



**Annex: Compliance issues from CoC20.**

CPC: Sri Lanka	Responses/clarifications
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Has not provided all information related to the list of active vessels, not at IOTC standard, missing information 268 vessels without IRCS, as required by Resolution 10/08</li> </ul>	<p>Re-examination of radio equipment owners and their personal information for national security reasons and the reformation of issuance of IRCS to the fishing vessels of Sri Lanka by the relevant authorities (Telecommunication Regulatory Commission &amp; Ministry of Defense) is being conducted. The backlog is being cleared. Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (DFAR) closely worked with the relevant authorities to expedite the process.</p> <p>At present Mobile campaigns are being conducted at the designated harbours with the participation of relevant agencies in a view to expedite the process. The no of vessels without IRCS is gradually decreasing.</p> <p>The 268 no of vessels in the active vessels list in 2023 were &lt;24m.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Has not provided all information related to the List of Authorized vessels &gt; 24 metres, Mandatory information missing (missing IRCS, beneficial owner, company, total Volume of Fish . Authorisation period is out-of-date), not at IOTC standard, as required by Resolution 19/04.</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Missing call sign -Not agree.                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>all vessels &gt;24m are with the IRCS.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Beneficial owner – Not agree.                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Information provided. In Sri Lanka the beneficial and the owner of the vessel is the same.</li> </ul> </li> <li>company- - Same as above.</li> <li>total Volume of Fish –Not agree.                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fish hold capacity of all vessels are provided.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Authorisation period is out-of-date                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All details of the authorised vessels for 2023 were provided. However the vessels those did not operated ( authorization not applied) for 2023 are still in the IOTC authorised list.</li> </ul> </li> </ol>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Has not provided all information related to the List of Authorized vessels below 24 metres, Mandatory information missing (IRCS, beneficial owner, company, Total Volume of Fish . Authorisation period is out-of-date, photo.), not at IOTC standard, as required by Resolution 19/04.</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Missing call sign below 24m</li> </ol> <p>Re-examination of radio equipment owners and their personal information for national security reasons and the reformation of issuance of IRCS to the fishing vessels of Sri Lanka by the relevant authorities (Telecommunication Regulatory Commission &amp; Ministry of Defense) is being conducted. The backlog is being cleared. Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (DFAR) closely worked with the relevant authorities to expedite the process.</p> <p>At present Mobile campaigns are being conducted at the designated harbours with the participation of relevant agencies in a view to expedite the process. The no of vessels without IRCS is gradually decreasing.</p> <p>The 268 no of vessels in the active vessels list in 2023 were &lt;24m.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>4. Photos,</b></li> </ol>

	<p>From 2023 January 100% of the vessel Photographs submitted. However few photos were not published due to not up to the standard of the IOTC.</p> <p>Currently Sri Lanka upload the vessel photographs through e-RAV.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has not reported size frequency for coastal fisheries to IOTC Standard, SF missing for species /gear; Less than 1 fish measured per metric tonne for some species/gear, as required by Resolution 15/02.</li> </ul>	<p>Majority of Billfish landings by all billfish species from coastal fisheries are observed as cut segments instead of whole specimen ,hence unable to get whole fish length and therefore was not able to provide data as required.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has not reported size frequency for surface fisheries to IOTC Standard, Less than 1 fish measured per metric tonne for some species/gear, as required by Resolution 15/02.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has not reported size frequency for longline fisheries to IOTC Standard, Less than 1 fish measured per metric tonne for some species, as required by Resolution 15/02.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has vessels listed on the IOTC IUU vessels list, Resolution 18/03.</li> </ul>	<p>Four vessels in the IOTC IUU list. Sri Lanka filed cases against the relevant parties.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has nationals on board vessels listed on the IOTC IUU vessels list, Resolution 18/03.</li> </ul>	<p>Two cases over. Two cases are ongoing in the Magistrate Courts of Sri Lanka.</p> <p>The progress is to be reported to the 28<sup>th</sup> Commission meeting.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has partially implemented the IMO number requirement for eligible vessels, as required by Resolution 19/04.</li> </ul>	<p>Sri Lanka initiated to apply IMO numbers for vessels &gt;12m in 2023</p> <p>Up to date 1343 IMO numbers have been received.The process is ongoing.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has not transposed the prohibition of taking on board a data buoy into national legislation, High Seas Fishing Operations Regulations No. 1 of 2014 - paragraph 4 (x), does not include the specific ban on taking on board a data buoy, as required by Resolution 11/02.</li> </ul>	<p>Sri Lanka in a venture of bringing a new Fisheries Act by repealing the previous Act. The new act is drafted and to be adopted . Once the new Act enacted the existing legislations are to be amended and updated by incorporating the CMMS not regulated.</p> <p>The following facts also fully transposed to legislation accordingly. .</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Specific ban on taking on board a data buoy.</li> <li>2. Prohibition of intentionally fishing within 1 nautical mile of or interacting with data buoys within the EEZ</li> <li>3. Prohibition of surface, submerged artificial lights to attract fish, Resolution 16/07 applies to all fisheries outside territorial waters,</li> </ol>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has not fully transposed the prohibition of intentionally fishing within 1 nautical mile of or interacting with data buoys, No legal reference provided on the ban within the EEZ, as required by Resolution 11/02.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has not fully transposed into national legislation the requirement on Prohibition of aircrafts and unmanned aerial vehicles, Resolution 16/08 applies to all fisheries in the IOTC AoC., as required by Resolution 16/08.</li> </ul>	
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