

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: Seychelles

Date of submission: 12 February 2025 - 16:47

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 :

Since the submission of the first Seychelles DFAD-MP in 2015, Seychelles has actively engaged with its vessels owners and operators to monitor DFAD deployments and ensure compliance with the various DFAD limits, established over the period 2015 to 2024. Nonetheless, addressing some of the other requirements remains very challenging.

In general, we were able to implement most of the provisions of the DFADs-MP. For example, reports for each individual vessel, summarizing the number of active buoys, number of buoys activated and the number de-activated, were compiled in the 3BU form template on a monthly basis and were later further aggregated on quarterly and annual basis and the relevant templates and reports were submitted to the IOTC secretariat.

Over the past two years, we have made significant progress in clearing the backlog of DFAD logbook data for purse seine and supply vessels from 2020, 2021, and 2022. This data, submitted using the IOTC data form (previously IOTC 3FA, now replaced by the 3DA form), has been compiled and submitted to the secretariat. However, we are still facing some technical challenges related to data reporting formats. We are actively addressing these issues to ensure that the remaining backlog is fully cleared during 2025.

The process to review and update the DFAD management plan to align with new IOTC requirement (IOTC RESOLUTION 24/02) as well as with national policies, particularly the Seychelles' Marine Spatial Plan Initiative processes was initiated in early 2025. The process which involves stakeholder's consultations is expected to be completed by August 2025 and a revised DFAD-MP will be submitted to the IOTC Secretariat.

Information required: 2025 DFAD management plans

1. Did you implement the obligation ?

- YES - Implemented

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

- 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
- Flag State regular inspections are conducted to verify compliance of vessels with the IOTC obligations

- Control & enforcement regime over vessels with monitoring tools, VMS, logbooks/documentation & compliance observers
- Control & enforcement regime over vessels include flag State inspection regimes at sea & in port
- Registration/licensing procedures - Prior assessment of vessel's history of compliance & ability to comply with national & IOTC obligations
- In port inspection procedures (SOP) implemented by National MCS agencies include verification of IOTC obligations

Describe : Monitoring is undertaken through MCS process which include in-port and at-sea inspections and through observer programmes, which include both human and EMS.

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

- Established in national law implemented by Government
- Established in administrative orders implemented by Government
- Implementation of corrective/preventative actions to prevent recurrence of non-compliance & infringements
- Analysis of infringements findings to identify opportunities to improve compliance controls & monitoring procedures
- Appropriate system for the acquisition, collection, preservation and maintenance of the integrity of evidence

Describe :

Legal framework caters for non-compliant vessels to be called into port or those in port to remain there and further investigation is conducted undertaken by enforcement officers to prepare a case to be submitted to the Attorney General's office for possible prosecution.

c. Actions in relation to potential infringements are :

- **Suspend/cancel/revoke a licence/ATF**
- Fine

Describe : Legal framework is in place for the Attorney General's office to prosecute the Master/ Vessel owner. However in most cases the matter is resolve through administrative procedures whereby the case is compounded and administrative punitive action as specified under 1.c above is administered.

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

- Yes for 2024
- Yes for 2023
- Yes for 2022
- Yes for 2021
- Yes for 2020
- Yes for 2019
- Yes for 2018

3. Reporting/Updating the DFADs management plan:

- **YES - The 2025 DFADs management plan is uploaded below**

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:

[SYC - Law - 2014 - Fisheries Act 20 of 2014.pdf](#)

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

FISHERIES ACT 2014; PART III- LICENSING REQUIREMENTS; Sub-Part 5 - Requirements and conditions relating to all fishing vessels and gears

FISHERIES ACT 2014; PART III- LICENSING REQUIREMENTS; Sub-Part 6- Control of fishing activities

FISHERIES ACT 2014; PART V - ENFORCEMENT MEASURES

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

NONE

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 :

A new Fisheries and Aquaculture Bill, which domesticates IOTC resolutions, is undergoing the National Assembly review process. However, the cmm is partly domesticated through section 11(1), 16(1) and (2), 29(1)(a),(b),(c),(d) and (e), 77(1) and (2)(y) of the Fisheries Act 2014.

