

IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS AND REQUESTS RELEVANT TO THE COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE

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PURPOSE

To provide the Compliance Committee with an opportunity to consider the progress made during the intersessional period, in relation to the recommendations and requests for actions by the IOTC Secretariat, made by the Compliance Committee (CoC21).

BACKGROUND

In 2024, the Commission endorsed four **REQUESTS** from the Report of the Compliance Committee (CoC21), which required actions by the IOTC Secretariat. These actions and the status of their implementation during the intersessional period are detailed in the table below.

No **RECOMMENDATION** or **REQUEST** was made by the Commission (S28) for intersessional follow-up by the IOTC Secretariat. Nonetheless, the IOTC Secretariat provided support to facilitate the meetings of an *ad-hoc* Working Group, created by the Commission (S28), which was tasked to improve the procedures outlined in the Rules of Procedures (Appendix V), notably paragraphs 4, 5 and 6. The culmination of the work carried out by the Working Group is presented in document IOTC-2025-S29-06, which is to be presented to the Twenty-ninth Session of the Commission.

REQUESTS REQUIRING ACTIONS

Paragraph	Follow-up action	Status
83	The CoC21 NOTED the efforts made by the IOTC Secretariat in contacting Panama and REQUESTED the Secretariat to continue to actively encourage Panama's candidacy as a CNCP.	Implemented Letter was sent to Panama on 4th June 2024. Panama requested CNCP status through official letter AG-777-2024, dated September 3, 2024. Please also refer to document IOTC-2025-CoC22-CNCP01.
128	The CoC21 REQUESTED that the IOTC Executive Secretary send an official letter to India as a reminder that the matter remains unresolved.	Implemented Letter was sent to India on 27 th November 2024. India submitted a series of documents, in February 2025, informing on actions taken against 26 of its flag vessels listed in the IOTC IUU Vessels List. Please also refer to Annex V of document IOTC-2025-CoC22-07.

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162	The CoC21 REQUESTED the IOTC Secretariat to continue actively engaging with Panama and to send a letter of invitation to Panama for becoming a CNCP of the IOTC.	Implemented Letter was sent to Panama on 4th June 2024. Panama requested CNCP status through official letter AG-777-2024, dated September 3, 2024. Please also refer to document IOTC-2025-CoC22-CNCP01.
166	The CoC21 NOTED the need for data and compliance support missions and REQUESTED the IOTC Secretariat to prioritise support to CPCs having greater difficulties with their compliance status.	Ongoing Ten support missions were undertaken in 2024.

RECOMMENDATION/s

That the CoC22 **NOTE** document IOTC-2025-CoC22-09 on the progress made in relation to the implementation of the requests from CoC21.