

IOTC Agreement – Article X

Report of Implementation for the year 2024 (CoC22)

Deadline for submission: 12/2/2025

READING NOTES:

- This report is composed of 4 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
- Some requirements have submission(s) deadline post IR submission date. At the time of submission of the IR, they may have not been submitted as individual requirement and they will appear blank in the IR. However, the assessment will be available in the Compliance Report CoC22.

All sections applicable of the Implementation Report (IR) must be completed.

Consult the Assessment criteria at the end of the Implementation report (For C, P/C, NC1, NC2).

Reporting CPC: Japan

Date of submission: 03 February 2025 - 06:14

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

Notes:

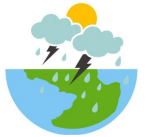
- All dates in the Implementation report must be in the following format => dd/mm/yyyy
- All laws, regulations and administrative instructions in force must be uploaded in the requirement 1.4 named "Transposition of IOTC Conservation and Management Measures into national legislation".

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

B.1 - Actions taken to implement [Resolution 24/01 On climate change as it relates to the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission](#)



Does not require action

B.2 - Actions taken to implement [Resolution 24/02 on management of drifting fish aggregating devices \(FADs\) in the IOTC area of competence](#)



1. Describe the actions taken, under national legislation, in the previous year to implement conservation and management measure "" adopted by the Commission at its 28th Session :

Not Applicable - Japan has no purse seine and supply vessels operating in the IOTC Area of Competence in 2024.

Information required: 2025 DFAD management plans

1. Did you implement the obligation ?

- NIL Report / Not Applicable - For 2025 no purse seine vessels / supply or support vessels fishing on Drifting Fish Aggregating Devices.

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

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

Describe : -

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

Describe : -

c. Actions in relation to potential infringements are :

Describe : -

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

3. Reporting/Updating the DFADs management plan:

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

National legislation with provisions of implementation of requirements / obligations of Resolution 24/02:

Reference of laws, regulations and administrative instructions in force related to this requirement:

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

B.3 - Actions taken to implement Resolution 24/03 On establishment of a list of vessels presumed to have carried out illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing in the IOTC area of competence



1. Describe the actions taken, under national legislation, in the previous year to implement conservation and management measure "" adopted by the Commission at its 28th Session :

Japan has no information on IUU fishing activities in 2024. If IUU activities were to be detected, immediate actions shall be undertaken by the Fishery Agencies of Japan.

DRAFT IUU VESSELS LIST- IUU form - Proposal for IUU listing for Adoption at next session (CoC22)

Reporting illegal activity of vessels in 2024 :

- NO - NIL report / Not applicable - CPC has NO illegal activity of vessel to report within the IOTC Area, in relation to species covered by the IOTC Agreement or by IOTC Conservation and Management Measures

DRAFT IUU VESSELS LIST – Report additional information regarding vessels on the draft IUU list

Reporting additional information on vessel included in the Draft IUU Vessel List:

- NO – NIL Report / Not Applicable - CPC has no additional information on vessels on the Draft IUU list

IUU vessels list – Information for the removal of vessel from the IUU vessels list

Providing information on flag vessel on the IOTC IUU Vessels List for the purpose of delisting the vessel:

- NO - Nil report - No Japan flag vessel on the IOTC IUU Vessels List

Vessel(s) included in the IOTC IUU vessels list, you provide information for delisting:

Vessel 1 - - : -

Vessel 2 - - : -

Vessel 3 - - : -

Information provided as the flag State of the vessel listed on the IOTC IUU Vessels List, demonstrates that:

IUU VESSELS LIST – New or changed information for vessels on the IOTC IUU vessels list

Providing new or changed information for vessel on the IOTC IUU Vessel List for the purpose of updating the IOTC IUU Vessels List:

- NO - NIL report - Japan do not have information

For vessels in the IOTC IUU vessels list, new information on:

Vessel 1 - - - Flag -

Vessel 2 - - - Flag -

Vessel 3 - - - Flag -
vessel 4 - - - Flag -

Supporting documents and any other information related to the new/changed information:

B.4 - Actions taken to implement [Resolution 24/04 On a regional observer scheme](#)



1. Describe the actions taken, under national legislation, in the previous year to implement conservation and management measure "" adopted by the Commission at its 28th Session :

The Fisheries Resources Institute, in cooperation with the Fisheries Agency of Japan, prepared and submitted the information on the observer program in the national report.

