 07/07/15
BFT	1012	Bluefin tuna catching vessels	Sent to iccat 13/05/15
BFT	1013	Bluefin tuna other vessels	Sent to iccat 27/05/15
BFT	1014	Joint Fishing Operations	Sent to iccat 14/05/2015
BFT	1015	VMS messages	Regularly reported to iccat
BFT	1016	Inspection plans	Not applicable. does not included in Libya plan
BFT	1017	List of inspection vessels	Not applicable. No list reported
BFT	1018	List of inspectors [and agencies]	Not applicable. No list reported
BFT	1019	Copies of inspection reports	Not applicable. no inspection port
BFT	1020	Bluefin tuna transshipment ports	Not applicable. no transport port
BFT	1021	Bluefin tuna landing ports	n/a
BFT	1022	Bluefin tuna weekly catch reports	Yes (regular) on time 03/06,12/06,25/06,07/07/15
BFT	1023	Bluefin tuna monthly catch reports	Sent to iccat 07/07/15
BFT	1024	E-BFT fishery closures	Sent to iccat 24/06/15
BFT	1025	Report on steps taken to encourage tag and release of all fish less than 30 kg/115 cm	No tagging ,
BFT	1026	Validated bluefin catch documents unless entered into eBCD	Within 5 days
BFT	1027	BCD Annual Report	Sent to iccat 14/10/15
FT	1028	Validation seals and signatures for BCDs	15/05/15
BFT	1029	BCD Contact points	No change
BFT	1030	BCD legislation	No change
BFT	1031	BCD tagging summary, sample tag	Not applicable. No tagging
BFT	1032	Vessels not included as BFT fishing vessels and presumed to have fished E-BFT	Not applicable. No vessels presumed
TRO	2001	List of BET/YFT vessels and subsequent changes	Not applicable.
TRO	2002	List of authorized vessels which fished bigeye and/or yellowfin tunas in 2013	Not applicable.
TRO	2003	Reports on investigation of IUU activity by BET/YFT vessels	Not applicable.
TRO	2004	Annual report on implementation of the area/time closure for BET/YFT	Not applicable.
TRO	2005	List of BET/YFT observers	Not applicable.
TRO	2006	Data from ICCAT statistical document programs	Not applicable.
TRO	2007	Validation seals and signatures for SDPs	Not applicable.
SWO	3001	Data from ICCAT statistical document programs	Not applicable.
SWO	3002	Validation seals and signatures for SDPs	Not applicable.
SWO	3003	List of vessels targeting Med-SWO, including special permits for harpoons and longline	Not applicable.

Category	No.	Information required	Response
SWO	3004	List of sport/recreational vessels authorized to catch Med-SWO	No such authorisation
SWO	3005	List of special fishing permits for harpoons or longline for highly-migratory pelagic stocks in the Mediterranean for the previous year	No such authorisation
SWO	3006	Report on implementation of Med-SWO closure	Not applicable.
SWO	3007	Development or fishing/management plan for north Swordfish	Not available this year
ALB	4001	Annual list of northern albacore vessels	Not applicable.
ALB	4002	Provisional accumulative southern albacore catches	Not applicable.
BIL	5001	Notification of prohibition of dead discards of marlins	Not applicable.
BIL	5002	Report on steps taken to implement Rec. 12-04 through domestic law or regulations, including monitoring, control and surveillance measures	Not available yet
SHK	7001	Notification of the necessary measures to ensure that hammerhead sharks taken by developing coastal CPCs will not enter international trade	Not applicable.
SHK	7002	Notification of the necessary measures to ensure that silky sharks taken by developing coastal CPCs will not enter international trade	Not applicable.
SHK	7003	Report on implementation of shortfin mako mortality reduction	Not applicable.
SHK	7004	Report on steps taken to implement Recommendation 11-08 through domestic law or regulations, including monitoring, control and surveillance measures that support implementation	In process
SHK	7005	All CPCs submit to the ICCAT Secretariat, in advance of the 2013 annual meeting, details of their implementation of and compliance with shark conservation and management measures (Recs. 04-10, 07-06, 09-07, 10-08, 10-07, 11-08 and 11-15)	Not applicable.
BYC	8001	Report on implementation of Rec. 10-09, Paras. 1, 2 and 7, and relevant actions taken to implement the FAO guidelines	Libya involving Bft, no by-catch
BYC	8002	Report on Implementation of seabird mitigation measures and NPOA for seabirds	Not applicable. no sea bird
BYC	8003	Report on steps taken to mitigate by-catch & reduce discards and any relevant research in this field	Not applicable.
SDP	9001	Description of pilot electronic statistical document systems	Not applicable. no pilot system
MISC	9002	Information and clarification regarding objections to ICCAT Recs.	Not applicable. no objections

