

IOTC Agreement – Article X

Report of Implementation for the year 2022 (CoC20)

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READING NOTES:

- This report is composed of 5 sections reporting on the implementation of IOTC Resolutions.
- Answers provided by CPCs are presented in [blue text](#).
- A red dash ("–") indicates that no answer was provided.

Reporting CPC: France (OT)

Date of submission: 06 March 2023 - 23:01

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Note: All laws, regulations and administrative instructions in force must be uploaded in the requirement 1.5 named "Transposition of IOTC Conservation and Management Measures into national legislation".

Section 1 – LEGAL OBLIGATION

Articles X & XI.2 of the IOTC Agreement - Legal obligation – Transposition of IOTC CMMs into national legislation

REQ 1.5

Legal obligation: Provide information on the status of the transposition of all the cmm requirements into the national legislation.

- 1 – All requirements of IOTC Conservation and Management Measures are fully transposed into national legislation: [Yes – Fully transposed into national legislation. IOTC CMM are transposed into national legislation under Decree No. 2021-47 of 09 July 2021 regulating tuna and other pelagic species fisheries in the Scattered Islands Economic Exclusive Zones \(Glorieuses, Juan de Nova, Bassas da India, Europa, Tromelin\).](#)
- 2 – Laws, regulations and administrative instructions in force related to the IOTC Conservation and Management Measures uploaded: [Yes 03 March 2023 - 19:10](#)
- 3 – Comments/remarks about your submission and the implementation of IOTC Conservation and Management Measures: [France-OT has no flagged fishing fleet operating in the IOTC area of competence.](#)

Section 2 – Part A

Actions taken, under national legislation, in the previous year to implement CMMs adopted by the Commission at S26

Resolution 22/01

REQ 1.1Aa

Actions taken, under national legislation, in the previous year to implement *Resolution 22/01 on climate change as it relates to the Indian ocean Tuna Commission*, adopted by the Commission at its Twenty-Sixth Session (S26):

France-OT has no flagged fishing fleet operating in the IOTC area of competence. However, France-OT facilitates the undertaking of numerous scientific researches. Research programs and actions taken are detailed in France-OT National scientific report for 2022.

Resolution 22/02

REQ 1.1Ab

Actions taken, under national legislation, in the previous year to implement *Resolution 22/02 on establishing a programme for transshipment by large-scale fishing vessels*, adopted by the Commission at its Twenty-Sixth Session (S26):

France-OT has no flagged fishing fleet operating in the IOTC area of competence. Any at-sea transshipment of fishery products in the Scattered Islands Economic Exclusive Zones is banned under Decree No. 2021-47 of 09 July 2021 regulating tuna and other pelagic species fisheries in the Scattered Islands Economic Exclusive Zones (Glorieuses, Juan de Nova, Bassas da India, Europa, Tromelin).

REQ 8.1

Information required: At sea transshipments – CPCs reports participating in the ROP

- 1 - I have participated in the IOTC regional observer programme (ROP) to monitor transshipment at sea in 2021: **No**
 2 - The reports on the list of LSTLVs & the quantities transhipped in 2021, and the assessment of observer reports in 2021, have been reported to the IOTC Secretariat: **No IOTC-2022-CoC19-04a - Has not participated in the IOTC regional observer programme (ROP) to monitor transshipment at sea in 2021. No LSTLVs on the IOTC record of authorized vessel in 2021.**
 3 - If YES:

- Number of LSTLVs having transhipped at sea in 2021: **0**
- Quantities transhipped at sea (kg) in 2021: **0**

- 4 - This requirement is not applicable: **I have not participated in the IOTC regional observer programme (ROP) to monitor transshipment at sea in 2021 • No LSTLVs on the IOTC record of authorized vessel in 2021**

Legal obligation

Reference of laws, regulations and administrative instructions in force related to this requirement:

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Text of the laws, regulations and administrative instructions in force related to this requirement:

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REQ 8.2

Information required: Report on transshipments in foreign ports

FOR ALL CPCs:

- 1 - Flag LSTVs have transhipped in foreign ports in 2022: **–**
 2 - The reports on the list of LSTVs & the quantities transhipped in foreign ports in 2022, have been provided to the IOTC Secretariat:
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NIL report: **–**

3 - If YES:

- Number of LSTLVs having transhipped in foreign ports in 2022: -
- Quantities transhipped in foreign ports (kg) in 2022: -

4 - This requirement is not applicable: [No LSTV on the RAV in 2022](#)

FOR MALDIVES ONLY:

1 - Flag Pole and line fishing vessel(s) and collector vessel(s) have transhipped in 2022: -

2 - The reports on the list of Pole and line fishing vessel(s) and collector vessel(s) & the quantities transhipped in 2022, have been provided to the IOTC Secretariat: - -

NIL report: -

3 - If YES:

- Number of Pole and line fishing vessel(s) and collector vessel(s) having transhipped in 2022: -
- Quantities transhipped (kg) in 2022: -

4 - This requirement is not applicable: -

Legal obligation

Reference of laws, regulations and administrative instructions in force related to this requirement:

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Text of the laws, regulations and administrative instructions in force related to this requirement:

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REQ 8.3

Required information: list of authorised carrier vessels

1 - Flag LSTLVs have transhipped in ports and/or at sea in 2022: [No](#)

2 - All the mandatory information has been provided to the IOTC Secretariat for all authorized carrier vessels: [No \(Does not have carrier vessels on the Record of carrier vessels and not participating in the IOTC regional observer programme \(ROP\) to monitor transhipment at sea.\)](#)

3 - Mandatory information not fully provided or missing: -

Reason for missing information: [Does not have carrier vessels on the Record of carrier vessels and not participating in the IOTC regional observer programme \(ROP\) to monitor transhipment at sea.](#)

4 - In 2022, we have authorized:

- Carrier vessels under our flag (Nb): 0
- Carrier vessels under the flag of other fleets (Nb): 0

5 - This requirement is not applicable: [CPC does not tranship at sea and/or in port, in the IOTC area of competence in 2022](#)

Legal obligation

Reference of laws, regulations and administrative instructions in force related to this requirement:

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Text of the laws, regulations and administrative instructions in force related to this requirement:

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REQ 8.4

Information required: Results of the investigation on possible infraction in 2022 of IOTC regulations by LSTLVs/carrier vessels