11.(1) A foreign fishing vessel shall not be used for fishing or any fishing related activity in Seychelles waters or for sedentary species on the continental shelf, except under and in accordance with a licence granted by the Authority.

16.(1) A joint venture fishing vessel, a local fishing vessel or a Seychelles fishing vessel shall not be used for fishing or any fishing related activity in Seychelles waters except under and in accordance with a licence granted by the Authority.

(2) No joint venture fishing vessel, local fishing vessel or Seychelles fishing vessel shall be used for fishing outside Seychelles waters except under and in accordance with an authorisation granted by the Authority.

29.(1) Every fishing vessel or fishing gear required under this Act to be used in accordance with a licence, permit or authorisation, shall be used in accordance with this Act or regulations made thereunder, and, in the case of a foreign fishing vessel, with requirements made applicable to the fishing vessel by an agreement under section 12, and, in all cases, subject to any terms and conditions which may be provided in the licence, permit or authorisation, including terms and conditions relating to-

(a) the type and method of fishing or any fishing related activity authorised;

(b) the areas within which, and periods during which, such fishing or fishing related activity is authorised;

(c) the target species and amount of fish authorised to be taken, including any restriction on by-catch;

(d) communication equipment, vessel monitoring devices, position fixing equipment and any other equipment; d

(e) mandatory reporting requirements.

It is catered for in Section 77 (1) (y) the minister may make regulations or carrying into effect the provisions of this ACT.

77(2) Without prejudice to the generality of sub section (1) , regulations made under subsection (1) may provide for - (y) the conservation and management measure) adopted by an RFMO or any regional fisheries body or arrangement to which Seychelles is a party)

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

Reporting illegal activity of vessels in 2024 :

- YES - CPC has 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:

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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:

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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:

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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:

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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 :

Covered by the Fisheries Act 20 of 2014 Article 56. Establishment of observer programme

Fisheries Act 2014 - PART 1- PRELIMINARY PROVISIONS – Article 4. The objects of the Authority under this Act

Fisheries Act 2014 - PART II - MANAGEMENT OF FISHERIES Sub-Part 1- Management plans and management measures - Article 7.(1) (5)

During 2024, the Seychelles National Observer Programme continued normal operations following the interruptions brought about by the covid-19 pandemic prior to 2023. Deployments across Seychelles flagged purse seine vessels are going well with an overall coverage level of over 75%. The SFA has made considerable progress in our efforts regarding compilation and dissemination of observer data. Having re-established access to the central database, the process of data extraction has begun, specifically revising and updating the data extraction script for compatibility with the new IOTC reporting format. It is expected that this activity will be completed by early 2025 and all outstanding data and reports will be submitted to the IOTC Secretariat. Whilst the industrial longline fleet is not covered by national observer programme, the SFA is continuing its effort to cover this fishery through EMS.

The semi-industrial locally based fresh tuna longline fleet continues to be covered by Samplers at landing ports.

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 :

Partly domesticated through section 11, section 16, section 25, section 29, section 77(1) and (2)(y) of the Fisheries Act 2014 and additionally through condition of fishing license and fishing authorization, However, the process which domesticates IOTC resolutions under the new Fisheries and Aquaculture Bill is still ongoing (undergoing the National Assembly process).

The majority of the CMMs are domesticated through conditions of fishing licenses and authorisation ; Part III Licensing requirements

11.(1) A foreign fishing vessel shall not be used for fishing or any fishing related activity in Seychelles waters or for sedentary species on the continental shelf, except under and in accordance with a licence granted by the Authority.

16.(1) A joint venture fishing vessel, a local fishing vessel or a Seychelles fishing vessel shall not be used for fishing or any fishing related activity in Seychelles waters except under and in accordance with a licence granted by the Authority.

(2) No joint venture fishing vessel, local fishing vessel or Seychelles fishing vessel shall be used for fishing outside Seychelles waters except under and in accordance with an authorisation granted by the Authority.

