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

The CoC ACKNOWLEDGED the difficulties that Sri Lanka continue to face to fully implement the following CMMs adopted by the Commission:	Response
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has not fully implemented the list of authorised vessels below 24 m in LOA, Missing call sign, as required by Resolution 19/04. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (DFAR) closely worked with the relevant authorities (Telecommunication Regulatory Commission & Ministry of Defence) on issuance of radio call signs to expedite the process. • Accordingly in 2021, 94% of the authorized vessels are with call signs. • Sri Lanka paid more attention on reporting of GT information of authorized vessels • In 2021 almost all vessels GT information is reported. Only 2 vessels GT is missing and this will be reported in next update.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has not fully implemented the list of authorised vessels below 24 m in LOA, Missing call sign, GT, invalid authorisation period, as required by Resolution 15/04. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has not reported Size Frequency for the coastal fisheries at IOTC Standard, as required by Resolution 15/02. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coastal data sampling is being improved for coastal fisheries, surface fisheries long line fisheries and shark fisheries to report size frequency data in required proportions for year 2020. • Sri Lanka has reported size frequencies for all major species. For some species the number of fish measured was not met the stipulated proportions (one fish/one ton) of the IOTC resolution 15/02. • Sri Lanka assumes that this would be the reason for highlighting this fact in the feedback. • In the case of billfish, since they are landed in cut pieces it has caused reporting of reduced number of length measurements.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has not reported Size Frequency for the surface fisheries at IOTC Standard, as required by Resolution 15/02. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has not reported Size Frequency for the longline fisheries at IOTC Standard, as required by Resolution 15/02. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has not reported Size frequency on sharks at IOTC Standard, as required by Resolution 17/05. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has not implemented the 5% Mandatory at sea requirement of the observer scheme, as required by Resolution 11/04. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The observer cadre has increased to 28 in numbers to achieve significant level of observer coverage in Sri Lanka large vessels. Sri Lanka applying the IOTC ROS – E Collection interface to enter observer data in trial basis. • Majority of Sri Lankan fishing fleet consists of vessels in the range from 10-15 m in length without the minimum requirements viz: safety, accommodation and space for deploying of the human observers • Pilot Project on Electronic Monitoring Systems (EMS) in small vessels (<24m) of SL Lanka under the technical assistance of IOTC is being implemented. The project is delayed due to covid 19 pandemic.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• However as per the point 4. of the resolution small vessels are being monitored by the field samplers where the coverage is >5%.There is no separate template to submit land based sampling data under resolution 11/04. Hence the length data obtained at the landing points submit to IOTC incorporating to the data submit in June under resolution 15/02 each year.