ANNUAL REPORT OF ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES

SUMMARY

St. Vincent and the Grenadines is a small island developing state who continues to explore all available sources of revenue in order to ensure food security for its people while meeting the challenges of sustainable utilization and a changing global environment. However, such efforts must be in compliance with acceptable international practices and standards. SVG continues to develop, refine and implement the relevant legislative, management, monitoring and enforcement mechanisms with regards to its high seas fishing fleet. These measures are geared toward ensuring the activities of these vessels are fully compliant with the conservation and management initiatives taken by ICCAT and other relevant organizations. St. Vincent and the Grenadines' fleet operating in the ICCAT conservation area comprises mostly of long-line fishing vessels which target tuna and tuna like species. These vessels are foreign owned and registered with the St. Vincent and the Grenadines Maritime Department. The total number of tuna longline vessels operating in the ICCAT convention area is 32.

Part 1 (Information on fisheries, research and statistics)

Section 1: Annual fisheries information

1.1 Annual catch by species and gear in the ICCAT Convention area

The tables below shows the annual catch and effort data by gear and species for the St. Vincent and the Grenadines Highseas fleet which operated in the ICCAT convention area for the years 2009 to 2014 (source: fishing logs and fishing vessels voyage reports).

Over the past six (6) years, St. Vincent and the Grenadines catch of tuna and tuna-like species caught in the ICCAT Convention area amounted to 10,496.048 mt. As the table shows yellowfin tuna has been the dominant species over the 6year period. (see **Table 1**).

As can be observed from the table2 below, the catches remain within the quota levels set out for the species in 2013 and 2014. Northern Albacore has shown a significant increase of 12.5 % in tonnage over that of 2013. This is because the demand for the Northern Albacore has increased drastically over the years. Chinese Taipae was generous to allocate 100 tonnes of their Northern Albacore quota to St. Vincent and the Grenadines for the years 2013, 2014 and 2015.

Section 2: Research and statistics

2.1 Statistical data collection

In St. Vincent and the Grenadines (SVG) a general statistical data collection system has been implemented to monitor the tuna fisheries as well as the demersals, conch and lobster fisheries. Data is collected from all landing sites using a cluster-stratified random sampling methodology. That is, all landing sites are clustered into zones and then divided according to their status of importance (primary, secondary, tertiary). A system of stratified cluster sampling is then used to estimate catch and fishing effort for twenty-one landing sites on mainland St. Vincent. All species-specific landings are then raised on a monthly basis to estimate total landings.

In 2009, a pilot study to improve the statistical data collection system in SVG was conducted. The data collection forms were revised as well as new data items were added to incorporate data that were being missed, for example, information on a second gear used and Fish Agregating Device (FAD) as a fishing gear type (to capture information on species of fish caught around a FAD). Modifications were also done to the biological forms to gather length data for fish (blackfin and yellowfin tuna) caught around FADS. As a data management tool the Caribbean Fisheries Information System (CARIFIS) database was installed for the storage and management of catch and effort data as well as fishers and vessels information.

2.1.1 High seas

The captain of each vessel maintains a log of the daily catch and transmits the data to the vessel owners. The data is then sent to the fisheries division for analysis. The logbooks capture information such as the position (lat, long) of the vessel, date, catch and effort (weight, species, hooks) and size (length frequency) data.

Tuna and tuna-like species caught on the highseas are transported to the transshipment port in Trinidad. The fish is sorted and then sold to buyers locally or exported to other countries in the Far East and North and South America.

2.2 Vessel Monitoring System (VMS)

SVG has upgraded its VMS capabilities to a more modernize system. SVG flagged High Seas fishing vessels have been fitted with new up to date and compatible VMS hardware. The relevant authorities have been working with Pole Star a member of the Absolute Software Group and they currently provide this service. The reporting system is an automatic, real time internet base service. From our research this reporting system complies with ICCAT VMS recommendation. Apart from simply tracking vessels, the system also includes features such as Geo-zones, e-logs, alerts for entry into unrestricted zones (EEZs and other RFMOs) and daily electronic reporting system.