29.(1) Every fishing vessel or fishing gear required under this Act to be used in accordance with a licence, permit or authorisation, shall be used in accordance with this Act or regulations made thereunder, and, in the case of a foreign fishing vessel, with requirements made applicable to the fishing vessel by an agreement under section 12, and, in all cases, subject to any terms and conditions which may be provided in the licence, permit or authorisation, including terms and conditions relating to-

- (a) the type and method of fishing or any fishing related activity authorised;
- (b) the areas within which, and periods during which, such fishing or fishing related activity is authorised;
- (c) the target species and amount of fish authorised to be taken, including any restriction on by-catch;
- (d) communication equipment, vessel monitoring devices, position fixing equipment and any other equipment;
- (e) mandatory reporting requirements.

It is catered for in Section 77 (1) the minister may make regulations or carrying into effect the provisions of this ACT.

77(2) Without prejudice to the generality of sub section (1) , regulations made under subsection (1) may provide for - (y) the conservation and management measure) adopted by an RFMO or any regional fisheries body or arrangement to which Seychelles is a party)

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: -

Species & quantities transhipped

1 -

- BET - Bieye tuna
- Quantity: 1,718,562.00 KG

2 -

- YFT - Yellowfin tuna
- Quantity: 1,638,090.00 KG

3 -

- ALB - Albacore tuna

- Quantity 263,160.00 KG

4 -

- SWO - Swordfish

- Quantity 161,491.00 KG

5 -

- BSH - Blue Shark

- Quantity 73,989.00 KG

6 -

- BUM - Blue Marlin

- Quantity 63,838.00 KG

7 -

- OIL - Oilfish

- Quantity 46,322.00 KG

8 -

- SFA - Indo-pacific sailfish

- Quantity 15,047.00 KG

9 -

- SMA - Shortfin mako shark

- Quantity 9,479.00 KG

10 -

- MLS - Stripped Marlin

- Quantity 9,134.00 KG

4. Information on?

Number of LSTLVs having transhipped at sea in 2023 : 29

Quantities transhipped at sea (kg) in 2023 : 4,3013,382 KG

5. Reports uploaded ?

Yes the 15 September 2024 - 02:42

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 :

- YES - Flag LSTVs have transhipped 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 :

Partly domesticated through section 11, 16, 25, 29 and 77(1) and (2) (y) of the Fisheries Act 2014 and additionally through condition of fishing license and fishing authorization, However, the process which domesticates IOTC resolutions under the new Fisheries and Aquaculture Bill is still ongoing (undergoing the National Assembly process).

The majority of the CMMs are domesticated through conditions of fishing licenses and authorisation ; Part III Licensing requirements

11.(1) A foreign fishing vessel shall not be used for fishing or any fishing-related activity in Seychelles waters or for sedentary species on the continental shelf, except under and in accordance with a licence granted by the Authority.

16.(1) A joint venture fishing vessel, a local fishing vessel or a Seychelles fishing vessel shall not be used for fishing or any fishing related activity in Seychelles waters except under and in accordance with a licence granted by the Authority.

(2) No joint venture fishing vessel, local fishing vessel or Seychelles fishing vessel shall be used for fishing outside Seychelles waters except under and in accordance with an authorisation granted by the Authority.

25(1) Subject to this section, except for joint venture fishing vessels, local fishing vessels or Seychelles fishing vessels, no fishing vessel or vessels which Seychelles is bound by an international agreement not to authorise, shall be used for fishing or fishing-related activities outside Seychelles waters.

(2) No joint venture fishing vessel, local fishing vessel or Seychelles fishing vessel shall be used for fishing outside Seychelles waters except under and in accordance with an authorization granted by the Authority.

(3) An application to fish outside Seychelles waters shall be made to the Authority in the prescribed form and manner and accompanied by the prescribed fees.

29.(1) Every fishing vessel or fishing gear required under this Act to be used in accordance with a licence, permit or authorisation, shall be used in accordance with this Act or regulations made there under, and, in the case of a foreign fishing vessel, with requirements made applicable to the fishing vessel by an agreement under section 12, and, in all cases, subject to any terms and conditions which may be provided in the licence, permit or authorisation, including terms and conditions relating to-

(a) the type and method of fishing or any fishing related activity authorised;

(b) the areas within which, and periods during which, such fishing or fishing related activity is authorised;

(c) the target species and amount of fish authorised to be taken, including any restriction on by-catch;

(d) communication equipment, vessel monitoring devices, position fixing equipment and any other equipment; and

(e) mandatory reporting requirements.

