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IOTC-2024-CoC21-sCR27-THA [E] 2024 **Summary** Compliance Report for: Thailand Report date: 11 April 2024 - 16:24

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

3. Reporting on Vessels

4. Vessel Monitoring System

5. Mandatory statistical requirement – Flag State CPCs

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 - Less than 1 fish measured per tonne for some species.	The Marine Fisheries Research and Development Division of the Department of Fisheries in Thailand has been conducting data collection on coastal tuna and tuna-like species through accidental sampling from purse seiners at the port on a monthly basis. However, this sampling method has certain limitations. For instance, there may be instances where no purse seiners catch tuna or tuna-like species during the data collection period, or no purse seiners are found at all during that period. Additionally, the monsoon winds in the Andaman Sea coast can prevent fishing vessels from operating throughout the year. Furthermore, the previous measurement of the length of tuna and tuna-like species was conducted solely by one official from the Marine Fisheries Research and Development Division. This limited approach resulted in a small amount of data being collected compared to the total number of purse seiners that catch aquatic animals. Consequently, there is insufficient information on the length of tuna and tuna-like species to fully comply with the requirements of the IOTC conservation and management measures.
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6. Implementation of mitigation measures and bycatch of non-IOTC species

7. Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) Vessels

8. Transshipments

9. Observers

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 Order of the Department of Fisheries No.825/2020 on Establishing the Internal Work Division Structure and Responsibilities of the Organization According to the Ministry's Regulations on Division of Government Agencies of Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives, B.E. 2563 dated 24 September 2020.</p> <p>STD: NO. Has declared for 2023: 13 port calls, 1 denial of entry in port, 1 denial of use of port, 13 foreign vessels inspected, all 13 inspection reports submitted by e-PSM, 0 cases of non-compliance observed & reported. e-PSM data: 13 port calls, 13 inspection report submitted by e-PSM, 0 cases of non-compliance observed/reported. Using e-PSM and PIR tablet application for onboard inspection. Only 1 inspection reports out of 13, submitted within 3 days after the end of the inspection. Thailand declares that for large CVs, information on the catches offloaded is obtained from the processing plant or cold storage 2 - 4 weeks after recording the PIR in e-PSM, causing delays in its submission.</p> <p>SP: YES – Provided & described for a) b) & c).</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: Submitted. Implemented by "Royal Ordinance on Fisheries B.E.2558 (2015)", Order of the Department of Fisheries No.825/2020 and "Standard Operating Procedure Foreign Flags Vessel Control and Inspection under Port State Measures (PSM)". Thailand informs that the Department of Fisheries currently controls 100 % tuna loading operations in accordance to their SOP. However, no specific provision on the obligation observed.</p> <p>STD: YES – Has declared 12 port calls for the purpose of landing and that all have been monitored. e-PSM Data: 12 port calls (11 LAN, 1 LAN+TRX), 11 offloadings monitored. Result: 92% coverage.</p> <p>SP: YES – Provided & described for a) b) & c).</p>
11.9	Res. 16/11 (9.4) (2023)	Withdrawal of denial of use of port	31/12/2023 (Since 01.03.2011)	C	C	C	P/C	<p>LEG: NO – Not provided.</p> <p>STD: Contradictory information. They indicate that a denial of use of port was withdrawn but state that the number of vessels for which the denial was withdrawn is zero and do not provide information on any reasons or to whom it was communicated.</p> <p>SP: YES – Provided & described for a) b) & c).</p>

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

Having reviewed the 2024 Draft Compliance Report for Thailand, 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)
5.9	Received: 30.06.2023. Failed to ensure compliance of the same obligation for two or more consecutive years. Standard: NO - Less than 1 fish measured per tonne for some species.	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.

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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”).