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AQUATIC RESOURCES AUTHORITY OF PANAMA



TECHNICAL NOTICE

N° 081-2024

**FOR:** Panamanian flagged international longline fishing fleet operating in the Convention Area of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) and the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC).

**ON BEHALF:** International Technical Cooperation Office

**SUBJECT:** *Standardized fishing logbook format for reporting catch data for the longline fishing fleet.*

**DATE:** April 03, 2024

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The Aquatic Resources Authority of Panama (ARAP), communicates to Shipowners, Operators, Masters and Resident Agents, that in accordance with IATTC Resolution C-03-05 and ICCAT Recommendation 03-13, the use of a logbook or fishing logbook is established for the reporting of data from fishing operations on species regulated or covered by these RFMOs.

The use of the logbook format and instructions, attached to this circular, applies to the fishing fleet with international capture fishing license for Panamanian flag, specifically the large and small longliners that operate in the IATTC and ICCAT convention area. The Masters and crew aboard the vessels shall use and keep on board with the information requested and collected during fishing trips.

The information to be submitted by the longline fishing vessel in the logbook format are the retained, released or discarded catches, by-catch species or any other information requested by the Authority, for scientific analysis, as well as to have greater control within the framework of regional conservation and management measures.

It should be noted that the Authority will ensure that longline vessels comply with reporting their catch data in accordance with the conservation and management measures of the Regional Fisheries Management Organizations (IATTC - ICCAT) and domestic compliance regulations. This is without prejudice to other measures related to data reporting.

**✓ Important and Mandatory**

It is important to point out that Panamanian catcher vessels of international service, registered and authorized in the IATTC Regional Vessel Register and the ICCAT Vessel Register, **shall use the logbook**

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**format attached to this circular as of April 15, 2024 and shall be entered in the e-LAND platform in Excel and pdf formats, in compliance with article six of Resolution ADM/ARAP No.048 of August 30, 2023.**

**For those vessels that are at sea at the time of publication of this technical notice and return to port after the aforementioned date, they shall use the format on their next trip.**

This format may be modified by the Authority in accordance with future conservation and management measures approved by these RFMOs, and will be communicated to the entire fleet including its implementation period.

Non-compliance with the use of this format shall be subject to the application of the regulations in force and established by this Authority in sanctioning matters in accordance with the conservation and management measures of each RFMO and the domestic regulations in force by this Authority.

**Attachments:**

- Fishing Logbook format,
- Instructions for the use of the fishing logbook
- IATTC Resolution C-03-05 and ICCAT Recommendation 03-13.

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