B.5 - Actions taken to implement [Resolution 24/05 On establishing a programme for transshipment by large-scale fishing vessels](#)



1. Describe the actions taken, under national legislation, in the previous year to implement conservation and management measure "" adopted by the Commission at its 28th Session :

Japan ensures the implementation of this CMM through the "Ministerial Order on the Permission, Regulation, Etc. of Designated Fisheries".

Information required: At sea transshipments – CPCs reports participating in the ROP in 2023 - Deadline: 15/9/2024

1 . Did you submit the data/report/information of this reporting obligation ?

- YES - Submitted

2. Participation in the IOTC regional observer programme (ROP) to monitor transshipment at sea ?

- YES - We are participating in the IOTC regional observer programme (ROP) to monitor transshipment at sea

3. The report on the list of LSTLVs & the quantities transhipped in 2023, and the report on the assessment of observer reports, is reported to the IOTC Secretariat ?

- - - Reasons : -

- - - Reasons : -

- - - Reasons : -

- YES - Complete - The two reports are provided

- Information: [September 12](#)

Species & quantities transhipped

1 -

- YFT - Yellowfin tuna

- Quantity: 777758

2 -

- BET - Bieye tuna

- Quantity: 370403

3 -

- SBF - Southern Bluefin tuna

- Quantity 480778
4 -

- BUM - Blue Marlin

- Quantity 12010
5 -

- MLS - Stripped Marlin

- Quantity 6804
6 -

- SWO - Swordfish

- Quantity 45843
7 - - - Quantity -
8 - - - Quantity -
9 - - - Quantity -
10 - - - Quantity -

4. Information on?

Number of LSTLVs having transhipped at sea in 2023 : 19
Quantities transhipped at sea (kg) in 2023 : 2043704

5. Reports uploaded ?

Yes the 12 September 2024 - 05:47

6. Comments/remarks about your submission and the implementation of this requirement ?

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Information required: Report on transhipments in foreign ports in 2024 - Deadline: 12/2/2025

1. Flag LSTVs have transhipped in foreign ports in 2024 :

- NO - NIL report / Not applicable - Flag LSTVs did not tranship in foreign ports in 2024

2. The report on the list of LSTVs & the quantities transhipped in foreign ports in 2024, provided to the IOTC Secretariat:

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- YES - Complete

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

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B.6. Actions taken to implement Resolution 24/06 On a ban on discards of bigeye tuna, skipjack tuna, yellowfin tuna, and non- targeted species caught by vessels in the iotc record of authorisation that operate in the iotc area of competence



1. Describe the actions taken, under national legislation, in the previous year to implement conservation and management measure "Resolution 24/06 On a ban on discards of bigeye tuna, skipjack tuna, yellowfin tuna, and non- targeted species caught by vessels in the iotc record of authorisation that operate in the iotc area of competence" adopted by the Commission at its 28th Session :

Japan ensures the implementation of this CMM through the Notice of Fisheries Agency No. 886 of 1 August, 2020.

Obligation: Retention of target tuna species on board vessels in 2024 - Deadline: 12/2/2025

INTEGRATION E-MARIS - Statistical Working System

The below figures are automatically sourced from Japan nominal catch reporting

BET catch declared : - // BET discard declared : 87 — SKJ catch declared : - // SKJ discard declared : - — YFT catch declared : - // YFT discard declared : 11

1. Did you implement the obligation ?

- YES - Implemented

2. A system or procedures exist to monitor and to ensure compliance of Japan flag vessels with the obligation to retain on board and then land all bigeye tuna, skipjack tuna, and yellowfin tuna caught :

- YES - CPC has system / 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 IOTC binding measure are :

- IOTC binding measures, for vessels/persons, monitored and controlled by government fisheries administration with institutional procedures implemented

Describe : The Administrative Notice of Director General of Resources Management Department of Fisheries Agency, article 2.(23) stipulates this obligation. The Fisheries Agency of Japan monitors the compliance.

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

- Established in administrative orders implemented by Government

Describe : If the Fisheries Agency of Japan finds a potential non-compliance, it will conduct investigations and take appropriate actions in accordance with the relevant laws and regulations.

c. Actions in relation to potential infringements are :

- Other sanctions (specify below)

Describe : The Fisheries Agency of Japan will instruct the vessel owner/operator to comply with it.