1 - The reports on the results of investigation on possible infractions in 2022 have been submitted to the IOTC Secretariat: [No \(Not participating in the IOTC regional observer programme \(ROP\) to monitor transhipment at sea. Does not have vessels on the Record of authorised vessels.\)](#)

2 - If YES:

- Number of possible infractions related to ATF: 0
- Number of possible infractions related to VMS: 0
- Number of possible infractions related to fishing logbook: 0
- Number of possible infractions related to LSTLVs marking: 0
- Total number of possible infractions in 2022: 0

3 - This requirement is not applicable: I have not participated in the IOTC regional observer programme (ROP to monitor transshipment at sea in 2022 • No LSTLVs on the IOTC record of authorized vessel in 2022

Legal obligation

Reference of laws, regulations and administrative instructions in force related to this requirement:

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Text of the laws, regulations and administrative instructions in force related to this requirement:

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REQ 8.5

Information required: ROP fee

1 - I have participated in the IOTC regional observer programme (ROP to monitor transshipment at sea in 2022: No

2 - I have paid my ROP contribution for the ROP last call for fund: No (Not participating in the IOTC regional observer programme (ROP to monitor transshipment at sea. Does not have vessels on the Record of authorised vessels.

3 - This requirement is not applicable: I am not participating in the IOTC regional observer programme (ROP to monitor transshipment at sea

Legal obligation

Reference of laws, regulations and administrative instructions in force related to this requirement:

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Text of the laws, regulations and administrative instructions in force related to this requirement:

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Resolution 22/03

REQ 1.1Ac

Actions taken, under national legislation, in the previous year to implement *Resolution 22/03 on a management procedure for bigeye tuna in the IOTC Area of Competence*, adopted by the Commission at its Twenty-Sixth Session (S26):

France-OT has no flagged fishing fleet operating in the IOTC area of competence.

Resolution 22/04

REQ 1.1Ad

Actions taken, under national legislation, in the previous year to implement *Resolution 22/04 on a regional observer scheme*, adopted by the Commission at its Twenty-Sixth Session (S26):

France-OT has no flagged fishing fleet operating in the IOTC area of competence. However, the TAAF Administration issues licences to foreign-flagged vessels to fish in the TAAF EEZ on an annual basis. In accordance with Decree No. 2021-47 of 09 July 2021 regulating tuna and other pelagic species fisheries in the Scattered Islands Economic Exclusive Zones (Glorieuses, Juan de Nova, Bassas da India, Europa, Tromelin), any vessel licenced to fish in the TAAF waters is required to have a scientific observer onboard. Observers are tasked to collect data on fishing activities and catches. Foreign purse seiners and longliners logbooks operating in France-Territories waters have a 100% coverage and are cross-checked with landing log sheets and satellite position data. Since 2020, the implementation of the Observer program has not been totally effective due to the COVID pandemic.

Section 3 – Part B

Actions taken, under national legislation, to implement CMMs adopted by the Commission in previous Sessions which have not been reported previously

REQ 1.1B

1. Actions taken, under national legislation, to implement conservation and management measures adopted by the Commission in previous Sessions, and which have not been reported previously:

France-OT has no flagged fishing fleet operating in the IOTC area of competence. However, previous reports from France-OT have set out upstream measures taken to transpose IOTC measures into national legislation.

2. We have taken actions, under national legislation, to implement conservation and management measures adopted by the Commission in previous Sessions: **Yes**

Section 4 – Part C

Data and information reporting requirements for CPCs to be included in this report

Resolution 01/03

REQ 7.Xg

Information required: Observations of non-contracting parties, entities or fishing entities indicating fishing contrary to IOTC CMM

1. Observation/Sightings report of Non-Contracting Party, Entity or fishing Entity vessels, indicating that there are grounds for believing that these vessels are fishing contrary to IOTC Conservation or Management Measures

Observation of vessels in 2022: –

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NIL report: [Nil report for 2022 – no observation of vessel fishing contrary to IOTC Conservation or Management Measures in the IOTC Area of Competence](#)

REQ 7.Xh

1. Reporting on inspections in ports of vessels of Non-Contracting Parties, Entities or fishing Entities: –

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NIL report: [Nil report for 2022 – no inspection conducted on NCP vessels](#)

Resolution 01/06

REQ 10.3

1. A system for monitoring export and re-export of frozen bigeye tunas exists: –

EXPORT:

2. Frozen bigeye tunas were exported in 2021: –

Total quantity of frozen bigeye tunas exported in 2021 (kg): –

Country' vessels from which the bigeye tunas were exported: –

RE-EXPORT:

3. Frozen bigeye tunas were re-exported in 2021: –

Total quantity of frozen bigeye tunas re-exported in 2021 (kg): –

Country' vessels from which the bigeye tunas were exported: –

4. This requirement is not applicable: [CPC did not export/re-export frozen bigeye tunas in 2021](#) • [No large scale longline vessels on the IOTC Record of Authorised Vessels in 2021](#)

Resolution 07/01

REQ 7.XJ

Information required: reports on actions and measures taken to investigate allegations and/or reports on IUU fishing involving nationals

1 - Reporting on actions and measures taken to investigate allegations and/or reports on IUU fishing involving nationals: –

2 - If YES, information on the national(s) (natural or legal persons): –

3 - NIL report: [Nil report for 2022 – no nationals engage in IUU fishing in the IOTC Area of Competence](#)

Resolution 11/02

REQ 2.22

1. Reporting observations of damaged data buoys in 2022:

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Resolution 11/04

REQ 9.1

NOT TO BE ASSESSED FOR THE YEAR 2021 FOR THE COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE 20

1. We are implementing the regional observer scheme (ROS) at national level for: -
2. The number of vessels monitored and the coverage achieved by gear type, have been reported to the IOTC Secretariat & the IOTC Scientific Committee: - -

Type of fishing gear	No of vessels monitored in 2021:	Coverage in 2021 (%)
Purse seine	-	-
Longline	-	-
Gillnet	-	-
Baitboats	-	-
Handline	-	-

Additional gear types: Type of fishing gear, Nb of vessels monitored in 2021, Coverage in 2021 (%)

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3. The requirement is not applicable: [No fishing vessels of 24 meters length overall and above in the Record of authorised vessels or active in 2021](#) • [No fishing vessels under 24 meters operating outside the EEZ in the Record of authorised vessels or active in 2021](#) • [No artisanal/coastal fisheries/vessels active in 2021](#)