It is catered for in Section 77 (1) the minister may make regulations or carrying into effect the provisions of this ACT.

77(2) Without prejudice to the generality of sub section (1) , regulations made under subsection (1) may provide for - (y) the conservation and management measure) adopted by an RFMO or any regional fisheries body or arrangement to which Seychelles is a party)

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 Seychelles nominal catch reporting

BET catch declared : 14401 // BET discard declared : - ---- SKJ catch declared : 79791 // SKJ discard declared : 26 ---- YFT catch declared : 33883 // YFT discard declared : 0

1. Did you implement the obligation ?

- YES - Implemented

2. A system or procedures exist to monitor and to ensure compliance of Seychelles 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
- Procedures defined under the fisheries MCS scheme implemented by Government Agencies
- Flag State regular inspections are conducted to verify compliance of vessels with the IOTC obligations
- Control & enforcement regime over vessels with monitoring tools, VMS, logbooks/documentation & compliance observers
- Control & enforcement regime over vessels include flag State inspection regimes at sea & in port
- Registration/licensing procedures - Prior assessment of vessel's history of compliance & ability to comply with national & IOTC obligations
- System for planning/funding/undertaking MCS operations that maximize compliance by vessels /persons for IOTC obligations
- Registration/licensing procedures - Mandatory information on owners/operators which identifies beneficial owners & operators
- In port inspection procedures (SOP) implemented by National MCS agencies include verification of IOTC obligations

Describe : -

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

- Established in national law implemented by Government
- Established in administrative orders implemented by Government
- Implementation of corrective/preventative actions to prevent recurrence of non-compliance & infringements
- Analysis of infringements findings to identify opportunities to improve compliance controls & monitoring procedures
- System of sanctions proportionate to the seriousness of the violation and adequate in severity to be effective in securing compliance and to discourage violations, and deprive offenders of benefits accruing from their illegal activities

Describe : -

c. Actions in relation to potential infringements are :

- **Suspend/cancel/revoke a licence/ATF**
- Forfeiture of property such as vessel, gear, and fish
- Fine

Describe : -

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

-- Since dd/mm/yyyy

- Is required/implemented by terms & conditions of authorisation to fish (ATF) with force of law

- Since 2018

-- 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 :

Yes the 10 February 2025 - 14:09

Legislation: [Res 19 04 - Report template on the official Authorisation to Fish of the flag Seychelles pdf.pdf](#)

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

Fisheries Act 2014; PART III- LICENSING REQUIREMENTS; Sub-Part 5 - Requirements and conditions relating to all fishing vessels and gears ; PART III- LICENSING REQUIREMENTS; Sub-Part 6- Control of fishing activities ; PART V - ENFORCEMENT MEASURES and; PART VI – OFFENCES

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 Seychelles nominal catch reporting in 2023

DOL catch declared : - // DOL discard declared : - ---- BIL catch declared : 6.25 // BIL discard declared : 6.25 ---- GBA catch declared : 0.9 // GBA discard declared : - ---- TUN catch declared : 2144 // TUN discard declared : - ---- RRU catch declared : 106.28 // RRU discard declared : - ---- TRI catch declared : 16.53 // TRI discard declared : 0.03

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
- Flag State regular inspections are conducted to verify compliance of vessels with the IOTC obligations
- Control & enforcement regime over vessels with monitoring tools, VMS, logbooks/documentation & compliance observers
- Control & enforcement regime over vessels include flag State inspection regimes at sea & in port
- Registration/licensing procedures - Prior assessment of vessel's history of compliance & ability to comply with national & IOTC obligations
- Registration/licensing procedures - Mandatory information on owners/operators which identifies beneficial owners & operators
- In port inspection procedures (SOP) implemented by National MCS agencies include verification of IOTC obligations

Describe : Monitoring is done through MCS procedures which include Port and at sea Inspections, and observer programme which also include EMS. Those activities are Key Performance Indicators of relevant SFA personnel responsible to implement the above mentioned activities.

