

**Conservation Measure 10-01 (2014)<sup>1</sup>**  
**Marking of fishing vessels and fishing gear**

Species	all
Area	all
Season	all
Gear	all

The Commission hereby adopts the following conservation measure in accordance with Article IX of the Convention:

Vessel markings

1. All Contracting Parties shall ensure that their fishing vessels licensed<sup>2</sup> in accordance with Conservation Measure 10-02 to operate in the Convention Area are marked in such a way that they can be readily identified, with markings prominently displayed at all times. Specifically:
  - (i) the vessel's name and International Radio Call Sign (IRCS) shall be marked on the vessel's side or superstructure, port and starboard; fixtures inclined at an angle to the vessel's side or superstructure would be considered as suitable provided that the angle of inclination would not prevent sighting of the sign from another vessel or from the air;
  - (ii) in addition, the vessel's IRCS shall be marked on a deck<sup>3</sup>. Should an awning or other temporary cover be placed so as to obscure the mark on a deck, the awning or cover shall also be marked. These marks should be placed athwartships with the top of the numbers or letters towards the bow.
2. The marks shall:
  - (i) be placed as high as possible above the waterline on both sides (such parts of the hull as the bow and the stern shall be avoided);
  - (ii) be so placed that they are not obscured by the fishing gear whether it is stowed or in use;
  - (iii) be clear of flow from scuppers or overboard discharges including areas which might be prone to damage or discolouration from the catch of certain types of species;
  - (iv) not extend below the waterline.
3. Boats, skiffs and craft carried by the vessel for fishing operations shall bear the same mark as the vessel concerned.
4. The vessel markings required under paragraph 2 must meet the technical specifications outlined in Annex 10-01/A.

## Marker buoys and similar objects

5. Marker buoys and similar objects floating on the surface and intended to indicate the location of fixed or set fishing gear shall be clearly marked at all times with the letter(s) and/or numbers of the vessels to which they belong.

<sup>1</sup> Except for waters adjacent to Kerguelen and Crozet Islands

<sup>2</sup> Includes permitted

<sup>3</sup> A deck is any surface lying in the horizontal plane, including the top of the wheelhouse.

Annex 10-01/A

## Technical Specifications

### 1. Specifications of letters and numbers

- (i) block lettering and numbering shall be used throughout;
- (ii) the width of the letters and numbers shall be in proportion to the height as referred to in paragraph 1(iii) of this annex;
- (iii) the height (h) of the letters and numbers shall be:
  - (a) a minimum of 1 metre for the IRCS, to be placed on the hull, superstructure and/or inclined surfaces; and
  - (b) for marks to be placed on deck: the height shall not be less than 0.3 metre.
- (iv) the length of the hyphen shall be half the height of the letters and numbers;
- (v) the width of the stroke for all letters, numbers and the hyphen shall be  $h/6$ ;
- (vi) spacing:
  - (a) the space between letters and/or numbers shall not exceed  $h/4$  nor be less than  $h/6$ ;
  - (b) the space between adjacent letters having sloping sides (e.g. A V) shall not exceed  $h/8$  nor be less than  $h/10$ .

### 2. Painting

- (i) the marks shall be:
  - (a) white on a black background;
  - (b) black on a white background; or
  - (c) any colour that contrasts with the background so that the markings are clearly visible.

- (ii) the background shall extend to provide a border around the mark of not less than  $h/6$ ;
- (iii) good quality marine paints to be used throughout;
- (iv) the use of retro-reflective or heat-generating substances shall be accepted, provided that the mark meets the requirements of these technical specifications;
- (v) the marks and the background shall be maintained in good condition at all times.