

**IOTC-2021-CoC18-FL04[E]-COM**

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

The CoC <b>ACKNOWLEDGED</b> the difficulties that <b>Comoros</b> continue to face to fully implement the following CMMs adopted by the Commission:	<b>Response</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has not transposed the ban on oceanic whitetip sharks into national legislation, as required by Resolution 13/06.</li> </ul>	A Decree is under signature.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has reported size frequency statistics for coastal fisheries not to IOTC standards (less than 1 fish per metric ton for some species/gears), as required by Resolution 15/02</li> </ul>	Comoros have made efforts to improve the data collection scheme to be able to comply with IOTC requirements.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has not transposed the prohibition of intentionally setting any gear type on mobulid rays into national legislation, as required by Resolution 19/03.</li> </ul>	A Decree is under signature.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has reported size frequency statistics not to IOTC standards for sharks (less than 1 fish per metric ton) for some species/gears, as required by Resolution 17/05.</li> </ul>	Comoros have made efforts to improve the data collection scheme to be able to comply with IOTC requirements.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has not provided data on interactions with marine turtles as required by Resolution 12/04</li> </ul>	The report on marine turtles was provided to the IOTC.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has not provided information on actions taken domestically to monitor catches of Blue Shark as required by Resolution 18/02</li> </ul>	The report on catch statistics for sharks was provided to the IOTC.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has not provided information on actions taken domestically to monitor catches &amp; manage fisheries of Striped Marlin, Black Marlin, Blue Marlin and Indo-pacific Sailfish as required by Resolution 18/05.</li> </ul>	The report on catch statistics for marlins was provided to the IOTC.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has not transposed the prohibition to retain on board, tranship, land, any Striped Marlin, Black Marlin, Blue Marlin, Indo-pacific Sailfish smaller than 60 cm Lower Jaw Fork Length into national legislation as required by Resolution 18/05.</li> </ul>	The implementation of this measure is very difficult with artisanal fishery using vessels 6-9 meters in length.