

REPORT FROM THE CCSBT OBSERVER TO
25th Session of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission 11-17 June 2021
CCSBT Observer (Indonesia)

The 25th Session of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC) was held by videoconference on 7-11 June 2021. Credentials were received for 430 delegates, from 26 Contracting Parties, 1 Cooperating non-Contracting Party and 23 Observers including Invited Experts. The meeting was Chaired by the Vice-Chairperson, Ms Jung-re Riley Kim (Rep. of Korea).

Adopted Resolution

The Commission adopted 3 Conservation and Management Measures, as follows:

1. Resolution 21/01 On an interim plan for rebuilding the Indian Ocean yellowfin tuna stock in the IOTC area of competence.
2. Resolution 21/02 On establishing a programme for transshipment by large-scale fishing vessels.
3. Resolution 21/03 On harvest control rules for skipjack tuna in the IOTC area of competence.

IOTC IUU Vessel List

The IOTC IUU Vessels List was updated and 16 new vessels were added by the Commission in 2021.

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

The Commission granted the status of Cooperating Non-Contracting Party to Senegal until the close of the 26th Session in 2022. The Commission agreed not to renew the CNCP status of Liberia, due to its absence in the Commission meeting.

Other Issues

The Commission agreed to enter into a collaborative arrangement with the Southern Indian Ocean Fisheries Agreement, through a letter of intent.