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| **Country / CPC** | **Dates** | **Executing agencies / staff** | **Description of activities** |
| **Tanzania**  (in person, Zanzibar) | 26 Feb-1 Mar 2024  **COMPLETED** | IOTC Fishery Officer (data)  IOTC Data Assistant | Technical Assistance Mission to:   * Assess the progress made following the recommendations of the mission conducted by the Secretariat in July 2023 * Review the Fisheries Information Platforms in use and their integration to fill in data reporting gaps * Further clarify any outstanding aspects of the IOTC data reporting process and proposing potential improvements * Better understand the factors explaining the discrepancies in data reported to the IOTC * Evaluate the best approach to harmonise the time series of historical Tanzanian catches and efforts. |
| **Bangladesh**  (in person, Dhaka and Chittagong) | 17-22 Mar 2024  **COMPLETED** | IOTC Fishery Officer (data)  IOTC Fisheries Statistician | Technical Assistance Mission to:   * Assess the status of the data collection and reporting systems in place * Have a better understanding of the fisheries that catch tuna and tuna-like species in Bangladesh * Provide technical advice to improve the collection and reporting of data to the IOTC. |
| **Thailand**  (in person, Bangkok) | 15-18 Apr 2024  **COMPLETED** | IOTC Fishery Officer (data)  IOTC Data Assistant  IOTC Fisheries Statistician  12 participants from China, Indonesia, Malaysia, Maldives, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Philippines, and Thailand. | Capacity Building Workshop (Eastern Indian Ocean) to assist CPCs in effectively formatting and reporting fisheries data to the Secretariat in accordance with IOTC data reporting requirements. The regional data reporting workshop included training sessions focused on formatting and reporting fisheries data to the Secretariat to ensure compliance with IOTC data reporting obligations using the new forms developed by the Secretariat, together with the updated edition of the IOTC Data Reporting Guidelines and associated data tools such as the Fisheries Wizard, Data Validators and the IOTC Data Reference Catalogue. |
| **Indonesia**  (in person, Jakarta)  (in person, Jakarta) | 19-26 Apr 2024  **COMPLETED**  18-20 Oct 2024  **COMPLETED** | IOTC Fisheries statistician  IOTC Data Assistant  Representatives from:   1. Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries of Indonesia 2. National research institutions 3. FAO (Fisheries Statistics Division) 4. International Pole and Line Foundation | Technical support mission:  Continuation of the previous remote / in person meetings held in 2021, 2022, and 2023 to discuss the current state-of-the-art in terms of re-estimation procedures for Indonesia’s annual catches.   * Review the approach used by Indonesia to address the issues in historical catch estimates * Provide feedback and technical assistance on the method, with a major focus on coastal fisheries * Develop a methodology to re-estimate the catches of all fisheries for the period prior to 2010 to have a continuity in the time series of catch. |
| **Mozambique**  (in person, Maputo) | 3-8 May 2024  **COMPLETED** | IOTC Fishery Officer (data)  IOTC Data Assistant | Data Technical Assistance Mission to:   * Assess the status of the existing data collection and reporting systems, to better understand the fisheries targeting tuna and tuna-like species in Mozambique * Provide technical advice to improve data collection and reporting to the IOTC. * Give an overview of data reporting requirements to the IOTC and present the tools recently developed by the Secretariat to assist in data submission. |
| **Kenya**  (in person, Nairobi) | 27-30 May 2024  **COMPLETED** | IOTC Fishery Officer (data)  IOTC Data Assistant  IOTC Fisheries Statistician  17 participants from Comoros, European Union, I.R. Iran, Kenya, Madagascar, Mozambique, Oman, Seychelles, Somalia, and Tanzania, Bangladesh, and India. | Capacity Building Workshop (Western Indian Ocean) to assist CPCs in effectively formatting and reporting fisheries data to the Secretariat in accordance with IOTC data reporting requirements. The regional data reporting workshop included training sessions focused on formatting and reporting fisheries data to the Secretariat to ensure compliance with IOTC data reporting obligations using the new forms developed by the Secretariat, together with the updated edition of the IOTC Data Reporting Guidelines and associated data tools such as the Fisheries Wizard, Data Validators and the IOTC Data Reference Catalogue. |
| **Annual meeting of the EU RCG on Large Pelagics**  (virtual, Olhao, Portugal) | 24-26 Jun 2024  **COMPLETED** | IOTC Fisheries Statistician | Presentation of a summary on data needs and gaps regarding large pelagic data in the IOTC, with a summary of EU data reporting status. |
| **Open ASFA (Aquatic Sciences and Fisheries Abstracts) Working Group**  (virtual) | 3 Jul 2024  **COMPLETED** | IOTC Fishery Officer (data)  IOTC Data Assistant | Revision of the ASFA terms of reference, updates and collaboration with partners. |
| **Seychelles International Fisheries Workshop**  (in person, Victoria) | 19 Jul 2024  **COMPLETED** | IOTC Fisheries Statistician | Overview presentation on IOTC mandate, functioning, fisheries, and data reporting obligations and workflow. |
| **Oman**  **Technical meeting**  (in person, Victoria) | 29-30 Jul 2024  **COMPLETED** | IOTC Fishery Officer (data)  IOTC Data Assistant  Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries of Oman | Overview of Oman's fishery statistics system and catch estimation methodology for Omani artisanal fisheries, and discussions on review project of data sampling and processing procedures, with a focus on yellowfin tuna. |
| **G16 International Fisheries Workshop** (virtual, Dubai, UAE) | 22-26 Jul 2024  **COMPLETED** | IOTC Fishery Officer (data)  IOTC Data Assistant | General presentation on IOTC mandate, functioning, and activities related to science, compliance, and data collation and management. |
| **EU,France**  **Technical meeting**  (in person, Victoria) | 3 Sep 2024  **COMPLETED** | IOTC Fisheries Statistician  IOTC Data Assistant  Dr. Sylvain Bonhommeau (Ifremer) | Review of the data status and gaps for the coastal fisheries of Reunion and Mayotte (EU,France) to revise and harmonise historical catch and effort data and improve future data submissions. |
| **EU Liaison meeting**  (virtual) | 24 - 25 Sep 2024  **COMPLETED** | IOTC Fishery Officer (data) | Overview presentation on the status of the statistical data available at the Secretariat for EU fisheries, including identification of issues and improvement prospects. |
| **Sri Lanka**  (in person, Colombo) | 30 Oct–4 Nov 2024  **COMPLETED** | IOTC data assistant  IOTC Fisheries statistician  Consultant (Dr Paul Medley) | IOTC Data Support Mission to:   * Assess the status of the fisheries of Sri Lanka in the context of IOTC data requirements (Item 3 of the Programme Work of the WDPCS19). Work would also focus on the transition to the new IOTC forms for reporting data to the Secretariat. * Evaluate the availability of fisheries data for deriving indices of abundance from gillnet CPUE time series as requested by the SC26 and S28. * Assess the status of the EM project and determine which support could be provided by the Secretariat for its continuation. |