

# IOTC-2024-CoC21-sCR16-MUS [E]

## 2024 **Summary** Compliance Report for: Mauritius

### Report date: 12 April 2024 - 17:11

Note: Acronyms and definitions can be consulted last page of the Compliance Report.

Req. n°	Source (para n°) (year)	Information required	Deadline	Previ- ous timeli- ness	Previ- ous status	Current timeli- ness	Current status	Observations	CPC remarks
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## 1. Implementation obligations

## 2. Management Standards

2.6	Res. 19/04 (3.b & c) (2023)	IMO number for eligible vessels	31/12/2023 (Since 01.01.2016)	C	C	C	P/C	<p><b>LEG:</b> Submitted - " <i>THE FISHERIES ACT 2023 – Section 100 (d), (e) and (f)</i>".</p> <p><b>STD:</b> NO – Out of the total number of vessels eligible for an IMO number (22), one (1) is still pending of being reported.</p> <p><b>SP:</b> YES – Provided for a) b) &amp; c).</p>	Needful is being doneby operator to obtain IMO Number.
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2.11c	Res. 23/01 (4) (2024)	AFAD management plan	1/1/2024	-/-	-/-	L	N/C1	Received 13.03.2024. <b>More than 73 days after deadline. Failed to meet a reporting/submission deadline by more than 15 days.</b> LEG: YES – Submitted - " Fisheries Act 2023 Section 12 and 13". STD: YES – AFADs plan according to Annex 1 23/01. SP: YES – Provided for a) b) c).	This first Management Plan for the Coastal FAD Fishery was submitted late. Needful will be done to ensure timeliness next year.
2.17	Res. 21/01 (20) (2024)	Purse seiners served by supply vessel	1/1/2024	C	C	C	P/C	Received 01.01.2024. LEG: Submitted - <i>The Fisheries Act 2023 PART X – LICENCES, AUTHORISATIONS AND REGISTRATIONS Sections 98 and 100</i> . STD: NON – Information provided for 1 PS, no information on supply vessel for 2024 for 2 PS. SP: YES – Provided & described for i) ii) iii).	Information was given for 1 PS because the SP was serving this Specific PS. It is to be noted that the PS and SP were deregistered and de-listed on the e-RAV on 4 and 25 March 2024 respectively. <b>No information was given for the other 2 PS which are owned by another company because they were not served by any SP at the moment of submission of requirement 2.17.</b> It is only after delisting of the only SP that a request to replace it on the RAV by another SP already listed under another flag. As at date, a new submission to review the submitted template for PS served by SP cannot be done being given that the SP which is supposed to serve the other 2 PS is not yet listed on the RAV.
2.19	Res. 21/01 (5-15) (2022)	Catch limits - Nominal catch of YFT in previous year	15/2/2024 (Since 03.10.2017)	C	C	N/C	P/C	Received 16.02.2024. 1 day after deadline. LEG: YES. Fisheries Act and actions submitted in the Implementation Report. STD: Not applicable. SP: YES – Provided for "a", "b" and "c".	Message was received that requirement was due on 15.2.2024. I then enquired on the due date of this requirement. (Re email dated 15.2.2024 @10:26 hrs) In the reply from e-marit, it was specified that this requirement is aligned to the deadline of the CQ and that it is <b>without deadline</b> as defined in the Resolution.

### 3.Reporting on Vessels

3.6	Res. 19/04 (3) (2023)	List of Authorized vessels 24 metres in length overall or more (3)	12/4/2024 (Since 01.07.2003)	C	C	C	P/C	Vessels ≥ 24m: 20. LEG: YES – Submitted - " Fisheries Act 2023 Sections 13 and 100" STD: NO - Missing information for 6 vessels [Photographs:4 starboard,5 portside and 6 bow]. SP: YES – Provided & described for a) b) c).	As per updated RAV, there are 7 missing photos for 6 vessels instead of 15 ( <b>2 starboard,3 portside and 2 bow</b> ).. Much effort is being done to get all of the missing photos from the operators.
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### 4.Vessel Monitoring System