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

- Established in national law implemented by Government
- Established in administrative orders implemented by Government
- Analysis of infringements findings to identify opportunities to improve compliance controls & monitoring procedures
- Sanction schemes prevent vessels from non-compliance behaviour & from engaging in IUU fishing or fishing related activities in support of such fishing
- System of sanctions proportionate to the seriousness of the violation and adequate in severity to be effective in securing compliance and to discourage violations, and deprive offenders of benefits accruing from their illegal activities

Describe : Legal and administrative procedures are implemented following due diligence. Possible non compliances incidence are investigated by the MCS personnel and presented to Legal Officer for the possibility of prosecution via the Attorney General's office or settlement through administrative procedures.

c. Actions in relation to potential infringements are :

- **Suspend/cancel/revoke a licence/ATF**
- Forfeiture of property such as vessel, gear, and fish
- Fine

Describe : Cases of infringement are investigated for possible prosecution via the Attorney General's office for appropriate sanctions. Administrative sanctions like revocation of license and out of court settlement are also possible.

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:

- - Since dd/mm/yyyy

Is required/implemented by terms & conditions of authorisation to fish (ATF) with force of law - Since 01/01/2018

- - 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:

Yes the 10 February 2025 - 14:06

Legislation: [Res 19 04 - Report template on the official Authorisation to Fish of the flag Seychelles pdf.pdf](#)

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

Fisheries Act 2014; PART III- LICENSING REQUIREMENTS; Sub-Part 5 - Requirements and conditions relating to all fishing vessels and gears ; PART III- LICENSING REQUIREMENTS; Sub-Part 6- Control of fishing activities ; PART V - ENFORCEMENT MEASURES and; PART VI – OFFENCES

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 :

A new Fisheries and Aquaculture Bill, which domesticates IOTC resolutions, is undergoing the National Assembly review process. However, the cmm is currently being implemented as part of the Terms and Conditions of Authorisation to fish within the IOTC competence zones and will also be monitored and controlled through port inspection measures, transshipment and the industrial sampling programme.

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 Seychelles 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:

The process is ongoing, with a new Fisheries and Aquaculture Bill, which incorporates the IOTC resolution, currently undergoing the National Assembly process.

The process to review the DFADs-MP to cater for the new obligations of IOTC Resolution 24/02 was initiated in early 2025 will be completed in August 2025 whereby a revised DFADs -MP will be submitted to the IOTC Secretariat.

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 ?

None

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:

- YES - CPC has systems & procedures to monitor compliance with this binding measure, AND to take action in relation to potential infringements.
 - Imports/landings/transshipments of tuna & tuna-like fish products in ports, monitored and controlled by another government administration (eg. Customs, Maritime authority, Police) with institutional procedures implemented
 - Flag State regular inspections are conducted to verify compliance with Imports/landings/transshipments of tuna & tuna-like fish products in ports
1. Vessels request Authorisation at least 24hrs prior to the start of the operation, or 72hrs prior to the vessels expected time of arrival in Seychelles port . A copy of the transshipment declaration form is submitted to the Seychelles Fisheries Authority and the records are crossed check with logbooks records including the verification of fishing locations with VMS records before authorisation is granted to proceed with transshipment activities.
 2. Failure to send notification and if any discrepancies is detected in the verification process described in 1.1 (a) above then authorization is not granted to proceed with transshipment activities, and SFA may deploy its enforcement officers to board and inspect the vessel. If they are satisfied with their findings, they will authorize the transshipment and will monitor.

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

– Reasons: –

- YES – The report is uploaded / submitted to the IOTC Secretariat.

Total quantities (Tons) of tuna and tuna-like fish **imported** in 2024 : 0

Total quantities (Tons) of tuna and tuna-like fish **landed** in 2024 : 147899327

Total quantities (Tons) of tuna and tuna-like fish **transhipped** in 2024 : 147227748

Countries of export : ESP, MDG, MUS, TUR, JPN, CHN, TWN, PRT, PHL, ITA, IDN,

Catch areas :

