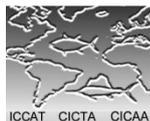


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Madrid, 21 September 2020

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**SUBJECT: LETTER ON COMPLIANCE ISSUES**

Dear Ms. Bamford,

On behalf of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT), I am writing to inform you that, at the 26<sup>th</sup> Regular meeting of ICCAT (18-26 November 2019, Palma de Mallorca, Spain), the Commission noted certain reporting and implementation deficiencies, as listed in the attached response template.

During the 2019 Compliance Committee meeting, Contracting Parties, Entities and Fishing Entities (CPCs) were assessed for compliance with ICCAT conservation and management measures and reporting requirements. Based on the review of the Secretariat Report on Statistics and Coordination of Research and the 2019 Secretariat's Report to the Compliance Committee and other available information, the Committee noted the following deficiencies for the UK-OT:

- Rec. 16-14: No domestic scientific observer programme in place and hence no observer data received
- Rec. 18-13: BCD Annual Report received late
- Rec. 13-13: One vessel without IMO number reported for inclusion on ICCAT Record of Vessels

The Commission is pleased to note the updates provided on efforts made by UK-O.T. to address these issues but recalls that lack of full implementation of ICCAT requirements can undermine the work of the Commission in fulfilling the Convention's objectives. And late or incomplete reporting causes difficulties for the Secretariat in preparing documents for the Commission and its Panels and Committees and reduces the effectiveness of the Compliance Committee. The lists of reporting requirements, the relevant reporting forms, and ICCAT Recommendations and Resolutions are published annually on the ICCAT web site at:

<https://www.iccat.int/en/SubmitCOMP.html>  
<https://www.iccat.int/en/submitSTAT.html>  
<https://www.iccat.int/en/RecRes.asp>

The Commission requests UK-O.T. to reply to this letter before **20 October 2020** and complete the attached template (preferably submitted as an MS Word document) to indicate the actions taken by UK-O.T. to rectify the deficiencies indicated.

If you have any questions about the issues raised in this letter, including a request for a more detailed explanation of the issues, please do not hesitate to contact me and the Secretariat at [info@iccat.int](mailto:info@iccat.int).

In thanking you for your attention to these important matters, let me express to you the assurances of my highest consideration.

Derek Campbell  
*Compliance Committee Chair*

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