Resolution 12/04

REQ 6.9

1. Reporting the progress of implementation of Resolution 12/04: [Yes - the Report is attached in the UPLOAD section](#)
2. If NO, requirement of the Resolution 12/04 on which you reported on:
Collect (through logbooks and observer programs) and provide to the Scientific Committee all data on their vessels interactions with marine turtles,
Furnish information to the Scientific Committee on successful mitigation measures and other impacts on marine turtles (such as the deterioration of nesting sites & swallowing of marine debris):
[Yes Not applicable: France-OT has no flagged fishing fleet operating in the IOTC area of competence. However, France-OT National scientific report includes occurrences of marine turtles bycatches observed by France-OT observers onboard foreign-flagged vessels \(tuna purse seiners\) licenced to fish in the TAAF. Decree No. 2021-47 of 09 July 2021 regulating tuna and other pelagic species fisheries in the Scattered Islands Economic Exclusive Zones \(Glorieuses, Juan de Nova, Bassas da India, Europa, Tromelin\)](#)

provides that “Electronic or paper documents submitted to the supervisory Authority must report any incidental bycatch, such as sharks, rays, marine turtles, sea birds and marine mammals, for each fishing operation undertaken”.

Require fishermen to bring aboard, if practicable, any captured hard shelled turtle that is comatose or inactive as soon as possible and foster its recovery, including aiding in its resuscitation, before safely returning it to the water.

Ensure that fishermen are aware of and use proper mitigation and handling techniques and keep on board all necessary equipment for the release of turtles:

Yes Decree 2021-47 provides for the following general measures: prohibition to undertake targeted fishing, intentionally harvest and retain on board the following marine turtles: flatback turtle (*Natator depressus*), green turtle (*Chelonia mydas*), hawksbill sea turtle (*Eretmochelys imbricata*), leatherback turtle (*Dermochelys coriacea*), loggerhead turtle (*Caretta caretta*), Olive ridley turtle (*Lepidochelys olivacea*).

Requirement for the vessel operators to record in the logbook any incident implying marine turtles during fishing operations and report to the competent authorities. They shall have onboard devices suited for marine turtles handling and use them as necessary. The promptest release of marine turtles is mandatory. Handling shall reduce the stress placed on the animals and maximize the chances of survival. The equipment onboard shall enable to remove or cut the lines, nets or hooks in which sharks and marine turtles are entangled.

For gillnet vessels: Require vessel to record all incidents involving marine turtles in the logbooks and report incidents to authorities of the CPC:

Yes This fishing practice is not used in French territories waters.

For longline vessels / Pour les palangriers

(a) Ensure that longline vessels carry line cutters & de-hookers to facilitate the handling and release of marine turtles caught or entangled

(b) Encourage use of whole finfish bait;

(c) Require vessel to record all incidents involving marine turtles in the logbooks and report incidents to authorities of the CPC.

Yes Decree 2021-47 provides for the following measures: Longliners targeting IOTC species shall have the following tools onboard to facilitate the handling and release of hooked or entangled sharks, rays, turtles, sea birds and marine mammals and reduce the time involved in these operations: lifting device; line-cutter; bolt-cutter; coat-of-mail gloves; dehookers. Any hooked or entangled shark, ray, turtle, seabird and marine mammal shall be handled and released by the longliner crew in accordance with the IOTC guidelines while taking the safety of the crew into due consideration.

For purse seine vessels:

(a) Ensure that vessels:

(i) Avoid encirclement of marine turtles, if a marine turtle is encircled/ entangled, take measures to safely release the turtle.

(ii) Release all marine turtles observed entangled in fish aggregating devices (FADs) or fishing gear.

(iii) If a marine turtle is entangled in the net, stop net roll as soon as the turtle comes out of the water; disentangle the turtle without injuring it before resuming the net roll; and assist the recovery of the turtle before returning it to the water.

(iv) Carry and employ dip nets to handle turtles.

(b) Encourage vessel to adopt FAD designs which reduce the incidence of entanglement of turtles;

(c) Require vessel to record incidents involving marine turtles in the logbooks and report incidents to authorities of the CPC. **Yes** Decree 2021-47 provides for the following measures: Any shark, ray and turtle entangled in the purse seine must be disentangled. They must not enter into the power-block. Any shark, ray and turtle caught shall be released at sea from the deck rather than from the orlop deck while complying with good practices and preserving the safety of the crew. Drifting FADs placed into the sea shall be designed with biodegradable materials so that they do not pose a risk of entanglement of non-targeted species and marine turtles, both in the surface and subsurface part of the FAD. Encirclement of marine turtle is prohibited. In case of incidental encirclement or entanglement of a turtle on or under the FAD, it shall be released as soon as possible in accordance with the guidelines included in IOTC identification cards.

CPCs to undertake research trials of circle hooks, use of whole finfish for bait, alternative FAD designs, alternative handling techniques, gillnet design and fishing practices and other mitigation methods which may improve the mitigation of adverse effects on turtles.

Yes France undertakes research projects which do not fall within France Territories. However, these actions are part of the National Action Plan (NAP) on marine turtles in the Indian Ocean applicable to France-Territories EEZs.

CPCs continue to undertake research and development to improve the mitigation of adverse effects on marine turtles & provide research outcomes to the Scientific Committee.

Yes France undertakes research projects which do not fall within France Territories. However, these actions are part of the National Action Plan (NAP) on marine turtles in the Indian Ocean applicable to France-Territories EEZs.

Collaborate with the IOSEA and take into account the IOSEA MoU

Yes Since 2020, France is a signatory of the Memorandum of Understanding on the Conservation and Management of Marine Turtles and their Habitats of the Indian Ocean and South-East Asia (IOSEA) concluded under the auspices of the CMS (Convention for Migratory Species). This involvement entails the implementation of a conservation plan for these species in the French Territories of the Indian Ocean.

