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2024 **Summary** Compliance Report for: Seychelles

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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

1. Implementation obligations

2. Management Standards

2.3	Res. 19/04 (19.a & b) (2023)	Marking of gears (2)	14/3/2024	C	C	C	P/C	Received 23.02 & 27.03.2024. LEG: Submitted - <i>FISHERIES ACT 2014; PART III- LICENSING REQUIREMENTS; Sub-Part 5 - Requirements and conditions relating to all fishing vessels and gears. Secretariat unable to identify the obligation related to marking of passive fishing gear.</i> STD: YES – Obliges to mark passive fishing gears with: IOTC No, IRCS, Vessel name. SP: YES – Provided/described for i) ii) iii).	A new submission was made on 27 March 2024 to address reporting conflict. Requirement is address in the new Fisheries and Aquaculture Bill 2023.
2.4	Res. 19/04 (20) (2023)	Fishing logbook on board, bound, consecutive numbered pages, 12 months recording (2)	14/3/2024	C	C	C	P/C	Received 23.02.2024. Legislation: Submitted - <i>Fisheries Act 2014 - PART 1-PRELIMINARY PROVISIONS – Article 4 and - PART II - MANAGEMENT OF FISHERIES Sub-Part 1- Management plans and management measures - Article 7. Submitted legislation without all provisions identified for fishing logbook requirements.</i> Standard: NO – Has provision for logbook onboard. Provision not identified in legislation for: logbook bound, with consecutively numbered pages, original recordings for at least 12 months. System/procedure: YES – Provided & described for i) ii) & iii).	A new submission was made on the 9th April, 2024 to address legal obligations.

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	Received 22.02.2024. Last update received 26.12.2023. Vessels ≥ 24m: 51. Legislation: YES – Submitted - " <i>Fisheries Act 2014 - PART II - MANAGEMENT OF FISHERIES Sub-Part 1- Management plans and management measures - Article 8- Record of fishing vessel to be kept by Authority.</i> " Standard: NO - Missing information for 20 vessels [4 CCm3, 5 vessels with outdated authorisation period, 1 beneficial owner, and company. Photographs: 2 starboards,1 portside and 20 bow. System/procedure: YES –Provided & described for i) ii) iii). Doc Procedures on conditions for the exercise of fishing activities by the company vessel(s) in waters of seychelles.	The vessels with the missing information all have expired authorization periods. Delisting of these vessels has been submitted on the e-Rav on 05/04/2024. Additionally, we have updated the record with the missing information of beneficial ownership.
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3.7	Res. 19/04 (3) (2023)	List of Authorized vessels (less than 24m, operating in waters outside EEZ of the flag state) (3)	12/4/2024 (Since 01.07.2006)	C	C	C	P/C	Received 22.02.2024. Last update received 26.12.2023. Vessels \geq 24m: 39. <u>Legislation</u> : YES – Submitted - " Fisheries Act 2014 - PART II - MANAGEMENT OF FISHERIES Sub-Part 1- Management plans and management measures - Article 8-Record of fishing vessel to be kept by Authority". <u>Standard</u> : NO - Missing information for 6 vessels [3 missing CCm3, 2 vessels with outdated authorisation period. Photographs: 1 starboard,1 portside and 2 bow. <u>System/procedure</u> : YES – Provided & described for i) ii) iii). Doc Operating procedures on issuing COA ATF.	The vessels with the missing information all have expired authorization periods. Delisting of these vessels has been submitted on the e-Rav on 05/04/2024.
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4.Vessel Monitoring System

5.Mandatory statistical requirement – Flag State CPCs

5.1	Res. 15/02 (1 to 7), 18/05 (8), 18/07 (4), 19/02 (4, 22 & 24) (2022)	Nominal Catches – Costal Fisheries	30/6/2023	C	P/C	C	N/C2	Received: 30.06.2023 & 10.04.2024. Failed to ensure compliance of the same obligation for two or more consecutive years. <u>LEG</u> : Submitted Fisheries Act 2014 - PART 1- Preliminary provisions – Article 4; PART II - Management of fisheries Sub-Part 1- Management plans and management measures - Article 7. <u>STD</u> : NO - aggregated catch for billfish; aggregated catches for most species for the HL. <u>SP</u> : YES – Provided & described for i) ii) iii). <u>Obs</u> : LEG and SP assessments are valid for 5.1 to 5.20.	2021 data was submitted on 28/12/2023 and 2022 data on 10/04/2024
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	C	C	P/C	Received: 30.06.2023. <u>Standard</u> : NO – Discard data missing for some fisheries.	
5.6	Res. 15/02 (1 to 7), 18/05 (8), 18/07 (4), 19/02 (4, 22 & 24) (2022)	Catch & Effort – Coastal fisheries	30/6/2023	C	P/C	C	N/C2	Received: 30.06.2023 & 10.04.2024. Failed to ensure compliance of the same obligation for two or more consecutive years. <u>STD</u> : NO - Aggregated catch for billfish; Aggregated catches for most species for the HL.	Revised data for 2021 was submitted on 28/12/2023. 2022 data was submitted on 10/04/2024.