A SVG High Seas Fishing Vessels Monitoring Unit has been established to monitor ship information received from the Absolute VMS software. The monitoring unit is composed of five Officers of the Fisheries Division. Vessels are monitored on a daily basis from Monday to Friday.

2.3 Observer Programme

At present, St. Vincent and the Grenadines is in the process of applying to be a part of the ICCAT Regional Observer Programme for transshipment. It is expected that SVG will be a part of this programme within the upcoming month.

2.4 Port Sampling Program

A MOU between SVG and Trinidad and Tobago the port state for SVG's flagged vessels is being drafted seeking permission for Officers from SVG to enter Trinidad and Tobago and conduct a port sampling program for SVG's flagged vessels (see Section 5).

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Number	Requirement	Response
GENERAL – all species		
S1	Annual reports (Scientific)	
S2	Fleet Characteristics	31/07/2015 an updated version was sent on 08/17/2015
S3	Estimation of nominal catch Task 1	31/07/2015 an updated version was sent of 8/17/2015
S4	Catch & Effort (Task II)	31/07/2015 and 8/17/2015 (updated version)
S5	Size Samples (Task II)	31/07/2015 and 8/17/2015 (updated version)
S6	Catch Estimated by Size	31/07/2015
S7	Tagging declarations (conventional and electronic)	
S8	Catches from sport & recreational fisheries in the Mediterranean sea (all tuna and tuna-like species)	Not applicable
S9	Specific data to determine separately the magnitude of recreational fisheries of each species	Not applicable
S10	Information collected under domestic observer programs	Not applicable. St. Vincent and the Grenadines has not established a domestic observer programme.
S11	Alternative scientific monitoring approach	Not applicable
S12	Information and data on pelagic <i>Sargassum</i>	Not applicable, No information was collected
S13	Specific information for the fishing vessels that were authorized to carry out pelagic longline fisheries and harpoons in the Mediteranean during the preceding year.	Not applicable, SVG Vessels do not fish in the Mediterranean.
S14 – S23	BLUE FIN TUNA	Not applicable, SVG fleet does not engage in the harvesting of Bluefin tuna
	Tropical Tuna	
S24	Information from logbooks on BET/YFT Vessels	Not applicable
S25	Management Plans for the use of fish aggregating devices	N/A – SVG highseas fishing license states that no aggregating device should be used.
S29 – S36	SHARKS	N/A – SVG would be improving its data collection System to include catches of shark species if applicable.
OTHER BY-CATCH		
S41	Notification of measures taken on the collection of bycatch and discard data in artisanal fisheries through alternative means	

Part II (Management implementation)

Section 3: Compliance with reporting requirements under ICCAT conservation and management measures

See **Table 3** also.

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Category	N°	Information required	Response
GEN	0001	Annual Reports (Commission)	
GEN	0002	Report on implementation of reporting obligations for all ICCAT fisheries, including shark species	The highseas fleet of St. Vincent and the Grenadines is guided by the Highseas Fishing Regulations of 2003 and the High Seas Fishing Act of 2001. These pieces of legislation formed the basis for the implementation of reporting obligations. The Act of 2001, Part III, section 7 (4b) clearly states that “the records of fishing operations shall be kept on board the licensed fishing vessel and the returns shall be submitted to the Chief Fisheries Officer concerning the area of fishing, catches and landing of fish and such other information and matters relating to fishing as may be stipulated in the licence or as shall be notified by the Chief Fisheries Officer to the person to whom the licence is issued”.
GEN	0003	ICCAT Compliance Reporting Table	10/09/2015
GEN	0004	Vessel Chartering - summary report	Not applicable, St. Vincent and the Grenadines does not charter any vessels.
GEN	0005	Vessel Chartering - arrangements and termination	Not applicable
GEN	0006	Transshipment reports	Transshipment operations and the subsequent information were collected in April 2015, July 2015 and August 2015.
GEN	0007	Transshipment declaration (at sea)	Transshipment operations and the subsequent information were collected in April 2015, July 2015 and August 2015.
GEN	0008	Carrier Vessels authorised to receive transshipment of tuna and tuna-like species in the Atlantic Ocean and any subsequent modifications	Not applicable
GEN	0009	LSPLVs which are authorised to tranship to carrier vessels in the Atlantic Ocean and any subsequent modifications	September 25, 2015
GEN	0010	Points of contact for port entry notifications	Not applicable
GEN	0011	List of designated ports into which foreign fishing vessels may request entry	Not applicable
GEN	0012	Notification period required for entry into port of foreign fishing vessels	Not applicable
GEN	0013	Copies of port inspection reports	Not applicable
GEN	0014	Copies of port inspection reports containing apparent infringements	No reports on apparent infringements.
GEN	0015	Action taken following port inspection if apparent infringement is found	See Gen 0014.