### 5.Mandatory statistical requirement – Flag State CPCs

5.4	Res. 15/02 (1 to 7), 18/05 (8), 18/07 (4), 19/02 (4, 22 & 24) (2022)	Nominal catch – Discards	30/6/2023	C	P/C	C	N/C2	Received: 30.06.2023. <b>Failed to ensure compliance of the same obligation for two or more consecutive years.</b> <b>Standard:</b> NO - Data not available for longline and coastal fisheries.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There were no discards in the coastal FAD fishery which involve small boats of 7-8 metres.</li> <li>No discards have been noted in the longline fishery based on the fishing logbooks.</li> </ol>
5.10	Res. 15/02 (1 to 7), 18/05 (8), 18/07 (4), 19/02 (4, 22 & 24) (2022)	Size Frequency – Surface fisheries : PS, BB, GN	30/6/2023	C	P/C	C	N/C2	Received: 30.06.2023. <b>Failed to ensure compliance of the same obligation for two or more consecutive years.</b> <b>Standard:</b> NO - SF not available for all species ; less than 1 fish measured per metric tonne.	Non-compliance repeated due to the fact that the purse seine vessels unload most of their catches in Seychelles
5.11	Res. 15/02 (1 to 7), 18/05 (8), 18/07 (4), 19/02 (4, 22 & 24) (2022)	Size Frequency – Longline fisheries	30/6/2023	N/A	N/A	C	P/C	Received: 30.06.2023. <b>Standard:</b> NO - SF not available for all species ; less than 1 fish measured per metric tonne.	The standard of 1 fish per ton for all species has not been reached due to the transhipment of part of the catch on high seas.

## 6. Implementation of mitigation measures and bycatch of non-IOTC species

## 7. Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) Vessels

## 8. Transshipments

8.3	Res. 22/02 (8, 9) (2023)	List of Authorised carrier vessels	31/12/2023 (Since 01.07.2008)	C	C	C	P/C	LEG: YES – Provided. Implemented by "Fisheries Act 2023". <b>STD:</b> NON – Information provided not according to Para 8,9, R23/05. Photographs not provided. SP: YES - Provided & described for a) b) & c).	The list of authorised carriers under this Resolution has been submitted in the e-RAV. As specified in our submission , these vessels are not registered with Mauritius and it was quite difficult to get these photos from the agent and the flag state. Needful will be done in the future to ensure compliance.
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## 9. Observers

9.2	Res. 11/04 (2) (2022)	5% Mandatory, at sea (All vessels) (2)	19/11/2023 (Since 2013)	-/-	-/-	C	N/C1	Received 19.11.2023. <u>LEG:</u> Submitted - Fisheries Act 2023 Section 146. <u>STD:</u> NO – <b>2022 coverage 0%</b> . <u>SP:</u> YES – Provided & described for i) ii) & iii). <u>Obs:</u> Since the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, Observer Programme has been put on hold. Since then, the NOP has not been re-launched, as the Ministry has a project of recruiting observers.	Since the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, Observer Programme has been put on hold. Since then, the NOP has not been relaunched, as the Ministry has a project of recruiting observers.
9.4	Res. 11/04 (11) (2022)	Observer reports	19/11/2023 (150 days after trip)	-/-	-/-	N/C	N/C1	Received 24.02.2024. <u>LEG:</u> Submitted - Fisheries Act 2023 Section 146. <u>STD:</u> NO - No observer deployed on board in <b>2022</b> . <u>SP:</u> YES – Provided & described for i) ii) & iii).	Since no observer has been deployed, it is of view that it should be assessed as Not Applicable. NC may be applied if observer has been deployed but has not submitted his reports..

