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FEEDBACK REGARDING COMPLIANCE ISSUES

China

SUBJECT: Outstanding compliance issues

During the 17th Session of the IOTC Compliance Committee, held on the 01 and 02 October 2020, by correspondence, Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties (CPCs) were individually assessed for their respective compliance with IOTC Conservation and Management Measures and their reporting requirements. Based on the examination of the Country Reports on Compliance, the National Reports of Implementation and the reports of the Scientific Committee, the Compliance Committee noted some variation in the degree of compliance by the CPCs.

As agreed by the 16th Session of the Commission, the Chair of the Commission is required to distribute “Letters of Feedback” to relevant CPCs, highlighting areas of non-compliance.

Specifically, the Compliance Committee noted the following compliance issues presented in annex in respect of **China**.

If you have any comments on the issues raised in this letter or additional information, we would invite you to provide your response to these in writing to the Executive Secretary of the Commission as soon as possible or, by latest, 08 April 2021 (60 days before the 2021 Commission Meeting). Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.



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Chairperson
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Annex: Response to the Letter of Feedback regarding compliance issues.

The CoC ACKNOWLEDGED the difficulties that China continue to face to fully implement the following CMMs adopted by the Commission:	Response
• Has not provided the report on zero catches matrix, as required by Resolution 18/07.	To improve this issue, we re-submitted the data again last year before the CoC meeting.
• Has not provided information on actions taken domestically to monitor catches & manage fisheries of Striped Marlin, Black Marlin, Blue Marlin and Indo-pacific Sailfish, as required by Resolution 18/05.	China government is currently updating the management legal document, but the final edition is still under signing by the Ministry.