3. This requirement is not applicable in 2022

Resolution 12/06

REQ 6.14

1. The obligation for all longline vessels to use at least two of the three mitigation measures: **Has been implemented in national legislation** Please refer to Decree No. 2021-47 of 09 July 2021
2. This requirement is not applicable: **No longline vessels on the IOTC Record of authorised Vessels or active**

Legal obligation:

Reference of laws, regulations and administrative instructions in force related to this requirement:

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Text of the laws, regulations and administrative instructions in force related to this requirement:

Decree No. 2021-47 of 09 July 2021 regulating tuna and other pelagic species fisheries in the Scattered Islands Economic Exclusive Zones (Glorieuses, Juan de Nova, Bassas da India, Europa, Tromelin) provides for the following measures: “During longline operations, interactions with seabirds shall be reduced by applying a bird-scaring line of the type described in Appendix 1 to Annex II. Night setting with minimum deck lighting may also be implemented. For troll line, interactions with seabirds shall be reduced by applying line weighting. Vessels are encouraged to deploy a second bird-scaring line in the event of high seabird abundance or activities. Both devices shall be deployed simultaneously, on each side of the line during net setting”. At-sea observation programs on purse seine and pelagic longline fisheries are effective at providing seabird catch data. The Purse seine observation campaign (OBSPEC), coordinated by the TAAF was unable to deploy observers in 2020 due to the COVID pandemic.

Resolution 13/05

REQ 6.16

1. Cetaceans have been encircled by the purse seine nets as reported by flagged vessels in 2022: –
2. Reporting instances of cetaceans encircled: –
3. This requirement is not applicable: **Not applicable – in 2022 no purse seine fishing vessels operating in the IOTC Area of Competence.**

Resolution 13/04

REQ 6.18

1. Whale sharks have been encircled by the purse seine nets as reported by flagged vessels in 2022: –
2. Report on instances of whale sharks encircled:

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Number of instances of encirclement in 2022 : –

3. This requirement is not applicable: **Not applicable – in 2022 no purse seine fishing vessels operating in the IOTC Area of Competence**

Resolution 14/05

REQ 3.10

Information required: Access agreements information

1 - A system exist to sign Government to Government access agreement for foreign vessels to operate in your waters, within the IOTC Area: –

2 - Foreign vessels were licensed in 2022 under a Government to Government access agreement: –

3 - CPC-to-CPC agreements in 2022 exist and information concerning these agreements submitted to the IOTC Secretariat: – –

4 - If No, information about these agreements: – –

5 - All the mandatory information has been provided to the IOTC Secretariat for all CPC/CPC access agreement: – –

- The stock or species authorized for harvest, including any applicable catch limits: –
- The CPC's quota or catch limit to which the catch will be applied, where applicable: –
- Monitoring, control, and surveillance measures required by the flag CPC and coastal CPC involved: –
- Data reporting obligations stipulated in the agreement, including those between the parties involved, as well as those regarding information that must be provided to the Commission: –

6 - Mandatory information are not fully provided or missing: – –

7 - This requirement is not applicable: [CPC does not have CPC-CPC agreement in 2022](#)

Resolution 16/05**REQ 7.Xf**

1. Reporting on vessel without nationality that may be fishing in the high seas of the IOTC area of competence: [Nil report for 2022 – no sighting of vessel without nationality](#)

Information on any sighted vessels:

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Resolution 16/08**REQ 2.14X**

1. Reporting occurrence of a fishing operation undertaken with the aid of aircraft or unmanned aerial vehicle in the IOTC area of competence: [Nil report for 2022 – no occurrence of vessel fishing operation with the aid of aircraft or unmanned aerial vehicle](#)

For each occurrence: date, vessel name and identifiers as well as actions taken:

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Resolution 17/07

[Objection received from Pakistan: does not apply to Pakistan](#)

REQ 2.8

Prohibition from: using large-scale driftnets in the entire IOTC area of competence

1 - Use of large scale driftnets is banned in the IOTC area of competence (high seas and EEZ): [Has been banned by national legislation](#) (Since 2021, reference: [Decree No. 2021-47 of 09 July 2021 regulating tuna and other pelagic species fisheries in the Scattered Islands Economic Exclusive Zones \(Glorieuses, Juan de Nova, Bassas da India, Europa, Tromelin\)](#))

Legal obligation:

Reference of laws, regulations and administrative instructions in force related to this requirement:

[Decree No. 2021-47 of 09 July 2021 regulating tuna and other pelagic species fisheries in the Scattered Islands Economic Exclusive Zones \(Glorieuses, Juan de Nova, Bassas da India, Europa, Tromelin\)](#)

Text of laws, regulations and administrative instructions in force related to this requirement:

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[Objection received from Pakistan: does not apply to Pakistan](#)

REQ 2.9

Information required: Report on MCS actions related to large-scale driftnet fishing.

Monitoring, control, and surveillance (MCS) actions:

1. Monitoring, control, and surveillance actions are applicable to:

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2. Monitoring, control, and surveillance actions are:

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Additional MCS actions in place:

France-OT has no flagged fishing fleet operating in the IOTC area of competence.

Resolution 18/07

REQ 2.21

1. A system to collect fisheries data exists: **Yes**

2. Mandatory data/statistics reported: **Yes**

3. Action(s) to improve data collection that facilitate improvements in compliance in terms of IOTC mandatory reporting obligations:

a. Development or improvements in the implementation of logbooks: **Yes**

Measures taken and the implementation progress for artisanal (coastal) IOTC fisheries:

Not applicable: France-OT has no flagged fishing fleet operating in the IOTC area of competence. However, foreign-flagged purse seine and longline fleets operating in France-OT waters have 100% logbook coverage and their landing sheets are cross-checked with landing log sheets and satellite position data.

Measures taken and the implementation progress for Industrial IOTC fisheries:

Not applicable: France-OT has no flagged fishing fleet operating in the IOTC area of competence. However, foreign-flagged purse seine and longline fleets operating in France-OT waters have 100% logbook coverage and their landing sheets are cross-checked with landing log sheets and satellite position data.

b. Port-based sampling or related fisheries surveys: **No**

Measures taken and the implementation progress for artisanal (coastal) IOTC fisheries: **Not applicable:** France-OT has no port.

Measures taken and the implementation progress for Industrial IOTC fisheries: **Not applicable:** France-OT has no port.

c. National observer scheme: **Yes**

Measures taken and the implementation progress for artisanal (coastal) IOTC fisheries: An onboard scientific observer program had been put in place in 2005 on the tropical tuna purse seine fleet, encompassing both potential France-Territories flagged vessels and EU-France flagged vessels engaged in the same types of activities and aiming at a 10% coverage of fishing trips. It had to be stopped mid-2009 due to the acts of piracy against the fleet. It has been resumed in 2011 by increasing security onboard and through a collaboration with the TAAF (French Southern and Antarctic Lands) which manages the Scattered Islands EEZs.