## 10. Statistical document programme

## 11. Port inspection

11.5	Res. 16/11 (13.1) (2023)	Port inspection reports	31/12/2023 (3 days after inspection)	L	C	C	P/C	Failed to ensure compliance with the obligation. <u>LEG:</u> YES – Provided. Implemented by "The Fisheries Act 2023". <u>STD:</u> NO – Partially. Has declared for 2023: a total of 558 port calls, 6 denial of entry in port, 2 denial of use of port, 477 foreign vessels inspected, all 344 inspection reports submitted by e-PSM, 5 cases of non-compliance observed & reported. e-PSM data: 558 port calls, 558 inspection report submitted by e-PSM, 5 cases of non-compliance observed/reported. Using e-PSM and PIR tablet application for onboard inspection. <b>Only 33 inspection reports out of 558, submitted within 3 days after the end of the inspection.</b> <u>SP:</u> YES – Provided & described for a), b) & c).	525 inspections reports have been submitted in a timely manner; The 33 reports out of the 558 were submitted after 3 days.- This is due to the fact that the Final Weight have not been received within the 3 days after the end of the inspection to allow the submission of the IR within the deadline. This is very regretful but is out of our control.
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# Current issues on the level of implementation by Mauritius of IOTC Conservation and Management Measures identified for discussion in the CoC21 in 2024

Having reviewed the 2024 Draft Compliance Report for Mauritius, the Chair of the Compliance Committee has identified the following significant repeated non-compliance issues for discussion.

## Repeated non-compliance issues

Requirement	Observations	Current status (2024)	Previous status (2023)
5.4	Received: 30.06.2023. <b>Failed to ensure compliance of the same obligation for two or more consecutive years.</b> <b>Standard:</b> NO - Data not available for longline and coastal fisheries.	N/C2	P/C
5.10	Received: 30.06.2023. <b>Failed to ensure compliance of the same obligation for two or more consecutive years.</b> <b>Standard:</b> NO - SF not available for all species ; less than 1 fish measured per metric tonne.	N/C2	P/C

*Note: if the table above is empty, it means there were no repeated compliance issues identified this year.*

# Reading instructions

(1) Information is to be provided in the Report of Implementation

(2) 24 meters overall length and over, and under 24 meters if they fished outside their EEZ

(Year) = year reporting on/year assessed.

**LEG:** Legislation - Transposition of Commission decisions, Legislation or administrative orders.

**STD :** Standard - Reporting format, IOTC standard

**SP:** System or procedures - Provision of information on system or procedures a) to monitor and ensure compliance of vessels and persons OR b) to prepare and submit information, data, report to the Commission.

i) ii) iii) = a) b) c)

## Assessment

### Timeliness

- **C:** Compliant
- **L:** Late
- **N/A:** Not applicable
- **N/C:** Non compliant
- **P/C:** Partially compliant

### Compliance

- **C:** Compliant
- **C/B:** Capacity building
- **N/A:** Not applicable
- **N/C1:** Not compliant 1
- **N/C2:** Not compliant 2
- **P/C:** Partially compliant

## CoC/Commission recommendations

- **Additional info or address the issue:** Provide additional information or address the compliance issue within a given period of time, and at the latest before the following annual meeting.
- **Actions proposed by the CPC:** Actions proposed by the CPC and endorsed by the Commission.
- **Investigation by the CPC:** Completion of an investigation by the CPC regarding a compliance issue and reporting back to the Compliance Committee, where required.
- **Enhanced monitoring of fleet:** Enhanced monitoring of the fleet.
- **Amendments to national rules:** Amendments to domestic procedures, legislation or policy including penalties, where required.
- **Detailed plan and timeline:** Submit, within 3 months from the end of the Commission annual session, a detailed plan and timeline on how it intends to address the non-compliance of category 2 identified.
- **Capacity building or assistance:** Provision of capacity building or technical assistance for a specified amount of time.
- **Other remedies:** Other remedies.

## “Missing” values:

- “-/-”: no possible value (e.g.: no previous assessment possible because this is the first campaign in which the requirement is assessed);
- “None”: no value provided by the Secretariat (e.g. requirement assessed as Compliant, no text provided in “Observations”);
- “Not assessed”: for timeliness and compliance when no assessment has been made yet or the requirement is not assessable;
- “-”: no information provided by the CPC for this question (e.g. nothing entered in a text entry field, no boxes checked...);
- “Not Submitted”: the value will only be available after submission of the report (e.g. the “Report date”).