



Annex: Compliance issues from CoC20.

CPC: Maldives	Responses/clarifications
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has not reported size frequency for coastal fisheries to IOTC Standard, as required by Resolution 15/02 • Has not reported size frequency for surface fisheries to IOTC Standard, as required by Resolution 15/02. 	<p>Maldives implements a size sampling program at key commercial landing sites that are operated by the major fish processors and exporters in the country. Additionally, scientific observers also contribute data from observer trips and visits to landing sites. Despite these efforts, it is sometimes difficult to achieve the required sampling effort of 1 fish/ton and other data stratification that is required by the resolution. Maldives has taken measures to increase sampling coverage, including requiring exporters and processors to implement a sampling program in accordance with the IOTC requirements. Further steps are taken to report segregated datasets by fleet and vessels that belong to the coastal fleet category (i.e. <24m and operating within the EEZ).</p> <p>Maldives has been gradually increasing the coverage of SF data collection by deploying additional samplers in major fishing islands. Maldives would like to highlight that the data is reported in accordance with the guidelines (stratified by gear, month, area, and fleet size) and any data that does not fall into a given strata are those that does not have the accompanying information required to segregate accordingly. Maldives is also working to improve the sample size (1 fish/ton).</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has not reported catch and effort for coastal fisheries to IOTC standard, as required by Resolution 15/02 	<p>Maldives stopped issuing licenses to operate longline fishing vessels in 2019. With the current paper-based logbook reporting for HL and TLME all Billfish fish species are recorded as a single record. Hence, we do not have species level disaggregated data for Billfish species. However, in the zero catch Matrix we have indicated that all species of Billfish as positive catch. This is based on our sampling data of Billfish landing as we have observed landing of all species of Billfish.</p> <p>However, with the recently introduced electronic logbook reporting application billfish catch can be reported in disaggregated format. Currently, the e-logbook is being implemented on a voluntary basis. After a grace period for fishermen to familiarize with the new reporting method, e-logbook will be made mandatory.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has not provided all information related to the List of Authorized vessels > 24 meters, mandatory information missing (operator details, beneficial owner details, company details, total volume of fish hold, out-dated authorisation period, photographs), not at IOTC standard, missing information, as required by Resolution 19/04. 	<p>Maldives has submitted all required information of the licensed fishing vessels (i.e., operator details, beneficial owner details, company details, authorization period and photographs) to the secretariat, as of February 2024.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has not provided all information related to the List of Authorized vessels below 24 meters, mandatory information missing (operator details, beneficial owner details, company details, total volume of fish hold, out-dated authorisation period, photographs), not at IOTC 	<p>Maldives do not authorize licensed fishing vessels of any size to operate outside of the Maldivian EEZ. As had been previously reported to the CoC, these vessels (vessels <24m, operating inside the EEZ) are recorded in the Record of Authorized Vessels list due to the requirements from</p>

<p>standard, missing information, as required by Resolution 19/04.</p>	<p>market states. As of February 2024, all vessels below 24m operating inside the EEZ have been removed from the RAV.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has not reported nominal catch for coastal fisheries to IOTC standard, as required by Resolution 15/02. 	<p>Maldives stopped issuing licenses to operate longline fishing vessels in 2019. With the current paper-based logbook reporting for HL and TLME all Billfish fish species are recorded as a single record. Hence, we do not have species level disaggregated data for Billfish species. However, in the zero catch Matrix we have indicated that all species of Billfish as positive catch. This is based on our sampling data of Billfish landing as we have observed landing of all species of Billfish.</p> <p>However, with the recently introduced electronic logbook reporting application billfish catch can be reported in disaggregated format. Currently, the e-logbook is being implemented on a voluntary basis. After a grace period for fishermen to familiarize with the new reporting method, e-logbook will be made mandatory.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has not reported Discards, as required by Resolution 15/02. 	<p>Maldives have reported Discards, as required by Resolution 15/02.</p>