Measures taken and the implementation progress for Industrial IOTC fisheries: An onboard scientific observer program had been put in place in 2005 on the tropical tuna purse seine fleet, encompassing both potential France-Territories flagged vessels and EU-France flagged vessels engaged in the same types of activities and aiming at a 10% coverage of fishing trips. It had to be stopped mid-2009 due to the acts of piracy against the fleet. It has been resumed in 2011 by increasing security onboard and through a collaboration with the TAAF (French Southern and Antarctic Lands) which manages the Scattered Islands EEZs.

d. National Vessel registry: **No**

Measures taken and the implementation progress for artisanal (coastal) IOTC fisheries: **Not applicable:** France-OT has no flagged fishing fleet operating in the IOTC area of competence.

Measures taken and the implementation progress for Industrial IOTC fisheries: **Not applicable:** France-OT has no flagged fishing fleet operating in the IOTC area of competence.

e. Electronic data capture, VMS, or on-board electronic monitoring: **Yes**

Measures taken and the implementation progress for artisanal (coastal) IOTC fisheries:

Any vessel holding a licence issued by the Administration of the French Southern and Antarctic Lands shall be equipped with a Vessel Monitoring System. VMS data are transmitted to the National Fisheries Monitoring Centre (NFMC) which ensures compliance with regulations related to the Administration of the French Southern and Antarctic Lands.

Measures taken and the implementation progress for Industrial IOTC fisheries:

Any vessel holding a licence issued by the Administration of the French Southern and Antarctic Lands shall be equipped with a Vessel Monitoring System. VMS data are transmitted to the National Fisheries Monitoring Centre (NFMC) which ensures compliance with regulations related to the Administration of the French Southern and Antarctic Lands.

4. Action(s) to improve data processing and reporting systems that facilitate submission of data to the IOTC Secretariat:

a. Development of fisheries databases: –

Measures taken and the implementation progress for artisanal (coastal) IOTC fisheries: France-OT provides its annual scientific report to the IOTC annually. Due to the lack of flagged fishing fleet, the implementation of some measures is not applicable.

Measures taken and the implementation progress for Industrial IOTC fisheries: France-OT provides its annual scientific report to the IOTC annually. Due to the lack of flagged fishing fleet, the implementation of some measures is not applicable.

b. Development of data dissemination systems: –

Measures taken and the implementation progress for artisanal (coastal) IOTC fisheries: France-OT provides its annual scientific report to the IOTC annually. Due to the lack of flagged fishing fleet, the implementation of some measures is not applicable.

Measures taken and the implementation progress for Industrial IOTC fisheries: France-OT provides its annual scientific report to the IOTC annually. Due to the lack of flagged fishing fleet, the implementation of some measures is not applicable.

c. Frame surveys: –

Measures taken and the implementation progress for artisanal (coastal) IOTC fisheries: France-OT provides its annual scientific report to the IOTC annually. Due to the lack of flagged fishing fleet, the implementation of some measures is not applicable.

Measures taken and the implementation progress for Industrial IOTC fisheries: France-OT provides its annual scientific report to the IOTC annually. Due to the lack of flagged fishing fleet, the implementation of some measures is not applicable.

d. Coherence of data with alternative fisheries datasets: –

Measures taken and the implementation progress for artisanal (coastal) IOTC fisheries: France-OT provides its annual scientific report to the IOTC annually. Due to the lack of flagged fishing fleet, the implementation of some measures is not applicable.

Measures taken and the implementation progress for Industrial IOTC fisheries: France-OT provides its annual scientific report to the IOTC annually. Due to the lack of flagged fishing fleet, the implementation of some measures is not applicable.

e. Development of automated routines to process and extract IOTC data submission: –

Measures taken and the implementation progress for artisanal (coastal) IOTC fisheries: France-OT provides its annual scientific report to the IOTC annually. Due to the lack of flagged fishing fleet, the implementation of some measures is not applicable.

Measures taken and the implementation progress for Industrial IOTC fisheries: France-OT provides its annual scientific report to the IOTC annually. Due to the lack of flagged fishing fleet, the implementation of some measures is not applicable.

f. Steps to minimise data entry errors: –

Measures taken and the implementation progress for artisanal (coastal) IOTC fisheries: France-OT provides its annual scientific report to the IOTC annually. Due to the lack of flagged fishing fleet, the implementation of some measures is not applicable.

Measures taken and the implementation progress for Industrial IOTC fisheries: France-OT provides its annual scientific report to the IOTC annually. Due to the lack of flagged fishing fleet, the implementation of some measures is not applicable.

5. Action(s) to improve the quality and accuracy of data submitted to the IOTC Secretariat:

a. Steps to improve data validation: –

Measures taken and the implementation progress for artisanal (coastal) IOTC fisheries: France-OT provides its annual scientific report to the IOTC annually. Due to the lack of flagged fishing fleet, the implementation of some measures is not applicable.

Measures taken and the implementation progress for Industrial IOTC fisheries: France-OT provides its annual scientific report to the IOTC annually. Due to the lack of flagged fishing fleet, the implementation of some measures is not applicable.

b. Improvements in sampling coverage: –

Measures taken and the implementation progress for artisanal (coastal) IOTC fisheries: France-OT provides its annual scientific report to the IOTC annually. Due to the lack of flagged fishing fleet, the implementation of some measures is not applicable.

Measures taken and the implementation progress for Industrial IOTC fisheries: France-OT provides its annual scientific report to the IOTC annually. Due to the lack of flagged fishing fleet, the implementation of some measures is not applicable.

c. *Frame surveys:* –

Measures taken and the implementation progress for artisanal (coastal) IOTC fisheries: France-OT provides its annual scientific report to the IOTC annually. Due to the lack of flagged fishing fleet, the implementation of some measures is not applicable.

