

IOTC Agreement – Article X

Report of Implementation for the year 2023 (CoC21)

Deadline for submission: 14/3/2024

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.
- Sections in **light grey** are for requirements that do not apply to your CPC

Reporting CPC: Iran

Date of submission: 14 March 2024 - 08:58

You can consult your previous Implementation Report by [clicking here](#).

Notes:

- All dates in the Implementation report must be in the following format => dd/mm/yyyy
- 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".

PART A – LEGAL OBLIGATION

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

Transposition of IOTC CMMs into national legislation

Reporting obligation CR N°1.5, IR

Legal obligation: Provide information on the status of the transposition of all the CMM obligations/reporting requirements into the national legislation.

1. A system or procedures exist to implement this binding obligation to transpose IOTC Resolutions in national legislation:

NO - Iran has NO system / procedure to implement this binding obligation: transpose IOTC Resolutions

a. System or procedures to implement this binding obligation - transposition of CMM :

Transposition of IOTC CMMs in administratives orders/circulars • Text of transposition of IOTC CMMs proposed / signed / adopted by Minister (exercises legislative and regulatory powers)

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b. System or procedures to respond to non-compliance with this binding obligation - non transposition of CMMs :

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c. Action taken in relation to non-compliance with this binding obligation - non transposition of a CMM :

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2. All obligations of IOTC Conservation and Management Measures (CMMs) are fully transposed in the national legislation:

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Res 23-05 Programme transshipment • Res 23-10 Working Party Socio-Economics • Res 19-07 Vessel chartering • Res 18-04 Project DCPbio • Res 14-05 Record foreign vessels • Res 13-09 Conversation albacore

YES – All Resolutions are fully transposed into Iran legislation. Some resolutions, such as Programme transshipment, chartering, the Conversation albacore, etc., are not applicable, and are not mentioned in national legislation.

If NO, specify which Resolutions have not yet been transposed in your legislation:

Res 23-05 Programme transshipment • Res 23-10 Working Party Socio-Economics • Res 19-07 Vessel chartering • Res 18-04 Project DCPbio • Res 14-05 Record foreign vessels • Res 13-09 Conversation albacore

Attach National Legislation

a. Attach the laws, regulations and administrative instructions in force and ATF T&C with force of law, related to the IOTC Conservation and Management Measures:

[National regulations of tuna fisheries management.pdf](#)

b. Comments/remarks about your submission and the implementation of IOTC Conservation and Management Measures:

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Provide additional information on the implementation of this obligation:

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PART B – Actions taken, under national legislation, in the previous year to implement CMMs adopted by the Commission

Actions taken to implement Resolution 23/01

1. Describe the actions taken, under national legislation, in the previous year to implement conservation and management measure "Resolution On Management of Anchored Fish Aggregating Devices (AFADs)"

CPC has transposed the CMM 23/01 into domestic legislation ?

NO - In Iran context, the CMM 23/01 is and will not be applicable.

2023 Anchored FADs management plan

1. A system or procedures exist to monitor and to ensure compliance with the obligation for vessels implementation of the DFADs management plan:

NO – NIL Report / Not Applicable - Iran has NO AFADs fishery in the EEZ, fishing for tuna and tuna like species under the IOTC mandate.

a. System or procedures to monitor compliance with this binding measure are :

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b. System or procedures to respond to instances of non-compliance are :

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c. Actions in relation to potential infringements are :

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2. DFADs management plans reported for following year(s):

NO - NIL Report - Iran has NO AFADs fishery in the EEZ, fishing for tuna and tuna like species under the IOTC mandate.

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3. Reporting/Updating the 2024 DFADs management plan:

AFAD management plan:

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4. The 2024 DFADs management plan is prepared in accordance with the Guideline (Annex I or II):

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Actions taken to implement Resolution 23/03

1. Describe the actions taken, under national legislation, in the previous year to implement conservation and management measure "" adopted by the Commission at its 27th Session (S27):

Iran has transposed the CMM 23/03 into domestic legislation ?

NO - The CMM 23/03 has not been transposed in domestic legislation.

Actions taken to implement Resolution 23/04

1. Describe the actions taken, under national legislation, in the previous year to implement conservation and management measure "" adopted by the Commission at its 27th Session (S27):

According to Article 3, Para. 2 of the Regulations for the establishment of the National IOTC Commission, this issue has been communicated to all stakeholders and manager of provincial fisheries and owners by the Deputy of Fishing and Fishing Ports of the Iran Fisheries Organization

Iran has transposed the CMM 23/04 into domestic legislation ?

NO - The transposition process in domestic legislation of the CMM 23/04 has started but still ongoing.

Actions taken to implement Resolution 23/05

1. Describe the actions taken, under national legislation, in the previous year to implement conservation and management measure "" adopted by the Commission at its 27th Session (S27):

The Iran currently has no active large-scale longline vessels in the IOTC area. Therefore, transshipment is not applicable

Iran has transposed the CMM 23/05 into domestic legislation ?

NO - In Iran current context, the CMM 23/05 is and will not be applicable (Transshipment at sea prohibited by legislation / Iran vessels prohibited to tranship in foreign ports).

At sea transshipments – CPCs reports participating in the ROP

1. A system or procedures exist to monitor and to ensure compliance of Large Scale Tuna Longline Fishing Vessels (LSTLVs), that are 24 metres length overall and above, with the obligations of the IOTC regional observer programme (ROP) to monitor transshipment at sea:

NO – NIL Report / Not Applicable - LSTLVs on the IOTC Record of Authorized Vessels not active in 2022

a. System or procedures to monitor compliance with this binding measure are:

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b. System or procedures to respond to non-compliance with this binding measure are:

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c. Actions in relation to potential infringements are:

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2. I have participated in the IOTC regional observer programme (ROP) to monitor transshipment at sea in 2022:

NO - NIL report - No LSTLVs on the IOTC record of authorized vessel in 2022

3. The report on the list of LSTLVs & the quantities transhipped in 2022, and the report on the assessment of observer reports in 2022, is reported to the IOTC Secretariat:

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4. If YES, provide information on:

Number of LSTLVs having transhipped at sea in 2022: 0

Quantities transhipped at sea (kg) in 2022: 0

Report on transshipments in foreign ports

1. FOR ALL CPCs:

1.1. A system or procedures exist to monitor and to ensure compliance of Tuna Fishing Vessels (LSTVs) with the obligations of the IOTC regional observer programme - transshipments in foreign ports :

NO – NIL Report / Not Applicable - LSTV on the RAV not active in 2023

a. System or procedures to monitor compliance with this binding measure are:

System / procedures to monitor compliance with this binding measure are not listed below, we specify/describe them in the below section

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b. System or procedures to respond to non-compliance with this binding measure are:

c. Actions in relation to potential infringements are:

1. 2. Flag LSTVs have transhipped in foreign ports in 2023:

1.3. The report on the list of LSTVs & the quantities transhipped in foreign ports in 2023, provided to the IOTC Secretariat:

Any comments/remarks about your submission and the implementation of this requirement:

Comments/remarks about your submission and the implementation of this requirement:

2. FOR MALDIVES ONLY:

2.1. A system or procedures exist to monitor and to ensure compliance of Flag Pole and line fishing vessel(s) and collector vessel(s) with the obligations of the IOTC regional observer programme - transhipments in port for Maldives:

a. System or procedures to monitor compliance with this binding measure are:

b. System or procedures to respond to non-compliance with this binding measure are:

c. Actions in relation to potential infringements are:

2. 2. Flag Pole and line fishing vessel(s) and collector vessel(s) have transhipped in 2023:

2.3. The reports on the list of Pole and line fishing vessel(s) and collector vessel(s) & the quantities transhipped in 2023, reported to the IOTC Secretariat:

Actions taken to implement Resolution 23/06

1. Describe the actions taken, under national legislation, in the previous year to implement conservation and management measure "" adopted by the Commission at its 27th Session (S27):

Iran has transposed the CMM 23/06 into domestic legislation?
 YES - [The CMM 23/06 has force of law in domestic legislation.](#)

Report on Instances of cetaceans encircled, entangled in 2023

1. A system or procedures exist to implement this binding reporting obligation (Report on Instances of Cetaceans encircled):

YES - [Iran has system / procedure to implement this binding reporting measure](#)

a. System or procedures to implement this binding reporting obligation:

YES - [System / procedure are described below](#)

b. System or procedures to respond to non-compliance with this binding reporting obligation:

YES - [System / procedure are described below](#)

c. Action to be taken in relation to non-compliance with this binding reporting obligation:

REPORT ON INSTANCES FOR THE 3 CATEGORIES OF VESSEL

2. Cetaceans have been encircled by the purse seine nets as reported by Iran flag vessels in 2023:

a. Purse seine vessels:

[NO - NIL Report - No encirclement instance of cetaceans caught by purse seine net reported by Iran flag purse seine vessels in 2023](#)

b. Reporting instance by purse seine vessel:

For purse seine vessel, report the total number of instance in 2023:

0

Cetaceans species encircled:

None

c. Not applicable:

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3. Cetaceans have been entangled by gillnetters as reported by flag vessels in 2023:

a. Gillnetters vessel:

[NO - NIL Report - No entanglement instance of cetaceans caught by gillnet reported by Iran flag gillnet vessels in 2023](#)

b. Reporting instance by gillnet vessel

For gillnet vessel, report the total number of instance in 2023:

0

Cetaceans species entangled:

None

c. Not applicable:

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4. Cetaceans have been entangled in Fish Aggregating Devices, DFAD/AFAD, as reported by flag vessels in 2023:

a. Vessel fishing on DFAD or AFAD:

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b. Reporting instance by vessel fishing on DFAD

For DFAD, report the total number of instances in 2023:

0

Cetaceans species entangled:

None

c. Reporting instance by vessel fishing on AFAD

For AFAD, report the total number of instances in 2023:

0

Cetaceans species entangled:

None

d. Not applicable: –

5. Reporting of cases:

[Nil Report - No encirclement / entanglement reported by Iran flag fishing vessels: purse seine, gillnetters, fishing on FAD, in 2023](#)

Comments/remarks about your submission and the implementation of this requirement:

-In Iran, the consumption of cetaceans is strictly prohibited by both law and religious beliefs (considered Haram). As a result of their lack of commercial value and religious restrictions, fishermen have no incentive to catch them. Any cetaceans accidentally caught in fishing nets are typically released unharmed. National regulations for tuna fishing management, along with the efforts of the Iranian Environmental Protection Organization, further reinforce these protections by making the deliberate capture of cetaceans a criminal offense.

Actions taken to implement Resolution 23/07

1. Describe the actions taken, under national legislation, in the previous year to implement conservation and management measure "" adopted by the Commission at its 27th Session (S27):

There is only one industrial longline vessel which has not been active in recent years. But numbers of artisanal longline were encouraged extensionally to move to longline seasonal and temporal during a year.

Iran has transposed the CMM 23/07 into domestic legislation?

YES - The CMM 23/07 has force of law in domestic legislation.

Longline vessels to use mitigation measures south of 25°S

1. A system or procedures exist to monitor and to ensure compliance with the obligation, for all Iran longline vessels, to use at least two of the three mitigation measures:

[NO – NIL Report / Not Applicable - Iran has no longline vessel active in 2023](#)

a. System or procedures to monitor compliance with this binding measure are:

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b. System or procedures to respond to non-compliance with this binding measure are:

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c. Actions in relation to potential infringements are:

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2. The obligation for all Iran longline vessels to use at least two of the three mitigation measures:

Is required/implemented by national legislation –

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Actions taken to implement Resolution 23/08

1. Describe the actions taken, under national legislation, in the previous year to implement conservation and management measure "" adopted by the Commission at its 27th Session (S27):

Given that the Iran fishing fleet is small-scale and traditional, implementing the requirements of this resolution will be very challenging.

Iran has transposed the CMM 23/08 into domestic legislation?

NO - The transposition process in domestic legislation of the CMM 23/08 has not yet started.

Actions taken to implement Resolution 23/09

1. Describe the actions taken in the previous year to implement conservation and management measure "" adopted by the Commission at its 27th Session (S27):

The representative of Iran is a member of this working group and has participated in its meetings

Actions taken to implement Resolution 23/10

1. Describe the actions taken in the previous year to implement conservation and management measure "" adopted by the Commission at its 27th Session (S27):

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Iran has transposed the CMM 23/10 into domestic legislation?

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

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:

The Iran Fisheries Organization has established the IOTC National Commission with the participation of representatives from different relevant fisheries sectors, research institutes, and fishing cooperative. One of the actions of this commission is to review the requirements of the IOTC resolutions. It examines the compatibility of the requirements of the IOTC resolutions with the fishing conditions of our country and the necessary actions required for implementation, and announces them for execution.