- IOTC

Report : Yes the 11 February 2025 - 22:05

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 | • Japan | 8786618.1 | • Gilled & gutted |
| 2 | • Spain (EU) | 1572880 | • Gilled & gutted |
| 3 | • Mauritius | 1282767 | • Gilled & gutted |
| 4 | • Indonesia | 362742 | • Gilled & gutted |
| 5 | • Madagascar | 290172 | • Gilled & gutted |
| 6 | • Thailand | 216371 | • Gilled & gutted |
| 7 | • Ecuador | 161999 | • Gilled & gutted |
| 8 | • Philippines | 60994 | • Gilled & gutted |
| 9 | • China | 31959 | • Gilled & gutted |
| 10 | • Taiwan, Province of China | 5083 | • Gilled & gutted |

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 data for 2023 and significant difference(s) were identified between my EXPORT data and the IMPORTING DATA from CPCs

- with CPCs

- China
- Taiwan, Province of China
- Italy (EU)
- Portugal (EU)
- Spain (EU)
- Indonesia
- Japan
- Korea
- Mauritius
- Philippines
- Thailand

for quantity 4,911,628.24

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

we are yet to receive response from other CPCs, because our office have not contacted them yet

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):

Yes the 11 February 2025 - 22:06

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

FISHERIES ACT 2014; PART III- LICENSING REQUIREMENTS; Sub-Part 5 - Requirements and conditions relating to all fishing vessels and gears

FISHERIES ACT 2014; PART III- LICENSING REQUIREMENTS; Sub-Part 6- Control of fishing activities

FISHERIES ACT 2014; PART V - ENFORCEMENT MEASURES

FISHERIES ACT 2014; PART VI - OFFENCES

SUSTAINABLE FISHERIES AGREEMENT Between the Government of the Seychelles and COMPANY for Vessels Registered in Seychelles

CHAPTER II CONSERVATION TECHNICAL MEASURES. Clause 1

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

Master/Skipper are required to record and report interactions with marine turtles.

There is no observer programme for industrial LL. Discussions are still ongoing on the establishment of the EMS programme on the vessels.

Mitigation measures and other impacts on marine turtle ecosystem are reported annually in the National Report to the Scientific Committee and in the Report of Implementation.

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

Masters of Seychelles fishing vessels are required to bring on-board any captured marine turtles which are in comatose or inactive states and to practice resuscitation and safe release as soon as possible.

The Seychelles' Authority ensures that vessel owners/operators and masters are aware of the mitigation techniques to be applied by the crew for the release of marine turtles in accordance with handling guidelines provided by the IOTC in the marine turtle identification cards.

The Seychelles' authority ensures that mitigation equipment such as line cutters and de-hookers are on board fishing vessels during compliance inspections.

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

- N/A

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) (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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The competent Seychelles' authority ensures that mitigation equipment such as line de-hookers are on board fishing vessels during port inspections.

Seychelles flagged vessels are required to record and report interactions with marine turtles in logbooks

The Seychelles' authority ensures that the operators of fishing vessels are aware of various mitigation measures to be used by the crew through a notice when issuing Authorisation to Fish, which is also part of the license conditions.

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.

- Yes

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The Seychelles' Fishing Authority ensures that the operators of fishing vessels are aware of the various mitigation measures to be used by the crew through a notice when issuing Authorisation to Fish, which is also part of their license condition .

Encourage operators to report and record any interactions made with marine turtles in logbook.

Interactions are also captured by observers deployed on tuna purse seine and supply vessels

Advise operators to release marine turtles from FADs and/ or fishing gear and on the use of non-entangling FAD designs.

During annual inspection the competent Seychelles authority ensures that all fishing vessels carry the proper mitigation equipment, particularly the use of dip nets on board

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.

- Yes

- Non- entangling FADs have been tested are are now being used 100%. Test are ongoing on Biodegradable FADs and different biodegradable materials are being integrated in FADs design progressively.

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.

- Yes

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Whenever opportunities arise Seychelles does participate in research activities in collaboration with interested parties.

Assessment of the conservation status of the hawksbill turtle in the Indian Ocean and South East Asia report completed

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

- Yes

Seychelles is an active party to the IOSEA MoU.

Seychelles chairs the Western Indian Ocean Marine Turtle Task Force. The meeting 10th meeting was held in October 2022. Assessment of the Conservation Status of the Hawksbill Turtle in the Indian Ocean and South-East Asia Region has been published. Seychelles contributed to this report.