Measures taken and the implementation progress for Industrial IOTC fisheries: France-OT provides its annual scientific report to the IOTC annually. Due to the lack of flagged fishing fleet, the implementation of some measures is not applicable.

d. *Coherence of data with alternative fisheries datasets:* –

Measures taken and the implementation progress for artisanal (coastal) IOTC fisheries: France-OT provides its annual scientific report to the IOTC annually. Due to the lack of flagged fishing fleet, the implementation of some measures is not applicable.

Measures taken and the implementation progress for Industrial IOTC fisheries: France-OT provides its annual scientific report to the IOTC annually. Due to the lack of flagged fishing fleet, the implementation of some measures is not applicable.

e. *Comparability of data from previous years:* –

Measures taken and the implementation progress for artisanal (coastal) IOTC fisheries: France-OT provides its annual scientific report to the IOTC annually. Due to the lack of flagged fishing fleet, the implementation of some measures is not applicable.

Measures taken and the implementation progress for Industrial IOTC fisheries: France-OT provides its annual scientific report to the IOTC annually. Due to the lack of flagged fishing fleet, the implementation of some measures is not applicable.

6. This requirement is not applicable in 2022 : No vessels operating in the IOTC Area of Competence

Resolution 18/03

REQ 7.Xa

1. Reporting illegal activity of vessels in 2022 / 2023 : A-Detail of the vessel, B-Details of IOTC Resolution Elements Contravened, C-Associated documents and D-Recommended action: **No**

If yes, the IUU forms and relevant details including date, location, source of information have been uploaded: **No**

2. If Yes, summary of vessel illegal activity as reported in the IUU forms, with the following information for each:

- Name of vessel
- Flag of vessel
- IRCS
- IMO number
- Recommended actions (see below)

Recommended Actions:

A Notification to IOTC Secretariat only. No further action is recommended.

B Notification of illegal activity to IOTC Secretariat. Recommend notification of activity to flag State.

C Recommended for inclusion on IOTC IUU list

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3. Nil report for 2022 / 2023

2023: **No illegal activity of vessel within the IOTC Area and in relation to species covered by the IOTC Agreement or by IOTC Conservation and Management Measures to report**

REQ 7.Xb

1. Reporting comments and information from flag State on vessel included on the Draft IUU Vessel List: **No**

If yes, the IUU forms and relevant details including date, location, source of information have been uploaded: **No**

2. If yes, summary of vessel illegal activity as reported in the draft IUU vessel list, with the following information for each:

- Name of vessel
- Flag of vessel
- IRCS
- IMO number

3. The information provided show that the listed vessel under my flag on the Draft IUU Vessel List have:

4. Nil report: [No flag vessel on the Draft IUU list](#)

REQ 7.Xc

1. Reporting additional information on vessel included in the Draft IUU Vessel List: [No](#)
IUU forms uploaded: [No](#)

2. Vessels included in the draft IUU vessel list on which information is provided:

- Name of vessel
- Flag of vessel
- IRCS
- IMO number

3. The information provided show that the vessel listed on the Draft IUU Vessel List have:

4. Nil report: [No additional information on vessels on the Draft IUU list](#)

REQ 7.Xd

1. Providing information on flag vessel on the IOTC IUU Vessels List for the purpose of delisting the vessel: [No](#)
Information uploaded: [No](#)

2. Vessels included in the IUU vessel on which the information is provided:

- Number of the vessel in the IOTC IUU List (1)
- Name of vessel
- Flag of vessel
- IRCS
- IMO number

3. The information provided as the flag State of the vessel listed on the IOTC IUU Vessels List, demonstrates that:

REQ 7.Xe

1. Reporting additional information on vessel included in the Draft IUU Vessel List: [No](#)
Information uploaded: [No](#)

2. Vessels included in the draft IUU vessel list on which information is provided:

- Name of vessel
- Flag of vessel
- IRCS
- IMO number

3. The information provided show that the vessel listed on the Draft IUU Vessel List have:

4. Nil report: [No additional information on vessels on the Draft IUU list](#)

Resolution 19/02

REQ 2.11

1. FADs management plans were implemented and reported for following year(s): -

Additional information: -

2. Reporting the 2023 FADs management plan: -

3. The 2023 FADs management plan has been prepared in accordance with the Guideline (Annex I or II): -

4. Not applicable: [For 2023 no purse seine vessels / supply vessels fishing on Drifting Fish Aggregating Devices.](#)

REQ 2.12

1. FADs management plans were implemented and progress reports on the implementation reported for the years: –

Additional information: –

2. Reporting the progress report on implementation of the 2022 FADs management plan: –

3. Not applicable: [In 2022 no purse seine vessels / supply vessels fishing on Drifting Fish Aggregating Devices](#)

Resolution 19/04

REQ 2.28

1. Paragraph 11.a):

Fulfil in respect of the vessels the requirements and responsibilities under the IOTC Agreement and its Conservation and Management Measures: –

If such a review has been conducted, list of measures with, for each the following details: Actions & Measures, Punitive Actions, Sanctions:

- [Not applicable: France-OT has no flagged fishing fleet operating in the IOTC area of competence.](#)

2. Paragraph 11.b):

Ensure that AFVs comply with all the relevant IOTC Conservation and Management Measures: –

If such a review has been conducted, list of measures with, for each the following details: Actions & Measures, Punitive Actions, Sanctions:

- [Not applicable: France-OT has no flagged fishing fleet operating in the IOTC area of competence.](#)

3. Paragraph 11.c):

Ensure AFVs on the IOTC Record keep on board valid certificates of vessel registration and valid authorisation to fish and/or tranship: –

If such a review has been conducted, list of measures with, for each the following details: Actions & Measures, Punitive Actions, Sanctions:

- [Not applicable: France-OT has no flagged fishing fleet operating in the IOTC area of competence.](#)

4. Paragraph 11.d):

Ensure AFVs on the IOTC Record have no history of IUU fishing activities or that AFVs are not engaged in or associated with IUU fishing: –

If such a review has been conducted, list of measures with, for each the following details: Actions & Measures, Punitive Actions, Sanctions:

- [Not applicable: France-OT has no flagged fishing fleet operating in the IOTC area of competence.](#)

5. Paragraph 11.e):

Ensure under domestic law the owners/operators of AFVs on the IOTC Record are not engaged in/associated with tuna fishing activities conducted by vessels not entered into the IOTC Record in the IOTC area of competence: –

If such a review has been conducted, list of measures with, for each the following details: Actions & Measures, Punitive Actions, Sanctions:

- [Not applicable: France-OT has no flagged fishing fleet operating in the IOTC area of competence.](#)

6. Paragraph 11.f):

Ensure under domestic law the owners of the AFVs on the IOTC Record are citizens or legal entities within the flag CPCs so that any control or punitive actions can be effectively taken against them: –

If such a review has been conducted, list of measures with, for each the following details: Actions & Measures, Punitive Actions, Sanctions:

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Not applicable: France-OT has no flagged fishing fleet operating in the IOTC area of competence.