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

Yes

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

Resolution 01/03 Establishing a scheme to promote compliance by non-contracting party vessels with resolutions established by IOTC – Observations of non-contracting parties, entities or fishing entities indicating fishing contrary to IOTC CMMs

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

1. A system or procedures exist to implement this binding reporting obligation: "*Report on observations of non-contracting parties, entities or fishing entities indicating fishing contrary to IOTC CMM*"

NO – NIL Report / Not Applicable for 2023 – Iran has no observation of vessel fishing contrary to IOTC Conservation or Management Measures in the IOTC Area of Competence

a. System or procedures to implement this binding reporting obligation :

YES - System / procedure are described below

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b. System or procedures to respond to non-compliance with this binding reporting obligation:

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c. Action to be taken in relation to non-compliance with this binding reporting obligation:

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2. 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

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Actions taken & additional information to report?

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Information required: information on the results of inspections of vessels of NCPs

1. A system or procedures exist to implement this binding reporting obligation: "*Prepare and report on information on the results of inspections of vessels of NCPs*"

YES - Iran has system / procedure to implement this binding reporting reporting measure • NO – NIL Report / Not Applicable for 2023 - no inspection conducted on NCP vessel by Iran

a. System or procedures to implement this binding reporting obligation:

YES - System / procedure are described below

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b. System or procedures to respond to non-compliance with this binding reporting obligation:

YES - System / procedure are described below

c. Action to be taken in relation to non-compliance with this binding reporting obligation:

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

NO - NIL report 2023 - no inspection conducted on NCP vessel by Iran

Resolution 01/06 Concerning the IOTC bigeye tuna statistical document programme

Information required: Annual report on the IOTC bigeye tuna statistical document programme in 2022

1. A system or procedures to monitor and to ensure compliance with export of frozen bigeye tuna exists:

YES - Iran has systems & procedures to monitor compliance with this binding measure, AND to take action in relation to potential infringements

a. System or procedures to monitor compliance with this binding measure are:

Export of frozen bigeye tuna monitored by government fisheries administration with institutional procedures implemented • Export of frozen bigeye tuna monitored by another government administration (eg. Customs, Maritime authority, police) with institutional procedures implemented

Any importer who wishes to import fish and aquatic animals, including tuna, must provide information about the type and quantity of fish as well as the country of origin at the time of placing an order. The final clearance of goods is subject to approval by the Iranian Fisheries Organization in addition to compliance with other regulations.

b. System or procedures to respond to instances of non-compliance are:

Established by national regulation implemented by Government

Any violation of national and international regulations on the import of aquatic animals will not allow imports of the desired goods, including BET.

c. Actions in relation to potential infringements are:

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EXPORT:

2. Frozen bigeye tunas were exported in 2022:

NO - Frozen Bigeye tuna were NOT exported

Total quantity of frozen bigeye tunas exported in 2022 (kg):

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Country' vessels from which the bigeye tunas were exported:

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3. If you have exported bigeye tuna in 2022, report the result(s) of the examination between YOUR EXPORT Iran data and the IMPORT data declared by IMPORTING CPC(s):

NO - NIL report - No frozen bigeye tuna were exported in 2022 - NO result of examination to report -

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When significant difference(s) were identified between Iran EXPORT data and the IMPORTING DATA from other CPCs, report the results of the examinations below:

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Resolution 07/01 To promote compliance by nationals of CPCs with IOTC conservation and management measures

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:

NO - NIL report for 2023 – No Iran nationals engage in IUU fishing in the IOTC Area of Competence

Resolution 11/02 Prohibition of fishing on data buoys

Information required: Report on observations of damaged data buoys in 2023

1. A system or procedures exist to monitor and to ensure compliance with the reporting any data buoys observed to be damaged/ inoperable:

NO – NIL Report / Not Applicable - No report received from flag vessels in 2023

a. System or procedures to monitor compliance with this binding measure are:

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b. System or procedures to respond to non-compliance with this binding reporting obligation:

Established by national regulation implemented by Government

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c. Actions in relation to potential infringements are:

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2. Reporting observations of damaged data buoys in 2023:

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NO – NIL Report / Not Applicable - No report received from flag vessels in 2023

Resolution 22/04 On a Regional observer scheme

Information required: description of protocols supporting observer programs (all vessels at sea) and sampling schemes (artisanal vessels landings), the number of fishing vessels & of fishing effort sampled, the coverage achieved by gear type

1. A system or procedures exist to implement this binding reporting obligation:

i) description of protocols supporting observer programs (all vessels at sea), and

ii) sampling schemes (artisanal vessels landings), number of fishing vessels & of fishing effort sampled, coverage achieved by gear type.

For observer programs at sea:

NO - Iran has NO system / procedure to implement this binding reporting measure

For sampling schemes (Artisanal / coastal fisheries):

YES - Iran has system / procedure to implement this binding reporting measure

a. System or procedures to implement this binding reporting obligation:

YES - System / procedure are described below, for both ROS at sea & coastal -

b. System or procedures to respond to non-compliance with this binding reporting obligation:

YES - System / procedure are described below, for both ROS at sea & coastal -

c. Action to be taken in relation to non-compliance with this binding reporting obligation:

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2. Iran is implementing the regional observer scheme (ROS) at national level for:

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3. The description of the protocols supporting observer programs (at sea) and sampling schemes (artisanal vessel landings), reported to the IOTC Scientific Committee:

YES - Partially

4. Describe the protocols supporting observer programs (at sea) and the sampling schemes (artisanal vessel landings):

a. Protocols - Observer programmes at sea: -

b. Protocols- Sampling schemes for artisanal vessel landings:

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5. Complete the below table or upload your report on the coverage achieved by gear type, in the UPLOAD section:

a. At sea - all fishing vessels of 24 meters length overall and above, and fishing vessels under 24 meters operating outside the EEZ:

Type of fishing gear	No of vessels and fishing effort monitored in 2022:	Coverage in 2022 (%)
Purse seine	-	-
Longline	-	-
Gillnet	-	-
Baitboats	-	-
Handline	-	-

Comments/remarks about your submission and the implementation of this requirement:

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b. Sampling schemes (artisanal vessel landings):

Type of fishing gear	Total number of vessel trips or total number of active vessels in 2022:	Coverage in 2022 (%)
Coastal Purse seine	5	100
Longline	-	-
Gillnet	17	17
Baitboats	-	-
Handline	-	-
Line Trolling	200	11

Other type of fishing gear (Ringnet; Trawl; Beach Seine, etc...):

Type of fishing gear	Total number in 2022:	Coverage in 2022 (%)
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Comments/remarks about your submission and the implementation of this requirement:

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Resolution 12/04 On the conservation of marine turtles

Reporting obligation: Report on progress of implementation of Resolution 12/04

1. A system or procedures exist to implement this binding reporting obligation:

YES - [Iran has system / procedure to implement this binding reporting measure](#)

a. System or procedures to implement this binding reporting obligation:

YES - [System / procedure are described below](#)

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b. System or procedures to respond to non-compliance with this binding reporting obligation:

YES - [System / procedure are described below](#)

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c. Action to be taken in relation to non-compliance with this binding reporting obligation:

YES - [Actions are described below](#)

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2. Reporting the progress of implementation of Resolution 12/04:

YES - [Reporting progress in section 3 below](#)

3. Report on the requirements of the Resolution 12/04:

a. 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 - [IFO have recently started establishing a network through virtual platforms on mobile phones. This has allowed us to receive some news, pictures, and videos about the safe release of these species, most of which are from Iran territorial waters.](#)

b. 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 –

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

Yes [The IFO has notified gillnet vessels to require that operators of such vessels record all incidents involving marine turtles during fishing operations in their logbooks and report such incidents to the Iran Fisheries Organization.](#)

d. For longline vessels

(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 [As per footnote 2 to article 2, paragraph 3-2 of the national regulation for tuna fishing Management of longline vessels, it is mandatory to carry line cutters and de-hookers on board.](#)

e. 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 [According para. 3-2 to Article 2 of the national regulations for tuna fishing management, it is mandatory for purse seiner vessels to carry and employ dip nets on boards.](#)

f. 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.

No –

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

No –

h. Collaborate with the IOSEA and take into account the IOSEA MoU

No –

Resolution 13/05 On the conservation of whale sharks (*Rhincodon typus*)

Information required: Report on Instances of whale sharks encircled in 2023

1. A system or procedures exist to implement this binding reporting obligation (Report on Instances of whale sharks encircled):

YES - Iran has system / procedure to implement this binding reporting measure

a. System or procedures to implement this binding reporting obligation:

YES - System / procedure are described below

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b. System or procedures to respond to non-compliance with this binding reporting obligation:

YES - System / procedure are described below -

c. Action to be taken in relation to non-compliance with this binding reporting obligation:

YES - Actions are described below -

2. Whale sharks have been encircled by the purse seine nets as reported Iran flagged vessels in 2023:

NO - NIL Report - No encirclement instance of whales shark by purse seine net reported by Iran purse seine fishing vessels in 2023

3. Report on instances of whale sharks encircled:

For purse seine vessel, total number of instance in 2023:

0

In 2023, Iran has no purse seine fishing vessels on the IOTC Record of Authorised Vessels or no purse seine fishing vessels active/operating in the IOTC Area of Competence.

Resolution 14/05 Concerning a record of licensed foreign vessels fishing for IOTC species in the IOTC area of competence and access agreement information

Information required: Access agreements information

1. A system or procedures exist to implement this binding reporting obligation: To prepare & submit the information on access agreements information

NO - NIL Report / Not Applicable - Iran does not have CPC-CPC agreement in 2023

a. System or procedures to implement this binding reporting obligation:

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b. System or procedures to respond to non-compliance with this binding reporting obligation:

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c. Action to be taken in relation to non-compliance with this binding reporting obligation:

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

NO - A system does NOT exist to sign Government to Government access agreement

3. Foreign vessels were licensed in 2023 under a Government to Government access agreement:

NO - NIL report - No foreign flag vessels licensed under a Government (CPC) to Government (CPC) access agreement

4. CPC-to-CPC agreements in 2023 exist and information concerning these agreements submitted to the IOTC Secretariat:

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5. For each CPC/CPC agreement:

a. Provide the information: the CPC involved, the start and end dates of the agreement, the number of vessels and the authorised gears in the below table and upload the information about these agreements in the UPLOAD section :

Agreement	CPC/CPC agreement with	Agreement start date	Agreement end date	Number of vessels	Gear authorized
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b. Provide the information: the quota or catch limit, MCS measures, data reporting obligation concerning these agreements and complete the below table:

No	Stock/species covered	CPC's quota or catch limit:	Data reporting obligations of the agreement:	MCS measures required by the flag CPC & coastal CPC:
1	-	-	-	-
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3	-	-	-	-
4	-	-	-	-

6. All the mandatory information has been provided to the IOTC Secretariat for all CPC/CPC access agreement:

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Specify what mandatory information are not fully provided or missing (tick the appropriate boxes):

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Specify the reasons for each not fully provided or missing requirement:

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Resolution 16/05 – Sightings of vessels suspected or confirmed of being without nationality

Information required: Sightings of vessels suspected or confirmed of being without nationality

1. A system or procedures exist to implement this binding reporting obligation:

[NO – NIL Report / Not Applicable for 2023 – no sighting of vessel without nationality](#)

a. System or procedures to implement this binding reporting obligation:

[YES - System / procedure are described below](#)

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b. System or procedures to respond to non-compliance with this binding reporting obligation:

[YES - System / procedure are described below](#) -

c. Action to be taken in relation to non-compliance with this binding reporting obligation:

YES - Actions are described below –

2. Reporting on vessel without nationality that may be fishing in the high seas of the IOTC area of competence:
NO - NIL report for 2023 – no sighting of vessel without nationality

Resolution 16/08 On the prohibition of the use of aircrafts and unmanned aerial vehicles as fishing aids

Information required: Any occurrence of fishing operation undertaken with the aid of aircraft or unmanned aerial vehicle

1. A system or procedures exist to implement this binding reporting obligation:
 YES - Iran has system / procedure to implement this binding reporting measure

a. System or procedures to implement this binding reporting obligation:
 YES - System / procedure are described below

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b. System or procedures to respond to non-compliance with this binding reporting obligation:

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c. Action to be taken in relation to non-compliance with this binding reporting obligation:
 YES - Actions are described below –

2. 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 2023 – no occurrence of vessel fishing operation with the aid of aircraft or unmanned aerial vehicle

Resolution 17/07 On the prohibition to use large-scale driftnets in the IOTC area

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

1. A system or procedures to monitor and to ensure compliance with the obligation for fishing vessels to not use large scale driftnets in the IOTC area of Competence (High sea and ZEE):

YES - Iran has systems & procedures to monitor compliance with this binding measure, AND to take action in relation to potential infringements.

a. System or procedures to monitor compliance with this binding measure are:

Large scale driftnets use monitored and controlled by government fisheries administration with institutional procedures implemented • Flag State regular inspections are conducted to verify compliance of vessels with the use of large scale driftnet • Control & enforcement regime over vessels includes mandatory requirements regarding large scale gillnet • MCS strategy, policy, plan implemented by enforcement Government agencies –

b. System or procedures to respond to instances of non-compliance are:

Established in national law implemented by Government –

c. Actions in relation to potential infringements are:

Forfeiture, to Government, of any fish caught/on board • Legal punitives actions - Fine imposed by court on fishing master and/or master –

2. Use of large scale driftnets is banned in the IOTC area of competence (high seas and EEZ):

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Additional information on the implementation of this obligation:

Iran's Fisheries, since 2012, according to part B of the regulation on gillnet- Based Tuna Fishery and Managerial Plan, has prohibited the use of nets more than 2.5 km in length outside the EEZ. Also, starting from 2022, based on Paragraph 2-2 of Article 2 of the National regulation of tuna fishing management, the use of nets more than 2.5 km in length has been banned in the IOTC area of competence.