3. The obligation for all vessels to retain on board and then land all bigeye tuna, skipjack tuna, and yellowfin tuna caught:

- Is required/implemented by national legislation

- Since 01/08/2017

- - Since dd/mm/yyyy

- - Reasons and the actions taken -

4. National legislation and ATF T&C with provision to retain on board and then land all bigeye tuna, skipjack tuna, and yellowfin tuna caught :

No the -

Legislation: -

5. Reference of laws, regulations and administrative instructions in force related to this requirement:

2.(23) of the Notice of Director General of Resources Management Department of Fisheries Agency (for operators of large-scale PS fishing vessels) (Notice of Fisheries Agency No. 886 of 1 August, 2020)

6. Information on the implementation of this obligation :

NONE

Obligation: Retention of non target species on board vessels in 2024 - Deadline:- **12/2/2025**

INTEGRATION E-MARIS - Statistical Working System

The below figures are automatically sourced from Japan nominal catch reporting in 2023

DOL catch declared : - // DOL discard declared : - --- BIL catch declared : - // BIL discard declared : - --- GBA catch declared : - // GBA discard declared : - --- TUN catch declared : **4571** // TUN discard declared : - --- RRU catch declared : - // RRU discard declared : - --- TRI catch declared : - // TRI discard declared : -

1. Did you implement the obligation ?

- YES - Implemented

2. A system or procedures exist to monitor and to ensure compliance of flag vessels with the obligation to retain on board and then land, to the extent practicable, the following non-targeted species or species group; other tunas, rainbow runner, dolphinfish, triggerfish, billfish, wahoo, and barracuda :

- YES - CPC has system / 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 IOTC binding measure are :

- IOTC binding measures, for vessels/persons, monitored and controlled by government fisheries administration with institutional procedures implemented

Describe : The Administrative Notice of Director General of Resources Management Department of Fisheries Agency, article 2.(23) stipulates this obligation. The Fisheries Agency of Japan monitors the compliance.

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

- Established in administrative orders implemented by Government

Describe : If the Fisheries Agency of Japan finds a potential non-compliance, it will conduct investigations and take appropriate actions in accordance with the relevant laws and regulations.

c. Actions in relation to potential infringements are :

- **Other sanctions (specify below)**

Describe : The Fisheries Agency of Japan will instruct the vessel owner/operator to comply with it.

3. The obligation to retain on board and then land, to the extent practicable, the following non-targeted species or species group; other tunas, rainbow runner, dolphinfish, triggerfish, billfish, wahoo, and barracuda:

Is required/implemented by national legislation - Since 01/08/2017

- - Since dd/mm/yyyy
- - Reasons and actions taken -

4. National legislation/ATF T&C with provision to retain on board and then land all the following non-targeted species or species group; other tunas, rainbow runner, dolphinfish, triggerfish, billfish, wahoo, and barracuda:

No the -
Legislation: -

5. Reference of laws, regulations and administrative instructions in force related to this requirement:

2.(23) of the Notice of Director General of Resources Management Department of Fisheries Agency (for operators of large-scale PS fishing vessels) (Notice of Fisheries Agency No. 886 of 1 August, 2020)

6. Information on the implementation of this obligation :

NONE



B.7 - Actions taken to implement [Resolution 24/07 On a management procedure for skipjack tuna in the IOTC area of competence](#)

Does not require action

B.8 - Actions taken to implement [Resolution 24/08 On a management procedure for swordfish in the IOTC area of competence](#)



Does not require action

B.9. Actions taken to implement [Resolution 24/09 To promote compliance by nationals of contracting parties and cooperating non-contracting parties with IOTC conservation and management measures](#)



1. Describe the actions taken, under national legislation, in the previous year to implement conservation and management measure "" adopted by the Commission at its 28th Session :

If IUU activities are detected, immediate actions will be undertaken by the Fishery Agencies of Japan.

Information required: Reports on actions and measures taken to investigate allegations and/or reports on IUU fishing involving nationals in 2024 - Deadline: 10/2/2025

1 - Reporting on actions and measures taken to investigate allegations and/or reports on IUU fishing involving nationals:

- NO - NIL report for 2024 – No Japan nationals engage in IUU fishing in the IOTC Area of Competence

Investigation reports & any other information

Information required: Compliance by nationals at previous sessions

1. Vessels have been listed on the IOTC IUU vessels list at previous sessions of the Commission with natural or legal persons under my jurisdiction:

- NO - No vessels have been listed on the IOTC IUU vessels list at previous sessions of the Commission.

