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France (OT) Implementation report

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Delegation of France (OT)

Abstract

France (OT) presents a report on the implementation of SIOFA CMMs.

Report of implementation – SIOFA – France (OT)

2018, June 7th

France (OT), as a Contracting Party to SIOFA, committed itself to ensure that the measures adopted by the Commission are effectively implemented by French vessels operating in the SIOFA Agreement Area, under the flag of “Terres australes et antarctiques françaises”.

All those vessels are subject to monitoring and control; observers are present on board for 100% of their activity.

CMMs 2017/01, 2017/02, 2016/03, 2016/04, 2016/05, 2016/06, entered in to force on 8 October 2016 and on 9 September 2017 for CMMs 2017/07, 2017/08, 2017/09 and 2017/10. Implementation reporting for a number of CMMs was contained in the France (OT) National Report presented to the Third Meeting of the Scientific Committee, which is available on the SIOFA website.

1. Compliance to CMMs

N°	Mesure de conservation et de gestion	Paragraphs	Status	Complementary observations
2017/10	Conservation and Management Measure for the Monitoring of Fisheries in the Agreement Area (Monitoring)	1,2,3,4,5,6,8,10,16,17,18,19,20,21	Compliant	No transshipment at sea
2017/09	Conservation and Management Measure for Control of fishing activities in the Agreement Area (Control)	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10	Compliant	No gear lost Observer onboard 100% of the fishing trip No sighting of other fishing vessels
2017/08	Conservation and Management Measure establishing a Port Inspection Scheme (Port Inspection)	All	NA	No foreign fishing vessels landing
2017/07	Conservation and Management Measure for Vessel Authorisation and Notification to Fish (Vessel Authorisation)	2,3,6,7,8	Compliant	
2016/06	Conservation and Management Measure on the Listing of IUU Vessels (IUU List)	1,2	NA	No IUU vessel detected
2016/05	Conservation and Management Measure regarding the use of large-scale pelagic driftnets and deepwater gillnets in the Southern Indian Ocean Fisheries Agreement Area (Pelagic Driftnets and Deepwater Gillnets)	All	Compliant	
2016/04	Conservation and Management Measure on Vessels without Nationality (Vessels without Nationality)	4,5,6	NA	No sighting of any vessel without nationality
2016/03	Conservation and Management Measure for Data Confidentiality and Procedures for access and use of data (Data Confidentiality)	All	NA	
2017/02	Exchange of Data relating to fishing activities in the Agreement Area (Data Standards):	4,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16	Compliant	
2017/01	Conservation and Management Measure for the Interim Management of Bottom Fishing in the SIOFA Agreement Area	9,10,11,12,13,14,17,18,25,26,27,28,29,31,33,	Compliant	

2. Precisions regarding CMM 2017/01 on interim Management of Bottom Fishing in the SIOFA Agreement Area

France (OT) vessels operated less than 40 days in a single year in SIOFA.

In accordance with article 9(1)b, France (OT) has then put in place limits on its bottom fishing effort through a national regulation, « arrêté du 9 février 2017 transposant la recommandation CMM 2016/01 de l'Accord relatif aux pêches dans le Sud de l'océan Indien ». This regulation defines :

- a maximum number of fishing days and vessel authorisations;
- fishing areas according to historical catches;
- the authorized gears, which excludes trawlers and large-scale driftnets;

- a scientific observers program (100% of the activity is observed);
- a protocol in case of VMEs encounters;
- technical measures regarding the conservation of sharks, rays, seabirds, cetaceans;
- technical fishing measures.

French vessels have been respecting a protocol to ensure that fishing don't have significant adverse impacts on VMEs since 2012. This protocol is included in the French regulation and is then binding.