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

1. A system or procedures exist to implement this binding reporting obligation:
 YES - Iran has system / procedure to implement this binding reporting measure

a. System or procedures to implement this binding reporting obligation:
 YES - System / procedure are described below –

b. System or procedures to respond to non-compliance with this binding reporting obligation:
 YES - System / procedure are described below –

c. Action to be taken in relation to non-compliance with this binding reporting obligation:

YES - Actions are described below –

Monitoring, control, and surveillance (MCS) actions:

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

Flag vessels

3. Monitoring, control, and surveillance actions are:

Controlling of flag vessels at licensing • Control/ban of large-scale driftnet sale • Actions are included in the National Plan of Action to Prevent, Deter and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing (NPOA-IUU) • Actions are included in the national legislation

Additional MCS actions in place:

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Resolution 18/07 On measures applicable in case of non-fulfilment of reporting obligations in the IOTC

Information required: Report actions taken to implement reporting obligations & improve data collection of catches

1. A system or procedures exist to implement this binding reporting obligation:

For industrial fisheries:

YES - Iran has system / procedure to implement this binding reporting measure

For artisanal/coastal fisheries:

YES - Iran has system / procedure to implement this binding reporting measure

a. System or procedures to implement this binding reporting obligation:

YES - System / procedure for artisanal/coastal fisheries are described below • YES - System / procedure for Industrial fisheries are described below Implementation of sampling system as well as controlling the catch of vessels through fish buying agents, and fish purchase receipts and logbook template for purse seiner.

b. System or procedures to respond to non-compliance with this binding reporting obligation:

YES - System / procedure for Industrial fisheries are described below

Implementation of sampling system as well as controlling the catch of vessels through fish buying agents, and fish purchase receipts

Implementation logbook template, control and register the catch of purse seiner when unloading catch in fishing ports

c. Action to be taken in relation to non-compliance with this binding reporting obligation:

YES - Actions for artisanal/coastal fisheries are described below

Implementation of sampling system as well as controlling the catch of vessels through fish buying agents, and fish purchase receipts

Implementation logbook template, control and register the catch of purse seiner when unloading catch in fishing ports

2. A system to collect fisheries data exists:

YES - A recording system to collect fisheries data exists

3. Mandatory data/statistics reported:

YES - Mandatory data/statistics reported

For Industrial fisheries:

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For artisanal/coastal fisheries:

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4. 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:

Implementation of sampling system as well as controlling the catch of vessels through fish buying agents, and fish purchase receipts

Measures taken and the implementation progress for Industrial IOTC fisheries:

Implementation logbook template, control and register the catch of purse seiner when unloading catch in fishing ports

b. Port-based sampling or related fisheries surveys:

Yes

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

Implementation of sampling system as well as controlling the catch of vessels through fish buying agents, and fish purchase receipts

Measures taken and the implementation progress for Industrial IOTC fisheries:

Implementation logbook template, control and register the catch of purse seiner when unloading catch in fishing ports

c. National observer scheme:

Yes

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

National port sampler

Measures taken and the implementation progress for Industrial IOTC fisheries:

logbook template and register unloading catch in fishing ports

d. National Vessel registry:

Yes

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

In progress

Measures taken and the implementation progress for Industrial IOTC fisheries:

In progress

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

No

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

It is planned to be implemented, but due to technical problems and access to satellites, it has not been fully implemented

Measures taken and the implementation progress for Industrial IOTC fisheries:

It is planned to be implemented, but due to technical problems and access to satellites, it has not been fully implemented

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

a. Development of fisheries databases:

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

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Measures taken and the implementation progress for Industrial IOTC fisheries:

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b. Development of data dissemination systems:

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

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Measures taken and the implementation progress for Industrial IOTC fisheries:

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c. Frame surveys:

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

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Measures taken and the implementation progress for Industrial IOTC fisheries:

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d. Coherence of data with alternative fisheries datasets:

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

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Measures taken and the implementation progress for Industrial IOTC fisheries:

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

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

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Measures taken and the implementation progress for Industrial IOTC fisheries:

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f. Steps to minimise data entry errors:

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

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Measures taken and the implementation progress for Industrial IOTC fisheries:

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

a. Steps to improve data validation:

Yes

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

[Setting up an integrated fishing management system and holding training courses for enumerator in catch unloading centers](#)

Measures taken and the implementation progress for Industrial IOTC fisheries:

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b. Improvements in sampling coverage:

Yes

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

[sampling of 10 percent of vessels](#)

Measures taken and the implementation progress for Industrial IOTC fisheries:

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c. Frame surveys:

Yes

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

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Measures taken and the implementation progress for Industrial IOTC fisheries:

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d. Coherence of data with alternative fisheries datasets:

Yes

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

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Measures taken and the implementation progress for Industrial IOTC fisheries:

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e. Comparability of data from previous years:

Yes

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

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Measures taken and the implementation progress for Industrial IOTC fisheries:

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Resolution 19/02 - Procedures on a fish aggregating devices (FADs) management plan 19/02

Information required: 2024 DFAD management

1. A system or procedures exist to monitor and to ensure compliance with the obligation for vessels implementation of the DFADs management plan:

[YES - Iran has systems & procedures to monitor compliance with this binding measure, AND to take action in relation to potential infringements.](#)

a. System or procedures to monitor compliance with this binding measure are:

[Implementation of DFADs plan monitored and controlled by government fisheries administration with institutional procedures implemented • Procedures defined under the fisheries MCS scheme implemented by Government Agencies](#) –

b. System or procedures to respond to instances of non-compliance are:

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c. Actions in relation to potential infringements are:

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2. DFADs management plans were implemented and reported for following year(s):

[Yes for 2019](#)

Additional information:

[- The Iran Fisheries Organization prepared the FAD management plan in 2014 and sent it to the IOTC Secretariat on June 26, 2014 with the signature of the Iran Commissioner. The plan was updated in 2021 and communicated to the purse seine operators by the Deputy of Fishing and fishing Ports.](#)