5.9	Res. 15/02 (1 to 7), 18/05 (8), 18/07 (4), 19/02 (4, 22 & 24) (2022)	Size Frequency – Coastal fisheries	30/6/2023	C	P/C	C	N/C2	Received: 30.06.2023. Failed to ensure compliance of the same obligation for two or more consecutive years. Standard: NO - Missing data for small scale fisheries.	Revised data for 2021 was submitted on 28/12/2023. Data for 2022 , was submitted on 30/06/2023
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	C	C	P/C	Received: 30.06.2023. Standard: NO - SF data not provided for all species; less than 1 fish measured per metric tonne for some species.	
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	C	P/C	C	N/C2	Received: 30.06.2023. Failed to ensure compliance of the same obligation for two or more consecutive years. Standard: NO - SF data not provided for all species; less than 1 fish measured per metric tonne for some species.	
5.14	Res. 15/02 (1 to 7), 18/05 (8), 18/07 (4), 19/02 (4, 22 & 24) (2022)	Fish Aggregating Devices (FAD) – FADs set by type	30/6/2023	C	P/C	C	N/C2	Received: 30.06.2023 & 10.04.2024. Failed to ensure compliance of the same obligation for two or more consecutive years. Standard: NO - Effort only provided for DH (Retrieval) activity for the purse seine vessels.	Data for supply vessel for year 2022 was submitted on 10/04/2024. Backlog for 2021 is being cleared for submission during 2024.
5.16	Res. 12/04 (3) (2022)	Data on interactions with marine turtles	30/6/2023	C	C	L	P/C	Received: 30.06.2023 for PS & 10.04.2024 for LL. STD: YES	Data was submitted on 30/06/2023- For LLTU-AG50 (alive) 95,8(dead)
5.17	Res. 12/06 (1 & 2) (2022)	Data on seabirds interactions (2)	30/6/2023	C	C	L	N/C1	Received 10.04.2024. More than 9 months after the deadline. STD: YES.	Data was submitted on 30/06/2023- LLTU - AG42 (unk) 109
5.18	Res. 13/04 (7) (2022)	Data on interactions with Cetaceans	30/6/2023	L	C	L	P/C	Received: 30.06.2023 for PS & 10.04.2024 for LL. STD: YES	Resubmitted on 10/04/2024 to include DCO
5.19	Res 13/05 (7) (N/A)	Data on interactions with Whale Sharks	30/6/2023	C	C	L	P/C	Received: 30.06.2023 for PS & 10.04.2024 for LL. STD: YES	Resubmitted on 10/04/2024 to include RHN

5.20	Res 19/03 (8) (2022)	Data on interactions with mobulid rays	30/6/2023	C	C	L	P/C	Received: 30.06.2023 for PS & 10.04.2024 for LL. <u>STD</u> : YES	Resubmitted on 10/04/2024 to include RMM and AG30
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6. Implementation of mitigation measures and bycatch of non-IOTC species

6.9	Res. 12/04 (5) (2023)	Report on progress of implementation of Res. 12/04 (2)	14/3/2024	C	C	C	P/C	<u>LEG</u> : Provided various legal references and copies of "Wild Animals and Birds Protection Act"; "Wild Animals (Turtles) Protection Regulation (11th July 1994)" and "Fisheries Act 2014". However, no obligation to report on the progress of implementation of the <i>FAO FAO Guidelines and R12/04 was observed on the legal documents received.</i> <u>STD</u> : YES – All information provided according to paragraph 5, R12/04. <u>SP</u> : YES – Provided & described for a), b) and c).	Legal requirement has been addressed through the Fisheries and Aquaculture Bill 2023
6.16	Res 18/05 (9) (2022)	Information on actions taken domestically to monitor catches & manage fisheries of Striped Marlin, Black Marlin, Blue Marlin and Indo-pacific Sailfish	19/11/2023 (SC)	C	C	L	P/C	NR Received 19.11.2023; E-MARIS 27.12.2023. More than 1 month after the deadline. <u>LEG</u> : Submitted. <i>Fisheries Act 2014.</i> <u>STD</u> : YES – Reported in NR to SC and e-MARIS. <u>SP</u> : YES – Provided & described for i) ii) iii).	

7. Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) Vessels

8. Transshipments

8.1	Res. 22/02 (28) (2022)	At sea transshipments – CPC report	15/9/2023	C	C	L	P/C	<p><u>Received:</u> 18.09.2023 - 3 days after deadline. Failed to comply with the submission deadline by less than 15 days. In 2022, 45 LSTLVs transhipped at sea 6,714 T.</p> <p><u>LEG:</u> Has declared "The domestication of IOTC resolutions is currently work in progress supported by SWIOFish3 & Implemented as part of the Terms and Conditions of Authorisation to fish". Has provided ATF template Certificate of Authorization 2022; Annex conditions for the pursuit of fishing activities by company industrial longline vessels registered in Seychelles and Seychelles Flagged Industrial Longline Agreement Adopted - Sustainable Fisheries Agreement Between Government of the Seychelles and Deepsea Fisheries Management Ltd for Industrial Longline Fishing Vessels Registered in Seychelles.</p> <p><u>STD:</u> Yes.</p> <p><u>SP:</u> Yes, provided & described for i. – iii.</p>	The delay was as a result of data verification processes that were still ongoing. Seychelles will endeavour to improve resources available to manage tasks and submit by the stipulated deadline.
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	<p><u>LEG:</u> YES – Provided. Implemented by "Fisheries Act 2014". New Fisheries bill which caters for the domestication of IOTC resolutions has been gazetted and is awaiting the endorsement by the National Assembly.</p> <p><u>STD:</u> NO – Information provided not according to Para 8,9, R23/05. Photographs not provided.</p> <p><u>SP:</u> YES - Provided & described for a) b) & c).</p>	The missing photographs will be submitted via e-MARIS as they become available.

9. Observers

9.2	Res. 11/04 (2) (2022)	5% Mandatory, at sea (All vessels) (2)	19/11/2023 (Since 2013)	-/-	-/-	C	P/C	<p>Received 19.11.2023. Implement ROS at sea for fleet PS, coverage 87 % for PS fleet. No implementation for LL fleet.</p> <p><u>LEG:</u> Submitted. "Fisheries Act 20 of 2014 Article 56. Establishment of observer programme; PART 1- PRELIMINARY PROVISIONS – Article 4. The objects of the Authority under this Act; PART II - MANAGEMENT OF FISHERIES Sub-Part 1- Management plans and management measures - Article 7.(1) (5)".</p> <p><u>STD:</u> NO – No observer coverage for LL fleet.</p> <p><u>SP:</u> YES – Provided & described for i ii & iii.</p> <p><u>Obs:</u> "Coverage of the industrial LL fleet below 5%, due to logistical complexities. SFA is progressively working towards EMS for this fleet".</p>	EMS pilot project on LL is ongoing and will be expanded in 2024.- Seychelles is also working on data extraction for submission to the IOTC secretariat in 2024.
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9.3	Res. 11/04 (4) (2022)	5 % Artisanal landings (2)	19/11/2023 (Since 2013)	-/-	-/-	C	P/C	Received 19.11.2023. Coverage is = or > 5 % (all fishing gear/artisanal fishing vessels). <u>LEG</u> : YES - Submitted. "Fisheries Act 20 of 2014 Article 56. Establishment of observer programme; PART 1- PRELIMINARY PROVISIONS – Article 4. The objects of the Authority under this Act; PART II - MANAGEMENT OF FISHERIES Sub-Part 1- Management plans and management measures - Article 7.(1) (5)". <u>STD</u> : NO – Missing data for coastal fisheries. Has declared: "For Year 2022, the data has been collected and are still being captured. Data will be submitted to IOTC by December 2023". <u>SP</u> : YES – Provided & described for i ii & iii.	Data for coastal fisheries was submitted submitted on 10/04/2024
9.4	Res. 11/04 (11) (2022)	Observer reports	19/11/2023 (150 days after trip)	-/-	-/-	C	P/C	Received 19.11.2023. Implement ROS sea for fleet PS. Observer reports partially provided for 2022 (Vessel trips observed: 2251 days at sea covered from 2934 days for PS Fleet; Observer reports provided : 73 PS.). No implementation for LL fleet. <u>LEG</u> : Submitted. Fisheries Act 20 of 2014 Article 56. Establishment of observer programme; PART 1- PRELIMINARY PROVISIONS – Article 4. The objects of the Authority under this Act; PART II - MANAGEMENT OF FISHERIES Sub-Part 1- Management plans and management measures - Article 7.(1) (5). <u>STD</u> : NO – Missing observer reports for PS fleet. No observer report provided for LL fleet. <u>SP</u> : YES – Provided & described for i ii & iii. <u>Obs</u> : Seychelles Fishing Authority is experiencing technical difficulties with the Observe software to access and extract observer data. We are in contact collaborating partner (IRD) to address those technical problems. Technical support are expected in quarter 1 of 2024.	EMS pilot is ongoing on LL and will be expanded during 2024. Seychelles is also working on a data extraction tool for submission to the secretariat during 2024. 73 PS observer reports were submitted to the Secretariat