GEN	0016	Notification of results of investigation of apparent infringements following port inspection	See Gen 0014.
GEN	0017	Information of bilateral arrangement for Port Inspection	No bilateral arrangement for Port Inspection
GEN	0018	Access Agreements and changes	None.
GEN	0019	Summary of activities carried out pursuant to access agreements, including all catches	
GEN	0020	List of vessels greater than 20 metres	June 4, 2015
GEN	0021	Vessels 20 m or greater internal actions report	No changes.
GEN	0022	LSTLV Management standard	No change.
GEN	0023	Techniques used to manage sport and recreational fisheries	Not applicable - All SVG highseas vessels are engage in commercial fishing.
GEN	0024	Vessels involved in IUU fishing	Not Applicable – No SVG highseas vessels involve in IUU fishing.
GEN	0025	Comments on IUU allegations	Not applicable
GEN	0026	Trade Measures Submission of import and landing data	Not applicable
GEN	0027	Data on non-compliance	Not applicable – no data on non-compliance
GEN	0028	Findings of investigations in relation to allegations of non-compliance	Not applicable
GEN	0029	Vessels sightings	Not applicable
GEN	0030	Actions taken with regard to reports of vessel sightings	Not applicable
BFT	1001	Bluefin tuna farming facilities	Not applicable – fishing vessels do not harvest bluefin tuna.
BFT	1002	Bluefin tuna farming reports	Not applicable, see BFT 1001 above.
BFT	1003	Carry over of caged fish	Not applicable
BFT	1004	Bluefin tuna caging declaration	Not applicable
BFT	1005	Bluefin tuna traps	Not applicable
BFT	1006	Bluefin tuna trap declarations	Not applicable
BFT	1007	Fishing, inspection and capacity reduction plans for 2014	Not applicable
BFT	1008	Adjustments to farming capacity plan	Not applicable
BFT	1009	Modifications to fishing plans or individual quotas	Not applicable
BFT	1010	Report on implementation of Rec. 13-07, including Information on regulations and other related documents adopted for implementation of 13-07	Not applicable
BFT	1011	Bluefin tuna catches 2013	Not applicable
BFT	1012	Bluefin tuna catching vessels	Not applicable
BFT	1013	Bluefin tuna other vessels	Not applicable
BFT	1014	Joint Fishing Operations	Not applicable
BFT	1015	VMS messages	Not applicable
BFT	1016	Inspection plans	Not applicable
BFT	1017	List of inspection vessels	Not applicable
BFT	1018	List of inspectors [and agencies]	Not applicable
BFT	1019	Copies of inspection reports	Not applicable
BFT	1020	Bluefin tuna transshipment ports	Not applicable
BFT	1021	Bluefin tuna landing ports	Not applicable
BFT	1022	Bluefin tuna weekly catch reports	Not applicable
BFT	1023	Bluefin tuna monthly catch reports	Not applicable
BFT	1024	E-BFT fishery closures	Not applicable
BFT	1025	Report on steps taken to encourage tag and release of all fish less than 30 kg/115 cm	Not applicable