3. Reporting the 2024 FADs management plan:

[No DFADs management plan for 2024](#)

4. The 2024 FADs management plan has been prepared in accordance with the Guideline (Annex I or II):

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Information required: Report on progress of implementation of 2023 DFADs management plans

1. A system or procedures exist to implement this binding reporting obligation:

[YES - Iran has system / procedure to implement this binding reporting measure](#)

a. System or procedures to implement this binding reporting obligation:

[YES - System / procedure are described below](#) –

b. Système ou procédures pour répondre au non-respect de cette obligation de déclaration contraignante:

YES - System / procedure are described below –

c. Action to be taken in relation to non-compliance with this binding reporting obligation:

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2. DFADs management plans were implemented and progress reports on the implementation reported for the years:

Yes for 2018

Additional information:

- The Iran Fisheries Organization prepared the FAD management plan in 2014 and sent it to the IOTC Secretariat on June 26, 2014 with the signature of the Iran Commissioner. The plan was updated in 2018 and communicated to the purse seine operators by the Deputy of Fishing and fishing Ports

3. Reporting the progress report on implementation of the 2023 DFADs management plan for 2023:

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Resolution 19/04 Concerning the IOTC record of vessels authorised to operate in the IOTC area of competence

Information required: Report on review of Flag State internal actions & measures, punitive actions and sanctions on flag vessels on the RAV

1. A system or procedures exist i) to review flag State internal actions, measures, punitive actions and sanctions, and ii) to monitor and to ensure compliance by vessels & persons with those obligations of Paragraphs 11 (Resolution 19/04):

YES - Iran has system / procedure to i) review flag State internal actions and ii) to monitor & to ensure compliance by vessels & persons with those obligations of Paragraphs 11, AND action in relation to potential infringements.

a. i) System / procedures to review flag State internal actions are:

Review flag State internal actions monitored/conducted by government fisheries administration & other government administration (eg. Customs, Maritime authority, Police) • Procedures defined under the fisheries MCS scheme implemented by Government Agencies –

a. ii) System / procedures to monitor & to ensure ii) compliance by vessels/persons with the obligations of Paragraphs 11, are: Obligations of paragraph 11, monitored and controlled by another government administration (eg. Customs, Maritime authority, Police) with institutional procedures implemented • Flag State regular inspections are conducted to verify compliance of vessels with obligations of paragraph 11 • National monitoring, control, surveillance (MCS) & enforcement system in place with adequate assets, human resources & budget for implementation and MCS of obligations of paragraph 11 –

b. System or procedures to respond to instances of non-compliance with the binding measures of paragraph 11:

Established in national law implemented by Government –

c. Actions in relation to potential infringements of measures of paragraph 11:

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2. Paragraph 11.a):

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

Iran has conducted a review of the internal actions & measures, punitive actions and sanctions for paragraphs 11.a) in 2022 and there is no update to provide for 2023.

If such a review has been conducted, list of measures with, for each the following details:

Measures:

Mechanism to transpose IOTC Resolutions in national legislation • National monitoring, control, surveillance and enforcement system in place

Punitive Actions:

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Sanctions:

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3. Paragraph 11.b):

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

Iran has conducted a review of the internal actions & measures, punitive actions and sanctions for paragraphs 11.b) in 2022 and there is no update to provide for 2023.

If such a review has been conducted, list of measures with, for each the following details:

Measures:

Implement IOTC Resolutions through national regulation • National monitoring, control, surveillance and enforcement system in place

Punitive Actions:

Applied to owner

Sanctions:

4. 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:

Iran has conducted a review of the internal actions & measures, punitive actions and sanctions for paragraphs 11.c) in 2022 and there is no update to provide for 2023.

If such a review has been conducted, list of measures with, for each the following details:

Measures:

To keep on board valid certificates of vessel registration & valid authorisation to fish/tranship obliged by terms & conditions of ATF • Regular control - Inspection in port of Iran vessels

Punitive Actions:

Applied to captain • Applied to owner

Sanctions:

According to the Iranian law and regulation, it is mandatory to carry out the fishing licenses and other certificates on board the fishing boats

5. 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:

Iran has conducted a review of the internal actions & measures, punitive actions and sanctions for paragraphs 11.d) in 2022 and there is no update to provide for 2023.

If such a review has been conducted, list of measures with, for each the following details:

Measures:

National monitoring, control, surveillance and enforcement system in place • Adopted legislation national framework with national plans/programmes to combat IUU fishing / fishing related activities in support of such fishing

Punitive Actions:

Applied to operator • Applied to owner

Sanctions:

According to the Iranian law and regulation, it is mandatory to carry out the fishing licenses and other certificates on board the fishing boats

6. 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:

Iran has conducted a review of the internal actions & measures, punitive actions and sanctions for paragraphs 11.e) in 2022 and there is no update to provide for 2023.

If such a review has been conducted, list of measures with, for each the following details:

Measures:

Regime to implement IOTC Resolutions through flag State Authorisation to Fish (ATF) terms & conditions - updated every year • Registration requirement - Information on owners/operators which identifies effective beneficial owners & operators • Measures to ensure that persons subject to Iran jurisdiction, including owners/operators do not support/engage in IUU fishing/fishing related activities in support of such fishing

Punitive Actions:

Applied to operator • Applied to owner

Sanctions:

-All vessels engage in fishing for tuna and tuna like species fisheries must possess a valid fishing license or authorization. IFO communicate updates of AFVs to the IOTC IN 2023.

-The Licensing Regulation mandates fish processing facilities to obtain a license. These facilities are bound by license conditions and are not allowed to purchase fish from the vessels without a valid fishing license.

7. 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:

Iran has conducted a review of the internal actions & measures, punitive actions and sanctions for paragraphs 11.f) in 2022 and there is no update to provide for 2023.

If such a review has been conducted, list of measures with, for each the following details:

Measures:

Record of vessels flying Iran flag include name/address/nationality of natural/legal person in whose name the vessel is registered • Iran ensures that the obligations incumbent upon the vessel owners/operators/crews are clearly accessible & communicated to them • Regime for authorizing fishing & fishing related activities - Information requirements allow identification of accountable persons, natural/legal person authorized to engage in fishing & fishing related activities

Punitive Actions:

Applied to operator • Applied to owner

Sanctions:

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-The AFVs template has been submitted to the IOTC as part of the ongoing implementation of the National regulation of Tuna Fishing Management. Simultaneously, the necessary legal process is being completed to domesticate the IOTC Conservation and Management Measures.