Investigation results

- a - - Action Taken -
- b - - Action Taken -
- c - - Action Taken -
- d - - Action Taken -
- e - - Action Taken -

2. Documents related to comments / remarks

B.10 - Actions taken to implement [Resolution 24/10 On the promotion of the implementation of IOTC conservation and management measures](#)

Does not require action

Any additional information / remarks on the completion of part A of the Implementation report ?

None

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

1. Describe the 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:

Not Applicable

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

Yes - actions taken and described above

No - No action taken

Upload any document/information on actions taken :

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Any additional information / remarks on the completion of part B of the Implementation report ?

Not Applicable

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

Resolution 10/10 – Concerning market related measures



Information required: Report on imports, landings and transshipment of tuna and tuna-like fish products in ports in 2024 - Deadline: 12/2/2025

1. A system or procedures exist to monitor the imports, landings and transshipments of tuna and tuna-like fish products in your ports:

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2. Report on imports, landings and transshipments of tuna and tuna-like fish products in port is uploaded?

- Reasons: -

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Total quantities (Tons) of tuna and tuna-like fish **imported** in 2024 : -

Total quantities (Tons) of tuna and tuna-like fish **landed** in 2024 : -

Total quantities (Tons) of tuna and tuna-like fish **transhipped** in 2024 : -

Countries of export : -

Catch areas : -

Report : No the -

Comments/remarks about submission and implementation of this requirement:

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



Information required: Annual report on the IOTC bigeye tuna statistical document programme - Deadline: 12/2/2025

1. Did you implement the obligation ?

- YES - Implemented

EXPORT:

2. Frozen bigeye tunas were exported in 2023 :

- YES - Frozen Bigeye tuna were exported

Export country	Export TO Country	Total quantity exported (KG)	Product shape(s)
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Korea 	5608.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Belly meat • Fillet • Block • Other

<u>2</u>	-	-	-
<u>3</u>	-	-	-
<u>4</u>	-	-	-
<u>5</u>	-	-	-
<u>6</u>	-	-	-
<u>7</u>	-	-	-
<u>8</u>	-	-	-
<u>9</u>	-	-	-
<u>10</u>	-	-	-

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

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- YES - We have examined the 2023 data and NO significant difference was identified between my EXPORT data and the IMPORTING DATA from CPCs

- - with CPCs - for quantity -

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

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Resolution 11/02 Prohibition of fishing on data buoys



Information required: Report on observations of damaged data buoys in 2024 - Deadline: 12/2/2025

1. Did you submit the data/report/information of this reporting obligation?

- NIL Report / Not Applicable - No report received from flag vessels in 2024

2. Reporting observations of damaged data buoys :

Obs Number	Date Obs	Location	ID information
1	-	-	-
2	-	-	-

Damaged data buoys observations report :

No the -

National legislation and ATF T&C with provision for fishing vessels to report any data buoys observed to be damaged or inoperable - Resolution 11/02 (6):

No the -

Reference of laws, regulations and administrative instructions in force related to this requirement:

The Notice of Compliance in the Indian Ocean Agreement Area stipulates the prohibition from intentionally fishing within 1 nautical mile of or interacting with data buoy.

The Fisheries Agency of Japan has instructed its fishermen to implement Resolution 11/02, including the reporting of damaged data buoys.

The Cabinet Order for Organization of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fishgry, Article 136 mandates the International Affairs Division of Fisheries Agency to fulfill obligations regarding fisheries agreements, including reporting obligations of damaged data buoys to IOTC.

Resolution 12/04 On the conservation of marine turtles



Reporting obligation: Report on progress of implementation of Resolution 12/04 in 2024 - Deadline: 12/2/2025

1. Did you submit the data/report/information of this reporting obligation?

- YES - Submitted

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

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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

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

- No

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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

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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.

