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France (Territoires) – Report on Implementation of SIOFA CMMs

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Delegation of France (Territoires)

Abstract

This report describes the implementation of SIOFA CMMs in France (territoires).

France (OT) – Report on Implementation of SIOFA CMMs

France (Territoires), 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 (French austral and Antarctic territories).

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

France (Territoires) notes that CMM 2016/01 and 05 implies measurable implementation obligations while concerning CMM 2016/02/03/04/06/07 there are no specific implementation measures to report.

CMM 2016/01 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. Paragraphs 9(1)b then applies to France (OT).

In accordance with article 9(1)b, France (OT) has established 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.

CMM 2016/02 on for the collection, reporting, verification and Exchange of Data relating to fishing activities in the Agreement Area

France (Territoires) collects and submits the catch data to the secretariat.

Further information is also included in the scientific report provided to the Scientific Committee by France (Territoires), including historical catch data.

VMS are implemented on all vessels.

CMM 2016/03 for Data Confidentiality and Procedures for the Access and Use of data

France (Territoires) has used the possibility offered by this CMM for its reports. Nothing to report.

CMM 2016/04 on vessels without Nationality

Nothing to report, no vessel without nationality was sighted.

CMM 2016/05 regarding the use of large-scale pelagic driftnets and deep-water gillnets in SIOFA Agreement Area

Vessels from the France (Territoires) fleet do not use large-scale pelagic driftnets, which are not authorised on board of France OT flagged vessels (arrêté du 9 février 2017 transposant la recommandation CMM 2016/01 de l'Accord relatif aux pêches dans le Sud de l'océan Indien).

CMM 2016/06 on the listing of IUU vessels

Nothing to report, no vessels presumed to engage in IUU activities were identified.

CMM2016/07 Vessel authorisation and notification to fish

A list of authorised vessels has been notified to the secretariat according to obligations of this CMM.