Information required: report on vessels engaged in fishing or transshipment and not on the IOTC Record of Authorised Vessels

1. A system or procedures exist to implement this binding reporting obligation:

YES - Iran has system / procedure to implement this binding reporting reporting measure

a. System or procedures to implement this binding reporting obligation:

YES - System / procedure are described below –

b. System or procedures to respond to non-compliance with this binding reporting obligation:

YES - System / procedure are described below –

c. Action to be taken in relation to non-compliance with this binding reporting obligation:

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2. 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:

NO - Nil report for 2023 – Iran has no factual information

Additional information:

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Resolution 21/01 On an interim plan for rebuilding the Indian Ocean yellowfin tuna stock in the IOTC area of competence

Information required: CPCs subject to catch reductions, over-catch, report on corrective actions taken to adhere to prescribed catch levels

1. A system or procedures exist to monitor and to ensure compliance with corrective actions taken by the CPC to adhere to the prescribed catch levels when subject to catch reductions due to over-catch:

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a. System or procedures to monitor compliance with this binding measure are:

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b. System or procedures to respond to instances of non-compliance are:

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c. Actions in relation to potential infringements are:

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2. CPC subject to yellowfin tuna catch reductions in 2022, due to over-catch in 2021:

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If Yes, YFT catch declared and over-catch in 2021:

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3. Our catch of yellowfin tuna in 2023 was reduced by the following percentage:

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

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Additional information:

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Information required: Report on methods for achieving the YFT catch reductions

1. A system or procedures exist to monitor and to ensure compliance with the methods of YFT catch reductions adopted by Iran:

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a. System or procedures to monitor compliance with this binding measure are:

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b. System or procedures to respond to instances of non-compliance are:

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c. Actions in relation to potential infringements are:

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

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If Yes, overcatch:

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

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

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Additional methods:

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Information required: Report on plans/status of reducing the use of supply vessels

1. A system or procedures exist to monitor and to ensure compliance with the reduction of supply vessels in purse seine operations (Plan):

NO – NIL Report / Not Applicable - Iran has only purse seiner (PS) on the IOTC Record of authorised vessels

a. System or procedures to monitor compliance with this binding measure are:

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b. System or procedures to respond to instances of non-compliance are:

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c. Actions in relation to potential infringements are:

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2. CPC has PS/SP vessels on the Record of authorized vessels:

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3. The plan for reducing the use of supply vessel was provided for:

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Information required: Gillnet, Report the level of implementation of paragraphs 21-23

1. A system or procedures exist to monitor and to ensure compliance with i) phasing out/convert gillnetters to other gears, ii) set gillnets at 2m depth, iii) increase observer coverage/ field sampling in gillnetters by 10% :

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a. System or procedures to monitor compliance with this binding measure are:

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b. System or procedures to respond to instances of non-compliance are:

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c. Actions in relation to potential infringements are:

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2. Iran has gillnet catch in 2023, has gillnet fishing vessels on the IOTC Record of authorised vessels, the gillnet fleet was active in the IOTC Area of Competence:

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3. Report the level of implementation of paragraph 21 - Phasing out or convert gillnet fishing vessels to other gears:

a. Phasing out measures:

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b. Conversion progress:

Number of gillnet vessels converted in 2023:

0

Number of gillnet vessels converted since 2019:

0

Gillnet vessels converted for the following fishing gears:

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4. Report the level of implementation of paragraph 22 - Set gillnets at 2m depth from the surface in gillnet fisheries:

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5. Report the 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):

- %

- %

Report of the previous session of the Commission - Response to letter of feedback on compliances issues

Information required: Response to the letter of feedback from the previous CoC

1. A system or procedures exist to implement this binding reporting obligation:

YES - [Iran has system / procedure to implement this binding reporting reporting measure](#)

a. System or procedures to implement this binding reporting obligation:

YES - [System / procedure are described below](#) -

b. System or procedures to respond to non-compliance with this binding reporting obligation:

YES - [System / procedure are described below](#) -

c. Action to be taken in relation to non-compliance with this binding reporting obligation:

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2. The response to the feedback letter on compliances issues (from the 2023 CoC) has been provided to the IOTC Secretariat:

YES - [The responses to the feedback letter are uploaded in the section UPLOAD](#)

Date of submission of responses to the feedback letter:

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Number of repeated compliance issues:

14

Number of non repeated compliance issues:

33

Number of compliance issues responded:

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Part E - Data and information reporting requirements for CPCs that have objected to some Resolutions

Resolution 12/12 To prohibit the use of large-scale driftnets on the high seas in the IOTC area

Prohibition from: using large-scale driftnets on the high seas.

APPLIES ONLY TO PAKISTAN

1. A system or procedures to monitor and to ensure compliance with the obligation for fishing vessels to not use large scale driftnets in the high sea:

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a. System or procedures to monitor compliance with this binding measure are:

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b. System or procedures to respond to instances of non-compliance are:

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c. Actions in relation to potential infringements are:

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2. 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:

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

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

APPLIES ONLY TO PAKISTAN

1. A system or procedures exist to implement this binding reporting obligation:

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a. System or procedures to implement this binding reporting obligation:

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b. System or procedures to respond to non-compliance with this binding reporting obligation:

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c. Action to be taken in relation to non-compliance with this binding reporting obligation:

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

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3. Monitoring, control, and surveillance actions are:

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Additional MCS actions in place:

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Resolution 18/01 On an interim plan for rebuilding the Indian Ocean yellowfin tuna stock in the IOTC area of competence

Information required: Report on methods for achieving the YFT catch reductions

APPLIES ONLY 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:

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2. A system or procedures exist to monitor and to ensure compliance with the methods of YFT catch reductions adopted by India:

a. System or procedures to monitor compliance with this binding measure are:

b. System or procedures to respond to instances of non-compliance are:

c. Actions in relation to potential infringements are:

3. CPC is subject to yellowfin tuna catch reductions:

If Yes, YFT over-catch:

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

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

Any method implemented and not listed above:



Information required: Report on plans/status of reducing the use of supply vessels

ONLY APPLICABLE TO INDIA

1. A system or procedures exist to monitor and to ensure compliance with the reduction of supply vessels in purse seine operations (Plan):

a. System or procedures to monitor compliance with this binding measure are:

b. System or procedures to respond to instances of non-compliance are:

c. Actions in relation to potential infringements are:

2. India has purse seiners (PS) and supply vessels (SP) on the IOTC Record of authorized vessels:

2. The plan for reducing the use of supply vessel was provided for:

Information required: Catch limits – Nominal catch of YFT in 2022

APPLIES ONLY TO INDIA

1. A system or procedures exist to monitor and to ensure compliance with the limit of catch of Yellowfin tuna (YFT):

a. System or procedures to monitor compliance with this binding measure are:

b. System or procedures to respond to instances of non-compliance are:

c. Actions in relation to potential infringements are:

2. CPC is subject to yellowfin tuna catch reductions:

3. The catch of yellowfin tuna in 2022 reported to the IOTC Secretariat and the reductions were:

Fishing gear	Baseline year	YFT catch of baseline year	YFT catch in 2022 (T)	Reduction (%)
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Purse seine	-	-	-	-
Longline	-	-	-	-
Gillnet	-	-	-	-
Pole and line	-	-	-	-

Resolution 19/01 On an interim plan for rebuilding the Indian Ocean yellowfin tuna stock in the IOTC area of competence

Information required: Report on methods for achieving the YFT catch reductions

APPLIES ONLY 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:

-Iran fisheries organization according to national regulation for Tuna fishing management and related correspondence with tuna fisheries branches in coastal provinces has been communicated to brief stakeholders to maintain conservation and management measures during the exploitation of yellowfin tuna stocks, also to have an action plan including managing on duration of vessel fishing operation at sea as well as managing on fishing gears, also planning to change gillnet fishery to other selective fishing hook to decline fishing effort.

2. A system or procedures exist to monitor and to ensure compliance with the methods of YFT catch reductions adopted by Iran:
-Iran fisheries organization according to national regulation for Tuna fishing management and related correspondence with tuna fisheries branches in coastal provinces has been communicated to brief stakeholders to maintain conservation and management measures during the exploitation of yellowfin tuna stocks, also to have an action plan including managing on duration of vessel fishing operation at sea as well as managing on fishing gears, also planning to change gillnet fishery to other selective fishing hook to decline fishing effort.

a. System or procedures to monitor compliance with this binding measure are:

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b. System or procedures to respond to instances of non-compliance are:

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c. Actions in relation to potential infringements are:

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3. The CPC is subject to yellowfin tuna catch reductions:

No

If Yes, overcatch:

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

Yes

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

Reduction of fishing effort • Reduction of the number of active fishing vessels • Individual catch limit defined by fishing gear

Additional methods:

-Managing on duration of vessel fishing operation at sea

- managing on fishing gears

- Change gillnet fishery to other selective fishing hook to decline fishing effort

Information required: Purse seiners served by supply vessels in 2024

APPLIES ONLY 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:

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2. A system or procedures exist to monitor and to ensure compliance with operations of purse seiners served by supply vessel:
NO – NIL Report / Not Applicable - Iran has only purse seiner (PS) on the IOTC Record of authorised vessels
- a. System or procedures to monitor compliance with this binding measure are:
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- b. System or procedures to respond to instances of non-compliance are:
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- c. Actions in relation to potential infringements are:
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3. CPC has PS/SP vessels on the Record of authorised vessels:
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4. The information on purse seiners served by each supply vessel in 2024 has been provided to the Secretariat:
NO – NIL Report / Not Applicable - Only purse seiner (PS) on the IOTC Record of authorised vessels

Information required: Report on plans/status of reducing the use of supply vessels

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

1. A system or procedures exist to monitor and to ensure compliance with the reduction of supply vessels in purse seine operations (Plan):
NO – NIL Report / Not Applicable - Iran has only purse seiner (PS) on the IOTC Record of authorised vessels
- a. System or procedures to monitor compliance with this binding measure are:
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- b. System or procedures to respond to instances of non-compliance are:
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- c. Actions in relation to potential infringements are:
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2. CPC has PS/SP vessels on the Record of authorised vessels:
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3. The plan for reducing the use of supply vessel was provided for:
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Information required: Catch limits – Nominal catch of YFT in 2022

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

1. A system or procedures exist to monitor and to ensure compliance with the limit of catch of Yellowfin tuna (YFT) :
YES - Iran has systems & procedures to monitor compliance with this binding measure, AND to take action in relation to potential infringements.
- a. System or procedures to monitor compliance with this binding measure are:
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- b. System or procedures to respond to instances of non-compliance are:
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- c. Actions in relation to potential infringements are:
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2. CPC is subject to yellowfin tuna catch reductions:
YES - Subject to
3. The catch of yellowfin tuna in 2022 reported to the IOTC Secretariat and the reductions were:

Fishing gear	Baseline year	YFT catch of baseline year	YFT catch in 2022 (T)	Reduction (%)
Purse seine	2014	4832	0	100
Longline	–	–	–	–
Gillnet	2014	41326	40,364	98

Pole and line

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Information required: Gillnet, Report the level of implementation of paragraphs 20-22

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1. A system or procedures exist to monitor and to ensure compliance with i) phasing out/convert gillnetters to other gears, ii) set gillnets at 2m depth, iii) increase observer coverage/ field sampling in gillnetters by 10%:

YES - Iran has systems & procedures to monitor compliance with this binding measure, AND to take action in relation to potential infringements.

a. System or procedures to monitor compliance with this binding measure are:

Phasing out/convert gillnetters, set gillnets at 2m, increase 10% gillnetters observer coverage/ field sampling, monitored and controlled by government fisheries administration with institutional procedures implemented • Procedures defined under the fisheries MCS scheme implemented by Government Agencies include verification of Phasing out/convert gillnetters, set gillnets at 2m, increase 10% gillnetters observer coverage/ field sampling -

b. System or procedures to respond to instances of non-compliance are:

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c. Actions in relation to potential infringements are:

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2. Iran has gillnet catch in 2023, has gillnet fishing vessels on the Record of authorised vessels, the gillnet fleet was active in the IOTC Area of Competence:

YES - Iran gillnet fleet, on the IOTC Record of authorized Vessels, caught IOTC Species in 2023

3. Level of implementation of paragraph 20 - Phasing out or convert gillnet fishing vessels to other gears:

a. Phasing out measures:

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Other phasing out measures In complying with IOTC regulations to reduce the fishing pressure on yellowfin tuna, a number of traditional coastal gillnetters with less than 24 meters in a length are temporarily and seasonally transferred to longline fishery to catch fish in the IOTC area and final the catch & effort data of these type of vessels are submitted to the IOTC every year.

b. Conversion progress:

Number of gillnet vessels converted in 2023:

0

Number of gillnet vessels converted since 2019:

0

Gillnet vessels converted for the following fishing gears:

Drifting longline

4. Level of implementation of paragraph 21 - Set gillnets at 2m depth from the surface in gillnet fisheries:

Setting gillnet at 2m depth from the surface introduced in Terms and Conditions of the flag State Authorisation to Fish (ATF) 01/08/2017

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5. 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):

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Increased field sampling More than 10%