- No

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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

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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

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

- No

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 in 2024 - Deadline: 12/2/2025

1. Did you submit the data/report/information of this reporting obligation?

- NIL Report / Not Applicable - CPC does not have CPC-CPC agreement in 2024

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

- YES – A system exists exist to sign Government to Government access agreement

3. Foreign vessels were licensed 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 exist and information concerning these agreements submitted to the IOTC Secretariat:

- NO

5. For each CPC/CPC agreement:

a. The information: the CPC involved, the start and end dates of the agreement, the number of vessels and the authorised gears :

Agreement number	CPC/CPC agreement with	Agreement start date	Agreement end date	Number of vessels	Gear authorized
1	-	-	-	-	-
2	-	-	-	-	-
3	-	-	-	-	-
4	-	-	-	-	-

b. The information: the quota or catch limit, MCS measures, data reporting obligation concerning these agreements :

Agreement	Stock/species covered	CPC's quota / catch limit:	Data reporting obligations of agreement:	MCS measures required by flag & coastal CPC:
1	-	-	-	-
2	-	-	-	-
3	-	-	-	-
4	-	-	-	-

The CPC/CPC agreement(s):

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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 16/08 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 in 2024 - Deadline: 12/2/2025

1. 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 2024 – no occurrence of vessel fishing operation with the aid of aircraft or unmanned aerial vehicle

VESSEL NAME	DATE	VESSELS IDENTIFIERS	ACTIONS TAKEN
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-	-	-	-

-	-	-	-
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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 in 2024 - Deadline: 12/2/2025

1 . Did you implement the obligation ?

- YES - Implemented

2. 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 - CPC has system / 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 IOTC binding measure are :

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

Describe : Ban on large-scale driftnets in the IOTC area is spipurated by the Ministerial Ordinance on the Permission, Regulation, etc. of Designated Fisheries, Article 83. Japan has not had vessels using driftnets since before Res. 17/07.

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

- Implementation of corrective/preventative actions to prevent recurrence of non-compliance & infringements

Describe : -

c. Actions in relation to potential infringements are :

- Other sanctions (specify below)

Describe : If the Fisheries Agency of Japan finds a potential non-compliance, it will conduct investigations and take appropriate actions in accordance with the relevant laws and regulations.

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

- Is implemented (ban) by national legislation
- Since 2009
 - - Since -
 - - Reasons -

Additional information on the implementation of this obligation:

NONE

National legislation and/or ATF T&C with provision of the ban:

Yes The 21 January 2025 - 09:28

Legislation : [JPN - Law - 1963 -Ministerial Ordinance on the Permission, Regulation, Etc. of Designated Fisheries.pdf](#)
Reference of laws, regulations and administrative instructions in force related to this requirement
[Ministerial Order on the Permission, Regulation, Etc. of Designated Fisheries](#)
[Fishery Act](#)

Information required: Report on MCS actions related to large-scale driftnet fishing -
Deadline: 12/2/2025

Monitoring, control, and surveillance (MCS) actions:

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

- [Flagged vessels](#)

2. Monitoring, control, and surveillance actions are:

- [Control of flagged vessels at licensing](#)
- [Inspection in port of flagged vessels](#)

Additional MCS actions in place:

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3. MCS actions documents :(e.g. NPOA IUU, SOP PSM, SOP Sea patrol, etc...):

No the –

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 in 2024 - **Deadline: 12/2/2025**

1. 1. Did you submit the data/report/information of this reporting obligation ?

For industrial fisheries:

- [YES - Submitted](#)

For artisanal/coastal fisheries:

- [NIL Report / Not Applicable - Not a coastal State of the IOTC Area of Competence – CPC located outside the IOTC Area of Competence](#)

2. A recording 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:

- NIL report - Not a coastal State of the IOTC Area of Competence – CPC located outside the IOTC Area of Competence

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:

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Measures taken and the implementation progress for Industrial IOTC fisheries:

[Submission of logbook is mandatory by national legislation.](#)

b. *Port-based sampling or related fisheries surveys:*

- No

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. *National observer scheme:*

- 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:

[Japan implements its national observer program in accordance with Resolution 22/04 and its predecessors.](#)

d. *National Vessel registry:*

- 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:

[All japan's vessels operating in the area of IOTC competence are issued licenses by the Ministry.](#)

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

- 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:

[All vessels operating in the IOTC area of competence have equipped with VMS. Japan has been conducting EMS trial for offshore longline vessels since 2021.](#)

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

a. *Development of fisheries databases:*

- 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:

[Japan has such system.](#)

b. *Development of data dissemination systems:*

- 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:

Japan has such system.

