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Dear Sir/Madam

MANDATORY REPORTING OF DATA RELATED TO FADS

This letter represents a reminder for reporting fisheries statistics according to the provisions in two IOTC Resolutions:

- 19/01 On an interim plan for rebuilding the Indian Ocean yellowfin tuna stock in the IOTC Area of competence
- 19/02 Procedures on a fish aggregating devices (FADs) management plan.

Pursuant to Para. 19 of Resolution 19/01, CPCs shall report by 1 March, the number of FADs that were deployed in 2018 and 2019 by purse seine vessels and associated supply vessels per 1°x1° grid.

The template for reporting this information can be downloaded from the IOTC web site: [click here](#)

Please note that the 1 March deadline for this submission has now passed.

Pursuant to Para. 24 of Resolution 19/02, in order to support the monitoring of compliance with the limitation established in Paragraph 4, while protecting business confidential data, the instrumented buoy supplier company or the CPCs shall, starting 1 January 2020, report, or require their vessels to report, daily information on all active FADs to the Secretariat. Such information shall contain, date, instrumented buoy ID, assigned vessel and daily position, which shall be compiled at monthly intervals, to be submitted with a time delay of at least 60 days, but no longer than 90 days.

The template for reporting this information can be downloaded from the IOTC web site: [click here](#).

Please note that the first deadline (January data) is the 30 April 2020.

Thank you in advance for your prompt action on this matter.

Yours sincerely



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Executive Secretary

Attachments:

- None

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