BFT	1026	Validated bluefin catch documents unless entered into eBCD	Not applicable
BFT	1027	BCD Annual Report	Not applicable
BFT	1028	Validation seals and signatures for BCDs	Not applicable
BFT	1029	BCD Contact points	Not applicable
BFT	1030	BCD legislation	Not applicable
BFT	1031	BCD tagging summary, sample tag	Not applicable
BFT	1032	Vessels not included as BFT fishing vessels and presumed to have fished E-BFT	Not applicable
BFT	1033	Data needed for registration in eBCD system	Not applicable
TRO	2001	List of BET/YFT vessels and subsequent changes	4 June 2015
TRO	2002	List of authorized vessels which fished bigeye and/or yellowfin tunas in 2013	4 June 2015
TRO	2003	Reports on investigation of IUU activity by BET/YFT vessels	No reports on investigation of IUU activity by BET/YFT vessels.
TRO	2004	Annual report on implementation of the area/time closure for BET/YFT	
TRO	2005	List of BET/YFT observers	No observers.
TRO	2006	Data from ICCAT statistical document programs	Not applicable
TRO	2007	Validation seals and signatures for SDPs	Not applicable
SWO	3001	Data from ICCAT statistical document programs	
SWO	3002	Validation seals and signatures for SDPs	
SWO	3003	List of vessels targetting Med-SWO, including special permits for harpoons and longline	Not applicable, vessels do not target Med-SWO.
SWO	3004	List of sport/recreational vessels authorized to catch Med-SWO	Not applicable
SWO	3005	List of special fishing permits for harpoons or longline for highly-migratory pelagic stocks in the Mediterranean for the previous year	Not applicable
SWO	3006	Report on implementation of Med-SWO closure	Not applicable
SWO	3007	Development or fishing/management plan for north Swordfish	Not applicable
ALB	4001	Annual list of northern albacore vessels	
BIL	5001	Notification of prohibition of dead discards of marlins	Not applicable
BIL	5002	Report on steps taken to implement Rec. 12-04 through domestic law or regulations, including monitoring, control and surveillance measures	
SHK	7001	Notification of the necessary measures to ensure that hammerhead sharks taken by developing coastal CPCs will not enter international trade	
SHK	7002	Notification of the necessary measures to ensure that silky sharks taken by developing coastal CPCs will not enter international trade	

SHK	7003	Report on implementation of shortfin mako mortality reduction	
SHK	7004	Report on steps taken to implement Recommendation 11-08 through domestic law or regulations, including monitoring, control and surveillance measures that support implementation	
SHK	7005	All CPCs submit to the ICCAT Secretariat details of their implementation of and compliance with shark conservation and management measures (Recs. 04-10, 07-06, 09-07, 10-08, 10-07, 11-08 and 11-15)	
BYC	8001	Report on implementation of Rec 10-09, paras 1, 2 and 7, and relevant actions taken to implement the FAO guidelines	
BYC	8002	Report on Implementation of seabird mitigation measures and NPOA for seabirds	
BYC	8003	Report on steps taken to mitigate bycatch & reduce discards and any relevant research in this field	Not applicable
SDP	9001	Description of pilot electronic statistical document systems	Not applicable
MISC	9002	Information and clarification regarding objections to ICCAT Recs	Not applicable

Section 4: Implementation of other ICCAT conservation and management measures

4.1 Legislation

The Fisheries Division which operates under the Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Development, Forestry, Fisheries and Industry is responsible for the overall management and development of the fisheries sector and is guided by the following pieces of legislations.

1. The Maritime areas Act of 1983
2. The Fisheries Act, no 1 of 1986
3. The Fisheries Regulations no. 8 of 1987
4. The Fish Processing Regulations of 2001
5. The Highseas Fishing Act of 2001
6. The Highseas Fishing Regulation, Nov 2003

4.2 IUU declaration

The Castries Declaration of Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated fishing (IUU) was passed in July 2010, at the 2nd special meeting of the Caribbean Regional Fisheries Mechanism (CRFM) Ministerial Council. St. Vincent and the Grenadines (SVG) is party to and committed to this declaration. In January 2013, an IUU Fisheries regulation was drafted to address and discourage IUU fishing both locally and on the highseas.

Section 5: Difficulties encountered in implementation of and compliance with ICCAT conservation and management measures

St. Vincent and the Grenadines continues to develop, refine and implement the relevant legislative, management, monitoring and enforcement mechanisms with regards to its high seas fishing fleet. These measures are geared toward ensuring the activities of these vessels are fully compliant with the conservation and management initiatives taken by ICCAT and other relevant organizations. However SVG is constantly faced with financial and human resource constraints which impede the implementation of some of the conservation and management measures.

5.1 Port Sampling Programme

St. Vincent and the Grenadines is currently seeking to open negotiations with Trinidad and Tobago, to establish an effective port sampling regime whereby members of the St. Vincent and the Grenadines Competent Authority will gather information from the High Seas vessels when they arrive in port in Trinidad and Tobago.