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)	C	C	C	P/C	<p>LEG: YES – Submitted. Implemented by “Fisheries Act 2014-”, which makes reference to the obligation of the Authority of Seychelles to exchange with international organisations, fisheries information, including evidentiary information relating to breaches of international fisheries CMMs.</p> <p>STD: Partially - Has declared for 2023: a total of 400 port calls, 0 denial of entry in port/use of port, 25 foreign vessels inspected, 22 inspection reports submitted by e-PSM, 2 cases of non-compliance observed & 1 case reported to the IOTC Sec. e-PSM data: 644 port calls, 20 inspection report submitted by e-PSM, 0 cases of non-compliance observed/reported. SYC is using e-PSM, except for carrier vessels, or PIR tablet application for onboard inspection. Only 11 out of 20 inspection reports submitted within 3 days after the end of the inspection.</p> <p>SP: YES – Provided & described for a), b) & c).</p>	<p>-A new submission was made on the 9th April 2024, that addresses the legal context catered for under Fishing Access agreements for Seychelles Registered vessels.</p> <p>-Seychelles recognises that some inspection reports were submitted beyond 3 days, due to unexpected delays during the verification process. Seychelles is in the process of rectifying this issue.</p>
11.6	Res. 16/11 (10.1) (2023)	At least 5% inspection of LAN/TRX	31/12/2023 (Since 01.03.2011)	C	C	C	P/C	<p>LEG: NO. Provided “Fisheries Act 2014”. The legal reference provided does not establish the obligation to carry out inspections of at least 5% of landings or transshipments in its ports during each reporting year.</p> <p>STD: YES - Has declared for 2023: a total of 142 port calls for the purpose of landing, 62 transshipping and 18 for landing&transshipping. Of which 3 landing, 1 transshipment and 18 landing & transshipping were monitored. e-PSM data: 209 port calls for landing and 79 port calls for transshipping and 115 for landing & transshipping. Of which a total of 27 were monitored. Result: 6.7%.</p> <p>SP: YES – Provided & described for a), b) & c).</p>	<p>A new submission has been done on the 9th April 2024, that addresses the legal context catered for under Fishing Access agreements for Seychelles Registered vessels.</p>

Current issues on the level of implementation by Seychelles of IOTC Conservation and Management Measures identified for discussion in the CoC21 in 2024

Having reviewed the 2024 Draft Compliance Report for Seychelles, 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)
5.1	<p>Received: 30.06.2023 & 10.04.2024.</p> <p>Failed to ensure compliance of the same obligation for two or more consecutive years.</p> <p><u>LEG</u>: Submitted Fisheries Act 2014- PART 1- Preliminary provisions – Article 4; PART II - Management of fisheries Sub-Part 1- Management plans and management measures - Article 7.</p> <p>STD: NO - aggregated catch for billfish; aggregated catches for most species for the HL.</p> <p>SP: YES – Provided & described for i) ii) iii).</p> <p><u>Obs</u>: <i>LEG and SP assessments are valid for 5.1 to 5.20.</i></p>	N/C2	P/C
5.6	<p>Received: 30.06.2023 & 10.04.2024.</p> <p>Failed to ensure compliance of the same obligation for two or more consecutive years.</p> <p>STD: NO - Aggregated catch for billfish; Aggregated catches for most species for the HL.</p>	N/C2	P/C
5.9	<p>Received: 30.06.2023.</p> <p>Failed to ensure compliance of the same obligation for two or more consecutive years.</p> <p>Standard: NO - Missing data for small scale fisheries.</p>	N/C2	P/C
5.11	<p>Received: 30.06.2023.</p> <p>Failed to ensure compliance of the same obligation for two or more consecutive years.</p> <p>Standard: NO - SF data not provided for all species; less than 1 fish measured per metric tonne for some species.</p>	N/C2	P/C
5.14	<p>Received: 30.06.2023 & 10.04.2024.</p> <p>Failed to ensure compliance of the same obligation for two or more consecutive years.</p> <p>Standard: NO - Effort only provided for DH (Retrieval) activity for the purse seine vessels.</p>	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”).