

Assessment criteria for the Compliance Report for CoC18

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PURPOSE

To encourage participants at the Working Party on the Implementation of Conservation and Management Measures (WPICMM) to review the assessment criteria to be used to compile the Compliance Report of CPCs, for CoC18.

BACKGROUND

At the 12th Session of the IOTC Compliance Committee, the following recommendation was made:

The CoC **RECOMMENDED** that the IOTC Secretariat provide CPCs with the assessment criteria to understand the process of how the Compliance Reports are compiled, including information on the year being assessed for each requirement (*Paragraph 47, IOTC-2015-CoC12-R[E], 62 pp*).

DISCUSSION

Following the recommendation of the Compliance Committee, the IOTC Secretariat is pleased to provide document IOTC-2021-WPICMM04-07 Add1 [English], the assessment criteria to be used for the compilation of the Compliance Reports for the 2021 meeting. We would like to invite the WPICMM04 to provide comments/observations on the assessment criteria.

We wish to bring to the attention of WPICMM04 that two reporting requirements have been introduced in the Compliance Report which relates to Resolutions adopted in 2019, but were not being assessed previously, as indicated to the IOTC Secretariat.

The two reporting requirements are highlighted in yellow for ease of reference in document IOTC-2021-WPICMM04-07 Add1 [English] and IOTC-2021-WPICMM04-07 Add2 [English], and they are related to the following Resolutions:

- Reference 3.5: Resolutions 19/07 (paragraph 6) - Start, suspension, resumption and termination of the fishing operations under the chartering agreement.
- Reference 5.14: Resolution 19/02 (Paragraph 4 & 24) - Number of active FAD.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the WPICMM:

- 1) **NOTE** documents IOTC-2021-WPICMM04-07, IOTC-2021-WPICMM04-07 Add1, which describes the new assessment criteria added to the 2021 Compliance Report, and IOTC-2021-WPICMM04-07 Add2, template of the Compliance Report for CoC18.
- 2) **FINALISE AND ENDORSE** the assessment criteria and the template of the Compliance Report, for the compliance assessment process in 2021 (CoC18).
- 3) **AGREE** that the IOTC Secretariat compile the Compliance Reports with the assessment criteria endorsed by the WPICMM04.

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