7. Nil report: –

8. Not applicable: CPC has no vessels on the Record of authorised vessels operating in the IOTC Area of Competence in 2022

REQ 7.Xi

1. Reporting factual information showing that there are reasonable grounds for suspecting vessels not on the IOTC Record to be engaged in fishing and/or transshipment of tuna and tuna-like species in the IOTC area of competence: –

Additional information: –

2. NIL report: Nil report for 2022 – no factual information

Resolution 21/01

REQ 2.15

Objection received from India, Indonesia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Madagascar, Oman and Somalia: does not apply to these CPCs.

Resolution 19/01 remains binding for Indonesia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Madagascar, Oman and Somalia. Resolution 18/01 remains binding for India.

1. CPC subject to yellowfin tuna catch reductions in 2021, due to over-catch in 2020: –

If Yes, YFT catch declared and over-catch in 2020: – / –

2. Our catch of yellowfin tuna in 2022 was reduced by the following percentage: –

3. If the CPC is subject to catch reduction due to over-catch, report on corrective actions taken to adhere to prescribed catch levels: –

4. Provide any additional information below: –

5. This requirement is not applicable: CPC is not subject to yellowfin tuna catch reductions in 2021 due to no over-catch in 2020

REQ 2.16

Objections received:

- Not applicable to India: Resolution 18/01 remains binding.
- Not applicable Indonesia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Madagascar, Oman and Somalia: Resolution 19/01 remains binding.

1. The CPC is subject to yellowfin tuna catch reductions: –

If Yes, overcatch: –

2. The report on methods for achieving the yellowfin tuna catch reductions has been provided to the IOTC Secretariat: –

If No, report uploaded: No

3. The methods for achieving the yellowfin tuna catch reductions implemented at national level are: –

Additional methods: –

4. Additional information: –

5. This requirement is not applicable: CPC is not subject to yellowfin tuna catch reductions in 2022

REQ 2.18

Objections received:

- Not applicable to India: Resolution 18/01 remains binding.
- Not applicable Indonesia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Madagascar, Oman and Somalia: Resolution 19/01 remains binding.

1. CPC has PS/SP vessels on the Record of authorized vessels: No – No purse seiner (PS) and no supply vessel (SP) on the IOTC Record of authorised vessels

2. The plan for reducing the use of supply vessel was provided for: No plan submitted because no PS/SP on IOTC RAV

The plan was uploaded: No

3. This requirement is not applicable: CPC has no purse seiners (PS) and no supply vessel (SP) on the IOTC Record of authorised vessels

REQ 2.20

1. I have reported gillnet catch in 2022, I have gillnet fishing vessels on the Record of authorised vessels, the gillnet fleet was active in the IOTC Area of Competence: **No**
2. Level of implementation of paragraph 21 - Phasing out or convert gillnet fishing vessels to other gears: **Gillnets are banned under domestic legislation - Decree No. 2021-47 of 09 July 2021 regulating tuna and other pelagic species fisheries in the Scattered Islands Economic Exclusive Zones (Glorieuses, Juan de Nova, Bassas da India, Europa, Tromelin) - and by the Terms and Conditions of Authorisation to fish in accordance with Decree 2021-132 of 27 October 2021 laying down the conditions relating to the application for tuna and other pelagic species fishing license in the Scattered Islands Economic Exclusive Zones.**
3. Level of implementation of paragraph 22 - Set gillnets at 2m depth from the surface in gillnet fisheries: **Gillnets are banned under domestic legislation - Decree No. 2021-47 of 09 July 2021 regulating tuna and other pelagic species fisheries in the Scattered Islands Economic Exclusive Zones (Glorieuses, Juan de Nova, Bassas da India, Europa, Tromelin) - and by the Terms and Conditions of Authorisation to fish in accordance with Decree 2021-132 of 27 October 2021 laying down the conditions relating to the application for tuna and other pelagic species fishing license in the Scattered Islands Economic Exclusive Zones.**
4. Level of implementation of paragraph 23 - Increase observer coverage or field sampling in gillnet fishing vessels by 10% using alternative data collection methodologies (electronic or human): **France-OT has no flagged fishing fleet operating in the IOTC area of competence. Gillnets are banned under domestic legislation - Decree No. 2021-47 of 09 July 2021 regulating tuna and other pelagic species fisheries in the Scattered Islands Economic Exclusive Zones (Glorieuses, Juan de Nova, Bassas da India, Europa, Tromelin) - and by the Terms and Conditions of Authorisation to fish in accordance with Decree 2021-132 of 27 October 2021 laying down the conditions relating to the application for tuna and other pelagic species fishing license in the Scattered Islands Economic Exclusive Zones.**
5. This requirement is not applicable: **No gillnet fishing vessels on the IOTC Record of authorized Vessels**

Letter of feedback on compliances issues

REQ 1.4

1. The response to the feedback letter on compliances issues (from the 2022 CoC) has been provided to the IOTC Secretariat: –
Date of submission: –
2. Not applicable: **No feedback letter on compliances based on the deliberations of the CoC was issued at the last Compliance Committee of 2022.**

Section 5 – Part D - Data and information reporting requirements for CPCs that have objected to some Resolutions

Objection received from Pakistan on Resolution 17/07:

- Resolution 12/12 remains binding for Pakistan

Objection received from India, Indonesia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Madagascar, Oman and Somalia on Resolution 21/01:

- Resolution 19/01 remains binding for Indonesia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Madagascar, Oman and Somalia.
- Resolution 18/01 remains binding for India

Objection received from India on Resolution 19/01:

- Resolution 18/01 remains binding for India

Resolution 12/12 (binding on Pakistan)

REQ 2.80bj1707

ONLY APPLICABLE TO PAKISTAN

1. Actions taken to implement conservation and management measures in "Resolution 12/12 to prohibit the use of large-scale driftnets on the high seas in the IOTC area" adopted by the Commission: -