Table 1. Annual Catch and Effort Statistics for SVG Longline Highseas Vessels (Weight in Metric Tonnes (t)).

<i>Years</i>	<i>Efforts/ (hooks)</i>	<i>YFT</i>	<i>ALB</i>	<i>BET</i>	<i>SKJ</i>	<i>Sail fish</i>	<i>SWD</i>	<i>Wahoo</i>	<i>Spear- fish</i>	<i>Misc</i>	<i>Totals</i>
2009	329,000	2230	185	292	2	8	50	7	7	191	2972
2010	279,350	819	205	396	2	7	17	9	8	89	1552
2011	216,200	927	423	37	0	4	14	6	5	299	1715
2012	489,700	551	397	25	0.079	4	10	5	4	162	1158.079
2013	387,900	325	383	15	0.069	3	6	4	3	112	851.069
2014	549,900	481.34	456.75	29.7	.065	3.55	39.801	3.37	2.564	1211.5	2247.9
Total s		5432.34	2049.75	794.7	4.213	29.55	136.80	34.37	29.564	2064.5	10,496.048

Table 2. Annual Catch and Effort Statistics for SVG Longline Highseas vessels 2013 -2014(weights in MT).

Years	Effort # hooks	YFT	N.ALB	S.ALB	BET	SKJ	SAIL	N.SWD	S.SWD	WAH	SPF	Misc	TOTAL S
2013	387,900	325	286	97	15	0.069	3	4	2	4	3	112	851.069
2014	549,900	481.34	326.91	129.84	29.7	.065	3.55	39.801	19.242	3.37	2.564	1211.5	2,247.9

Table 3. Report on internal actions taken to ensure that tuna vessels on the ICCAT Record of Vessels over 20 Metres are fishing in accordance with ICCAT management and conservation measures

Please mark with an X the box(es) which apply to your party, entity or fishing entity. Additional information may be included in the "Comments" column				
	Required	Optional	Not required	Comments
1. Conditions under which authorization to fish is issued include:				
compliance with, or ability to comply with, applicable ICCAT Conservation and Management Measures	X			
<i>Such measures include:</i>				
vessel monitoring systems	X			
conditions for reporting time series of catch and effort by vessel	X			
conditions for reporting total catch in number, nominal weight, or both, by species (both target and non-target) as is appropriate to each fishery period	X			
conditions for reporting discard statistics, including estimates where necessary			X	
conditions for reporting effort statistics appropriate to each fishing method	X			
conditions for reporting fishing location, date and time fished and other statistics on fishing operations	X			
reporting and other conditions for transshipping, where transshipping is permitted	X			
observer coverage			X	
maintenance of fishing and related log books	X			
Other measures (please specify)				
<i>Compliance with other requirements:</i>				
where appropriate, compliance with other aspects of fisheries arrangements applicable to the flag State, entity or fishing entity	X			
possession of navigational equipment to ensure compliance with boundaries and in relation to restricted areas	X			
marking of fishing vessels and fishing gear in accordance with internationally recognized standards	X			
the vessel has a unique, internationally recognized identification number, that enables it to be identified regardless of changes in registration or name over time	X			
Other measures (please specify)				

2. LSFVs on the ICCAT record keep on board :				
valid certificates of vessel registration	X			
valid authorization to fish and/or transship	X			
3. Authorization to fish includes:				
the vessel name	X			
the name of natural or legal person authorized to fish	X			
the areas, scope and duration of the authorization to fish	X			
the species and fishing gear authorized	X			
other applicable management measures (e.g., closed area/seasons, minimum sizes)	X			
4. Prevention of association with IUU fishing activities				
evidence that vessels have not previously been engaged in IUU fishing activities, or are no longer associated in any way with such activities is required	X			
owners must be citizens or legal entities of the flag state, entity or fishing entity issuing the authorization			X	
5. Transshipments				
all LSFVs involved in transshipment at sea have a prior authorization to transship issued by the CPC	X			
<i>LSFVs must report to the national fisheries administration or other designated institution the following:</i>				
the date and location of all of their transshipments of fish at sea	X			
the weight by species and catch area of the catch transshipped	X			
the name, registration, flag and other information related to the identification of the vessels involved in the transshipment	X			
the port of landing of the transshipped catch	X			
6. Punitive and sanction actions				
vessels which have not complied with the requirements above are subject to sanction by the flag CPC	X			