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:

Japan conducts such surveys.

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:

Logbook data is cross-checked with observer data, as appropriate.

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

• 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:

Japan has a dedicated team for data processing and management.

f. Steps to minimise data entry errors:

- 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:

Japan implements a various steps to minimise data entry errors such as double-checks on data and cross-checks against other information.

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:

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Measures taken and the implementation progress for Industrial IOTC fisheries:

Japan has collected total catch data, catch and effort data and size data for direct and incidental catch through fishing logbooks and observer scheme, and submitted them to the Secretariat in a timely manner.

b. Improvements in sampling coverage:

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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:

Japan has collected total catch data, catch and effort data and size data for direct and incidental catch through fishing logbooks and observer scheme, and submitted them to the Secretariat in a timely manner.

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:

Japan has collected total catch data, catch and effort data and size data for direct and incidental catch through fishing logbooks and observer scheme, and submitted them to the Secretariat in a timely manner.

d. Coherence of data with alternative fisheries datasets:

- Yes

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

Measures taken and the implementation progress for Industrial IOTC fisheries:

Japan has collected total catch data, catch and effort data and size data for direct and incidental catch through fishing logbooks and observer scheme, and submitted them to the Secretariat in a timely manner.

e. Comparability of data from previous years:

- Yes

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

Measures taken and the implementation progress for Industrial IOTC fisheries:

Japan has collected total catch data, catch and effort data and size data for direct and incidental catch through fishing logbooks and observer scheme, and submitted them to the Secretariat in a timely manner.

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

The Cabinet Order for Organization of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fishgrery, Article 136 mandates the International Affairs Division of Fisheries Agency to fulfill obligations regarding fisheries agreements, including reporting obligations.

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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 in 2024 - Deadline: 12/2/2025

1 . Did you implement the obligation ?

- YES - Implemented

2. 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 - CPC 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. System or procedures to monitor compliance with IOTC binding measure are :

- IOTC binding measures, for vessels/persons, monitored and controlled by government fisheries administration with institutional procedures implemented

Describe : Japan has taken measures to ensure that their AFVs comply with the requirements and responsibilities under the IOTC Agreement and its Conservation and Management Measures through national legislations.

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

- Established by national regulation implemented by Government

Describe : –

c. Actions in relation to potential infringements are :

- Other sanctions (specify below)

Describe : If the Fisheries Agency of Japan finds a potential non-compliance, it will conduct investigations and take appropriate actions in accordance with the relevant laws and regulations.

3. Paragraph 11.a):

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

- CPC has conducted a review of the internal actions & measures, punitive actions and sanctions for paragraphs 11.a) in 2023 and there is no update to provide for 2024.

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

Measures:

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Punitive Actions:

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Sanctions:

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Japan has taken measures to ensure that their AFVs comply with the requirements and responsibilities under the IOTC Agreement and its Conservation and Management Measures through national legislations.

4. Paragraph 11.b):

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

- CPC has conducted a review of the internal actions & measures, punitive actions and sanctions for paragraphs 11.b) in 2023 and there is no update to provide for 2024.

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

Measures:

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Punitive Actions:

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Sanctions:

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Japan has taken measures to ensure that their AFVs comply with all the relevant IOTC Conservation and Management Measures through national legislations.

5. 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:

- CPC has conducted a review of the internal actions & measures, punitive actions and sanctions for paragraph 11.c) in 2024 and include in the below table the internal actions, puntives actions and sanctions

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

Measures:

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Punitive Actions:

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Sanctions:

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Japan has taken measures to ensure that their AFVs on the IOTC Record keep on board valid certificates of vessel registration and valid authorisation to fish and/or tranship through national legislations.

6. 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:

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CPC has conducted a review of the internal actions & measures, punitive actions and sanctions for paragraphs 11.d) in 2023 and there is no update to provide for 2024.

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

Measures:

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Punitive Actions:

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Sanctions:

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At granting fishing licenses, Japan has confirmed violation records of fisheries and labour legislation and examines the eligibility for fishing authorization.

7. 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:

- CPC has conducted a review of the internal actions & measures, punitive actions and sanctions for paragraphs 11.e) in 2023 and there is no update to provide for 2024.

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

Measures:

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Punitive Actions:

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Sanctions:

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At granting fishing licenses, Japan has confirmed violation records of fisheries and labour legislation and examines the eligibility for fishing authorization.