2. Use of large-scale driftnets is banned on the high seas in the IOTC Area of competence: -

If banned, date; if not banned, reasons: -

Legal obligation

Reference of laws, regulations and administrative instructions in force related to this requirement:

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Text of the laws, regulations and administrative instructions in force related to this requirement:

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REQ 2.90bj1707

ONLY APPLICABLE TO PAKISTAN

1. Monitoring, control, and surveillance actions are applicable to: -

2. Monitoring, control, and surveillance actions are: -

Additional MCS actions in place: -

Legal obligation

Reference of laws, regulations and administrative instructions in force related to this requirement:

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Text of the laws, regulations and administrative instructions in force related to this requirement:

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Resolution 18/01 (binding on India)

REQ 2.160bj1901

ONLY APPLICABLE TO INDIA

1. Actions taken to implement conservation and management measures in "Resolution 18/01 On an interim plan for rebuilding the Indian Ocean yellowfin tuna stock in the IOTC area of competence" adopted by the Commission: -

2. CPC is subject to yellowfin tuna catch reductions: -

If Yes, YFT over-catch: -

3. The report on methods for achieving the yellowfin tuna catch reductions has been provided to the IOTC Secretariat: -

4. The methods for achieving the yellowfin tuna catch reductions implemented at national level are: -

Any method implemented and not listed above: -

5. Additional information: -

6. This requirement is not applicable: –

Legal obligation

Reference of laws, regulations and administrative instructions in force related to this requirement:

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Text of the laws, regulations and administrative instructions in force related to this requirement:

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REQ 2.180bj1901

ONLY APPLICABLE TO INDIA

1. CPC has PS/SP vessels on the Record of authorised vessels: –
2. The plan for reducing the use of supply vessel was provided for: –
3. This requirement is not applicable: –

Legal obligation

Reference of laws, regulations and administrative instructions in force related to this requirement:

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Text of the laws, regulations and administrative instructions in force related to this requirement:

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REQ 2.190bj1901

ONLY APPLICABLE TO INDIA

1 - CPC is subject to yellowfin tuna catch reductions:

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2 - The catch of yellowfin tuna in 2021 reported to the IOTC Secretariat and the reductions were:

Fishing gear	Baseline year	YFT catch of baseline year	YFT catch in 2021 (T)	Reduction (%)
Purse seine	–	–	–	–
Longline	–	–	–	–
Gillnet	–	–	–	–
Pole and line	–	–	–	–

3 - This requirement is not applicable: –

Legal obligation

Reference of laws, regulations and administrative instructions in force related to this requirement:

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Text of the laws, regulations and administrative instructions in force related to this requirement:

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Resolution 19/01 (Binding on Indonesia, Iran, Madagascar, Oman and Somalia)

REQ 2.160bj2101

ONLY APPLICABLE TO INDONESIA, THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN, MADAGASCAR, OMAN AND SOMALIA

1. Actions taken to implement conservation and management measures in "Resolution 19/01 On an interim plan for rebuilding the Indian Ocean yellowfin tuna stock in the IOTC area of competence" adopted by the Commission: –
2. The CPC is subject to yellowfin tuna catch reductions: –
If Yes, overcatch: –
3. The report on methods for achieving the yellowfin tuna catch reductions has been provided to the IOTC Secretariat: –
If No, report uploaded: –
4. The methods for achieving the yellowfin tuna catch reductions implemented at national level are: –
Additional methods: –
5. Additional information: –
6. This requirement is not applicable: –

Legal obligation

Reference of laws, regulations and administrative instructions in force related to this requirement:

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Text of the laws, regulations and administrative instructions in force related to this requirement:

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REQ 2.170bj2101

ONLY APPLICABLE TO INDONESIA, THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN, MADAGASCAR, OMAN AND SOMALIA

- 1 - CPC has PS/SP vessels on the Record of authorised vessels: –
- 2 - The information on purse seiners served by each supply vessel in 2023 has been provided to the Secretariat: –
- 3 - This requirement is not applicable: –

Legal obligation

Reference of laws, regulations and administrative instructions in force related to this requirement:

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Text of the laws, regulations and administrative instructions in force related to this requirement:

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REQ 2.180bj2101

ONLY APPLICABLE TO INDONESIA, THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN, MADAGASCAR, OMAN AND SOMALIA

1. CPC has PS/SP vessels on the Record of authorised vessels: –
2. The plan for reducing the use of supply vessel was provided for: –
3. This requirement is not applicable: –

Legal obligation

Reference of laws, regulations and administrative instructions in force related to this requirement:

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Text of the laws, regulations and administrative instructions in force related to this requirement:

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REQ 2.190bj2101

ONLY APPLICABLE TO INDONESIA, THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN, MADAGASCAR, OMAN AND SOMALIA

- 1 - CPC is subject to yellowfin tuna catch reductions: –
- 2 - The catch of yellowfin tuna in 2021 reported to the IOTC Secretariat and the reductions were:

Fishing gear	Baseline year	YFT catch of baseline year	YFT catch in 2021 (T)	Reduction (%)
Purse seine	–	–	–	–
Longline	–	–	–	–

Gillnet	-	-	-	-
Pole and line	-	-	-	-

3 - This requirement is not applicable: -

Legal obligation

Reference of laws, regulations and administrative instructions in force related to this requirement:

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Text of the laws, regulations and administrative instructions in force related to this requirement:

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REQ 2.200bj2101

ONLY APPLICABLE TO INDONESIA, THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN, MADAGASCAR, OMAN AND SOMALIA

1. I have reported gillnet catch in 2022, I have gillnet fishing vessels on the Record of authorised vessels, the gillnet fleet was active in the IOTC Area of Competence: -
2. Level of implementation of paragraph 20 - Phasing out or convert gillnet fishing vessels to other gears: -
3. Level of implementation of paragraph 21 - Set gillnets at 2m depth from the surface in gillnet fisheries: -
4. Level of implementation of paragraph 22 - Increase observer coverage or field sampling in gillnet fishing vessels by 10% using alternative data collection methodologies (electronic or human): -
5. This requirement is not applicable: -

Legal obligation

Reference of laws, regulations and administrative instructions in force related to this requirement:

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Text of the laws, regulations and administrative instructions in force related to this requirement:

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