

## MINUTES OF MEETING

### DISSEMINATION OF THE 29TH ANNUAL IOTC MEETING RESULTS

Jakarta, 28 April 2025

#### Executive Summary

On 28 April 2025, Indonesia's Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries (MMAF) conducted a hybrid dissemination workshop to share key outcomes of the 29th Annual Meeting of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC), held earlier in April in La Réunion. The workshop aimed to inform national stakeholders, strengthen national coordination, and prepare Indonesia's strategy in regional fisheries governance.

Key highlights include:

1. Indonesia's compliance score at IOTC improved to 80%, exceeding the average of member countries, including the EU.
2. Indonesia successfully advocated for national observers on transshipment vessels and removed five vessels from the IOTC Draft IUU Vessel List.
3. Catch limits were successfully negotiated: 2,791 tons for bigeye tuna, 138,000 tons for skipjack tuna, and 45,426 tons for yellowfin tuna.

The workshop also reviewed implementation of:

- Pilot transshipment at sea, noting challenges with wooden vessels and the need for observer capacity building.
- FAD (rumpon) regulations, including implementation timelines for anchored (AFADs) and drifting (DFADs) devices.
- RFMO vessel registration, emphasizing compliance for both fishing and carrier vessels.  
IUU fishing handling procedures, using a recent case involving 5 Indonesian vessels accused of fishing in Australian waters as a learning example.

The event convened 192 online participants from government agencies, academia, and the tuna industry.

#### **Meeting Minutes**

1. The dissemination was conducted in a hybrid format on 28 April 2025 at the Arwana meeting room, Mina Bahari II Building, 14th floor, starting at 13.00 WIB. It was opened by the Director of Fish Resources Management and attended by various working group leaders and presenters. A total of 192 participants joined online, representing MMAF units, provincial and district marine affairs offices, other ministries/agencies, academia, and tuna fishing associations.

2. Objective: To present the outcomes of the 29th IOTC annual meeting, strengthen national coordination, and formulate forward-looking strategies to enhance Indonesia's position in regional fisheries fora.

### 3. Dissemination Agenda:

- Opening Remarks – Director of Fish Resources Management
- Introduction to IOTC Meeting Results – Head of SDI Management Working Group
- Panel Sessions on observer deployment, FAD management, vessel registration in RFMOs, IUU procedures
- Discussion and Closing

### 4. Summary of IOTC-29 Outcomes:

- Indonesia achieved 80% compliance score, above average and exceeding the EU.
- Approval for use of national observers in transshipment activities, important for sashimi-grade tuna.
- Removal of 5 Indonesian vessels from IOTC Draft IUU List – no vessels listed in 2025.
- Catch limits adopted: bigeye tuna (2,791 tons), skipjack (138,000 tons), yellowfin (45,426 tons).

### 5. Presentation Summaries:

- Transshipment Pilot Project: Evaluation of two years of Indonesia's pilot implementation of IOTC Resolution 24/05; highlighted wooden vessels' ineligibility, recommendation to integrate national programs into IOTC ROP, and need for international training support and SOPs.

- FADs (Rumpon): Explained AFAD (anchored) vs DFAD (drifting) and respective IOTC resolutions (23/01 and 24/02), including implementation timelines (AFAD: Jan 2024; DFAD: Jan 2026).

- Vessel Registration: Covered vessel types required to register with IOTC, CCSBT, WCPFC and their respective conditions, especially for transshipment carrier vessels.

- IUU Fishing: Detailed IOTC Resolution 24/03 and the three-tier listing procedure (Draft, Provisional, Final). Indonesia resolved an IUU case involving 5 vessels alleged to have fished in Australian waters, avoiding listing on the 2025 IOTC IUU List after bilateral engagement and compliance action.