

## Development of minimum regional standards for implementation of CMMs

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### PURPOSE

To assist participants at the Working Party on the Implementation of Conservation and Management Measures (WPICMM) to develop minimum regional standards for implementation of CMMs.

### BACKGROUND

Component 7, sub-component 7.2, of the Work Plan of the WPICMM comprise of the following activities:

<b>7</b>	<b>Development of minimum regional standards for implementation of CMMs</b>
<b>7.2</b>	<i>Prepare the minimum IOTC standards</i>
<b>7.2.1</b>	Identify CMMs where IOTC standards have not been introduced and propose recommendation for inclusion of IOTC standard for CMMs
<b>7.2.2</b>	Provide recommendation to the Compliance Committee (CoC) on Resolution(s) to amend
<b>7.2.3</b>	Develop minimum regional standards for implementation of CMMs
<b>7.2.4</b>	Request clarification to the Compliance on the develop minimum regional standards for implementation of CMMs

### DISCUSSION

A consultant was recruited to conduct the following activities:

- Identify CMMs where IOTC standards have not been introduced and propose recommendation for inclusion of IOTC standard for CMMs to allow the WPICMM to provide recommendations to the Compliance Committee (CoC) on Resolution(s) to amend.

The main outcomes and results related to the above activities can be found at page 21 of the consultant's report. The conclusions and recommendations are reproduced below. The report of the consultant is presented in full in IOTC-2019-WPICMM02-Compliance review.

#### **Conclusions and recommendations:**

(1) It is recommended that a definition for minimum regional standard for the implementation of CMMs be formulated before identifying resolutions where amendments need to be made to integrate these more specific data reporting requirements.

(2) The analysis and identification of resolutions that require amendments to clarify minimum regional standards has not been concluded and still needs to be undertaken, based on comments provided by CPCs.

(3) It is further recommended that linking the minimum regional standards to critical obligations be considered when drafting new resolutions (see Section 3.2). These critical obligations assigned to CMMs can provide a basis to review and assess compliance. Assessing compliance against these concrete obligations can strengthen the assessment process while paying attention to fairness, transparency and consistency.

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**RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the WPICMM02:

- 1) **NOTE** paper IOTC-2019-WPICMM02-08 and the consultant's report, reference IOTC-2019-WPICMM02-Compliance review,
- 2) **REVIEW AND DISCUSS** the report IOTC-2019-WPICMM02-Compliance review to provide recommendations to the Compliance Committee.