

**Federal Republic of Somalia**  
**Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources**

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**Feedback Letter**

<b>CPC: Somalia</b>	<b>Responses/clarifications</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Has not submitted a response for the Feedback Letter sent to Somalia.</li> </ul>	Somalia is currently revamping its data collections produces so it can be compliant of IOTTC Resolution 18/07
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Has not reported actions taken to implement reporting obligations &amp; improve data collection of catches, as required by Resolution 18/07.</li> </ul>	Somalia has recently formulated the process to integrate the catch reporting required by Resolution 18/07- Somalia has recently established a national data collection technical working group tasked to harmonized the data collection efforts throughout the vast coastline. The Ministry stands ready to work alongside the Secretariat to identify and implement possible alternative methods for data collection efforts in Somalia.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Has not provided information on access agreements, as required by Resolution 14/05.</li> </ul>	Somalia has an operating MOU with COFA that outlines the terms and conditions and vessels who are allowed to fish in Somali EEZ- 24NM to 200NM- Attached MOU
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Has not reported nominal catch for coastal fisheries and zero catches matrix, as required by Resolution 18/07.</li> </ul>	Somalia is currently in the middle of a implementation pilot project for data collection and at the moment is not yet got to the reporting stage. This pilot project only covers 7 landing sites and does not give the full picture of the normal catch for Somalia. The Ministry stands ready to work alongside the Secretariat to identify and implement possible alternative methods for data collection efforts in Somalia.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Has not reported catch and effort for coastal fisheries, as required by Resolution 15/02.</li> </ul>	Has not been able to report due to capacity and resources gap. Somalia is requesting assistance in the reporting and collecting of data for all landing sites
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Has not reported size frequency for coastal fisheries, as required by Resolution 15/02.</li> </ul>	Has not been able to report due to capacity and resources gap. Somalia is requesting assistance in the reporting and collecting of data for all landing sites
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Has not reported nominal catch data on sharks, as required by Resolution 17/05.</li> </ul>	Has not been able to report due to capacity and resources gap. Somalia is requesting assistance in the reporting and collecting of data for all landing sites
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Has not reported catch and effort data on sharks, as required by Resolution 17/05.</li> </ul>	Has not been able to calculate to capacity and resources gap. Somalia is requesting assistance in the reporting and collecting of data for all landing sites
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Has not reported size frequency data on sharks, as required by Resolution 17/05.</li> </ul>	Has not been able to calculate to capacity and resources gap. Somalia is requesting assistance in the reporting and collecting of data for all landing sites
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Has not reported any information concerning the prohibition of shark finning, as required by Resolution 17/05.</li> </ul>	Has not been able to calculate to capacity and resources gap. Somalia is requesting assistance in the reporting and collecting of data for all landing sites
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Has not reported any 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>	Somalia has conducted training and awareness process in regards to management of striped marlin, black marlin, blue marlin and into pacific sailfish. Somalia as recently established a Fisheries monitoring center FMC to monitor inland and EEZ fishing activities. It is a newly established which comprises of a director and 5 subsections who are tasked to monitor fisheries activities.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Has not reported any information concerning 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, as required by Resolution 18/05.</li> </ul>	N/A- No transshipment occurs in Somalia waters. Foreign vessels can only transshipment in the high-seas following IOTC rules and regulations.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Has national vessels within the IOTC list of IUU vessels.</li> </ul>	N/A Somalia currently does not issue any vessels on IUU IOTC list, and if they are operating in Somali waters are doing so illegally
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Has not reported any information concerning the engagement of any natural or legal persons subject to their jurisdiction in IUU fishing activities, as required by Resolution 07/01.</li> </ul>	N/A Somalia has not yet encountered any natural or legal persons who are subjected in our jurisdiction while conducting IUU fishing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Has not reported any information on the list of foreign fishing vessels which have landed in their ports tuna and tuna-like species caught in the IOTC area, as required by Resolution 05/03.</li> </ul>	N/A There are no foreign fishing vessels that landed Tuna and Tuna-like species at any of Somali's ports.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Has not transmitted any inspection report results, as required by Resolution 16/11.</li> </ul>	N/A no legal fishing vessels has called to enter any ports in regards to Somalia
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Has not carried out inspections of at least 5% of landings or transshipments in its ports during 2021, as required by Resolution 16/11.</li> </ul>	N/A- No transshipment occurs in Somalia waters. Foreign vessels can only transshipment in the high-seas following IOTC rules and regulations.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Has not reported any information on denials of entry into port during 2021, as required by Resolution 16/11.</li> </ul>	N/A no Foreign vessels on the IOTC list have requested port entry.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Has not submitted the National Scientific Report.</li> </ul>	Due to capacity and resources gap Somalia can not provide the National Scientific Report to IOTC. Somalia stands ready to compile and work alongside IOTC to improve and submit the National Scientific Reports.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No official fishing logbook provided, as required by Resolution 15/01.</li> </ul>	N/A Somalia at this current stage does not have any legal vessels flying Somalia flag and who are authorized to fish In Somalia waters or elsewhere
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Has submitted the Compliance Questionnaire incomplete.</li> </ul>	Have all ready submitted
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Has not reported any information concerning the prohibition of large-scale driftnets in the IOTC Area, as required by Resolution 17/07.</li> </ul>	The size of nets that are allowed to be used in Somalia is stipulated in the Somalia Fisheries Law
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Has not reported any information concerning the prohibition of intentionally fishing within 1 nautical mile of or interacting with data buoys, as required by Resolution 11/02.</li> </ul>	N/A Somalia at the moment do not have any activate buoys at this moment
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Has not reported any information concerning the prohibition of taking on board a data buoy, as required by Resolution 11/02.</li> </ul>	N/A Somalia fishing vessels do not have on board buoys.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Has not reported any information concerning the prohibition of intentionnally setting any gear type on mobulid rays, as required by Resolution 19/03.</li> </ul>	The size of gear to be used in Somali waters are all stipulated in Somali's fisheries law
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Has not reported any information concerning the prohibition to retain onboard, tranship, land, store mobulid rays, as required by Resolution 19/03.</li> </ul>	N/A there are no vessels legal vessels flying the Somalia flag at this current time.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Has not reported any information concerning the prohibition to gaff, lift by the gill slits/spiracles, punch holes through the bodies or/and the obligation to release alive and implement live release handling procedures for mobulid rays, as required by Resolution 19/03.</li> </ul>	Somalia is working on such resolution to be implemented and will update IOTC on a later date.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Has not reported any information on interactions with cetaceans, as required by Resolution 13/04.</li> </ul>	Somalia is working on such resolution to be implemented and will update IOTC on a later date.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has not reported any information on interactions with marine turtles, as required by Resolution 12/04.</li> </ul>	<p>Extracting marine turtles goes against the current Somali fisheries law. The FMC center and compliance team unsure at the landing sites there are no turtles extracted. Ministry makes random checks at the current fisheries markets and also processing facilities across Somalia coastlines</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has not reported any information on interactions with whale sharks, as required by Resolution 13/05.</li> </ul>	<p>Somalia is working on such resolution to be implemented and will update IOTC on a later date.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has not reported any information on actions taken domestically to monitor catches of Blue Shark, as required by Resolution 18/02.</li> </ul>	<p>Somalia is working on such resolution to be implemented and will update IOTC on a later date.</p>

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