

MOZAMBIQUE response to feedback letter on the level of implementation of IOTC Conservation and Management Measures identified by the CoC19 in 2022

No.	Identified issues	Response/comments
1	National Scientific Report not received as required by SC04	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scientific report for 2022 submitted to IOTC Secretariat on 16 November 2022.
2	Has not provided nominal catch data for coastal fisheries to IOTC standard as required by Resolution 15/02	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To allow improvement in this regard, Mozambique would like to request IOTC secretariat to clearly point out specific areas/component to help us improving in the future. Mozambique would like to take this opportunity to request technical assistance from IOTC Secretariat on this component
3	Has not provided report on zero catches matrix as required by Resolution 18/07	This is noted. The Report on Zero Catch Matrix is attached to this letter for reference.
4	Has not provided catch & effort data for coastal fisheries as required by Resolution 15/02	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As reported to IOTC Secretariat, coastal fisheries monitoring is challenging for Mozambique. Efforts are being done in order to overcome them and fulfil the requirements.
5	Has not provided size frequency data for coastal fisheries to IOTC standard as required by Resolution 15/02	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moz. faced difficulties to fulfil the requirement due to restrictions imposed by the Government in implementing mitigation measures to avoid spreading of COVID 19. Mozambique would also like to request technical assistance from IOTC Secretariat to improve this component. Mozambique would like to take this opportunity to request technical assistance from IOTC Secretariat on this component
6	Has not provided nominal catch data for shark fisheries to IOTC standard as required by Resolution 15/02	Efforts to collect shark data is ongoing. Currently catch species data is collected under the observer scheme.
7	Has not provided catch & effort data for shark fisheries to IOTC standard as required by Resolution 15/02	Mozambique would welcome technical assistance from IOTC Secretariat on this field to improve in reporting to this requirement 17/05 and 15/02.
8	Has not provided size frequency data for shark fisheries to IOTC standard as required by Resolution 15/02	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To allow improvement in this regard, Mozambique would like to request IOTC secretariat to point out clearly the specific areas to help improving. <p>This requirement was reported to IOTC secretariat, although did not meet IOTC standard specifically with regards to operation and its coordinates (longitude and latitude).</p>
9	Has not provided information on actions taken domestically to monitor catches of Blue Shark as required by Resolution 18/02	Scientific report for 2022 submitted to IOTC Secretariat address the required information by Resolution 18/05 and 18/02.
10	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	
11	Has not provided annual report on BET to IOTC standards as required by Resolution 01/06	We would like to request IOTC to specify exactly the missing information to allow Mozambique to overcome the problem. Nevertheless the 2022 report will address the concern.
12	No LAN/TRX report submitted as required by Resolution 11/06 (Resolution 16/11)??	Inspection was conducted but we failed to submit the reports to IOTC. We will overcome the issue and report back to IOTC in regular basis from 2022.
13	Has not inspected at least 5% of vessels as required by Resolution 11/06	

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14	Has not legislated for prohibition of aircrafts and unmanned aerial vehicles within the EEZ as required by Resolution 16/08	This requirement is reflected in the Terms and Conditions for Tuna License which is integral part of licensing procedures.
15	Has not legislated for prohibition from intentionally fishing within 1 nautical mile of or interacting with data buoy within the EEZ as required by Resolution 11/02	This requirement is reflected in the Terms and Conditions for tuna license which is integral part of the regulation. Requirement will be incorporated in the legislation in the next revision Articles 55, 67, 75 e 82 of REPMAR regulates this requiring to keep space between acting fishing gears.
16	Has not legislated for prohibition from taking on board a data buoy within the EEZ as required by Resolution 11/02	This requirement is reflected in the Terms and Conditions for Tuna License which is integral part of licensing procedures.
17	Mandatory information missing from list of Authorized vessels 24 metres in length overall or more as required by Resolution 19/04	To be able to fulfil the missing information Mozambique would like to seek clarification from IOTC Compliance section on specific missing information in order to help us improving for the future. If acceptable technical assistance to deal with this component will be appreciated.
18	Mandatory information missing from list of Authorized vessels (less than 24m, operating in waters outside EEZ of the flag state) as required by Resolution 19/04	
19	Has not provided nominal catch data for longline fisheries to IOTC standard as required by Resolution 15/02	Mozambique took note of the failure. To allow compliance with this Resolution, Mozambique would like to request IOTC secretariat/compliance section to clearly point out the specific missing items to help improving in future submissions.
20	Has not provided catch & effort data for longline fisheries to IOTC standard as required by Resolution 15/02	
21	Has not provided size frequency data for longline fisheries to IOTC standard as required by Resolution 15/02	
22	Has not legislated for prohibition to gaff, lift by the gill slits/spiracles, punch holes through the bodies. Obligation to release alive, implementation of live release handling procedures of mobulid rays within the EEZ as required by Resolution 19/03	REPMAR establish protection of species and set minimum length and weight to be captured including mobulid ray species in Mozambique EEZ through articles 145 and 146 Annexes XII and XIII.
23	Has not provided report on progress of implementation as required by Resolution 12/04	Scientific report for 2022 submitted to IOTC Secretariat address the required information by Resolution 18/05 and 18/02.
24	Has not legislated for obligation to carry line cutters and de-hookers on board (Longliners) as required by Resolution 12/04	This requirement is reflected in the Terms and Conditions for Tuna License which forms an integral part of tuna licensing procedures.
25	Has not legislated for 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	REPMAR article 145 annex XI prohibit to catch and retain on board, tranship, land, any Striped Marlin, Black Marlin, Blue Marlin, Indo-pacific Sailfish smaller than 60 cm Length
26	Foreign fishing vessels landings report not received as required by Resolution 05/03	This requirement will be overcome and reported back to IOTC Secretariat in regular basis from 2022.

Note: Mozambique would like to request the IOTC Secretariat/compliance section when identify component not fulfilling the IOTC standard within a Resolution, to try as much as possible to indicate specific missing information to allow the CPC to address them in the future submissions