8. 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:

- CPC has conducted a review of the internal actions & measures, punitive actions and sanctions for paragraphs 11.f) in 2023 and there is no update to provide for 2024.

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

Measures:

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Punitive Actions:

–

Sanctions:

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Japan has issued a fishing license to fishing vessels owned by Japanese legal entities or individuals.

National legislation and ATF T&C with provisions of the obligations under Paragraphs 11 a) to f) - flag State actions, measures, punitive actions and sanctions - Resolution 19/04 (11):

No The –

Legislation : –

Reference of laws, regulations and administrative instructions in force related to this requirement:

The Fishery Act, especially Articles 40 and 41

Information required: Report on vessels engaged in fishing or transshipment and not on the IOTC Record of Authorised Vessels in 2024 - Deadline: 5/2/2025

1. 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 2024 – Japan has no factual information

Additional information:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Vessel name</u>	<u>Vessel Flag</u>	<u>Vessel identifiers</u>	<u>Actions taken</u>
-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-

Resolution 19/07 On Vessel Chartering in the IOTC Area of Competence



Information required: Particulars of the charter agreements in 2024 Deadline : 28/2/2025

1. Did you implement the obligation ?

- NIL Report / Not Applicable - No chartered vessel and no chartering agreement in 2024

2. You have chartering agreements signed :

3. The particulars of charter agreements signed, catches, effort, observer coverage (as Chartering CP), is reported in the below table. Upload the information about these charter agreements in the UPLOAD section:

<u>Charter</u>	<u>Start</u>	<u>End</u>	<u>Flag CP</u>	<u>Observer Coverage</u>	<u>Fishing Effort</u>	<u>Catch</u>	<u>Vessel No</u>
1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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



1 . Did you implement the obligation ?

- YES - Implemented

2. A system or procedures exist to monitor and to ensure compliance, by persons/flagged vessels, with corrective actions taken by the CPC to adhere to the prescribed catch levels when subject to catch reductions due to over-catch ?

- YES - CPC has system AND 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 IOTC binding measure are :

- IOTC binding measures, for vessels/persons, monitored and controlled by government fisheries administration with institutional procedures implemented

Describe : Under the Fishery Act, the Fisheries Agency of Japan has established the national catch limit for YFT. A person who has caught YFT must report the catch amount to the government. The Fisheries Agency of Japan monitors the cumulative catch and suspends the fishing when the catch limit is likely to be reached.

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

- Established by national regulation implemented by Government

Describe : Under the Fishery Act, the Fisheries Agency of Japan suspends the fishing when the catch limit is likely to be reached.

c. Actions in relation to potential infringements are :

- Other sanctions (specify below)

Describe : Under the Fishery Act, the Fisheries Agency of Japan suspends the fishing when the catch limit is likely to be reached.

Information required: Catch limits – Nominal catch of YFT in 2023 - Deadline: 12/2/2025

1. CPC is subject to yellowfin tuna catch reductions:

- YES - Subject to

2. The catch of yellowfin tuna reported to the IOTC Secretariat and the reductions are:

Fishing gear	YFT catch of baseline year	Reduction (%)	YFT catch in 2024 (T)	Baseline year
Purse Seine	-	-	-	-

Longline	4003	37	2529	2017
Gillnet	-	-	-	-
Pole and line	-	-	-	-

Information required: CPCs subject to catch reductions, over-catch, report on corrective actions taken to adhere to prescribed catch levels in 2023 - Deadline: 12/2/2025

1. CPC is subject to yellowfin tuna catch reductions in 2023 , due to over-catch in 2022 ?

- NO - NOT subject to yellowfin tuna catch reductions in 2023, no over-catch in 2022.

YFT catch in 2022 : -

YFT overcatch: - Percentage: -

Corrective measures / actions are ?

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-

2. Legal Obligation - Upload the national legislation ?

No the -

Reference of laws, regulations and administrative instructions in force related to this requirement ?

It is ensured by Articles 15, 30, 33 of Ministerial Ordinance on the Permission, Regulation, Etc. of Fisheries (Ordinance of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry No. 5 of January 22, 1963)

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

NONE

Any additional information / remarks on the completion of part C of the Implementation report ?

None

Part D - 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



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



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

Any additional information / remarks on the completion of part D of the Implementation report ?

None