Seychelles working on its National Report for the IOSEA Marine Turtle MOU: Deadline March 11th

Work programme (wp) 2020-2024 for the iosea marine turtle mou being implemented by Seychelles

The NFP will attend the 9th Meeting of the Signatory States to the IOSEA Marine Turtle MOU, 24-27 June 2024, Dar es Salaam
Participation nationally for sea turtle day/ocean day

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?

- YES - Submitted

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:

- YES - Foreign vessels were licensed in 2024 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:

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- YES - Complet

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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 | CPC/CPC agreement with | Agreement start date | Agreement end date | Number of vessels | Gear authorized |
|-----------|---|----------------------|--------------------|-------------------|---|
| 1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mauritius | 15/04/2024 | 14/10/2024 | 12 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drifting longline • Tuna purse seine |
| 2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • European Union (EU) | 28/02/2020 | 28/06/2026 | 30 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drifting longline • Tuna purse seine |

| | | | | | |
|---|---|------------|------------|----|---|
| 3 | - | 22/03/2023 | 31/12/2028 | 12 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drifting longline • Tuna purse seine |
| 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 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuna & tuna-like species • BET Bigeye tuna • SKJ Skipjack tuna • YFT Yellowfin tuna | - | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catch reporting • Catch reporting: entering/leaving EEZ • Fishing logbook | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Landings • Transshipment • Vessels Monitoring System • Port inspection • Fishing authorisations • Enforcement & sanctions |
| 2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuna & tuna-like species • BET Bigeye tuna • SKJ Skipjack tuna • YFT Yellowfin tuna | - | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catch reporting: entering/leaving EEZ • Fishing logbook | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Landings • Transshipment • Vessels Monitoring System • Port inspection • Fishing authorisations • Enforcement & sanctions |
| 3 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuna & tuna-like species • BET Bigeye tuna • SKJ Skipjack tuna • YFT Yellowfin tuna | - | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catch reporting: entering/leaving EEZ • Fishing logbook | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Landings • Transshipment • Vessels Monitoring System • Port inspection • Fishing authorisations • Enforcement & sanctions |
| 4 | - | - | - | - |

The CPC/CPC agreement(s):

[Agreement-between-the-Government-of-the-Republic-of-Seychelles-and-the-Government-of-the-Republic-of-Mauritius-on-Fishing-in-Seychelles-Waters-3.pdf](#)

[Agreement-Between-the-Government-of-the-Republic-of-Mauritius-and-the-Government-of-the-Republic-of-Seychelles-on-Fishing-in-Mauritius-Waters-3.pdf](#) [Extension-Agreement-of-the-Reciprocal-Fishing-Agreement-with-Mauritius_2025.pdf](#) [Legal text Mayotte 2023 \(1\).pdf](#) [OJ-publication-EU-SEY-SFPA \(1\) \(1\).pdf](#)

6. All the mandatory information has been provided to the IOTC Secretariat for all CPC/CPC access agreement:

- No

Specify what mandatory information are not fully provided or missing (tick the appropriate boxes):

- The CPC's quota or catch limit to which the catch will be applied

Specify the reasons for each not fully provided or missing requirement:
 The quota is not stated or provided for in the agreement and each state is responsible for their quota allocation.

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 |
|-------------|------|---------------------|---------------|
| - | - | - | - |
| - | - | - | - |
| - | - | - | - |
| - | - | - | - |

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 :

Describe : If encour

- Flag State regular inspections are conducted to verify compliance of vessels with the IOTC obligations
- Control & enforcement regime over vessels include flag State inspection regimes at sea & in port

Describe : Use of large scale drift net is prohibited under the National law.

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

- Established in national law implemented by Government
- Established by national regulation implemented by Government

Describe : Use of large scale drift net is prohibited under the National law.

c. Actions in relation to potential infringements are :

- Suspend/cancel/revoke a licence/ATF
- Forfeiture of property such as vessel, gear, and fish
- Fine

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

- - Since -

- Is implemented by terms & conditions of authorisation to fish with force of law

- Since 2017

- - Reasons -

Additional information on the implementation of this obligation:

NONE

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

Yes The 10 February 2025 - 14:17

Legislation : [SYC - Law - 2014 - Fisheries Act 2014.docx](#) [Res 19 04 - Report template on the official Authorisation to Fish of the flag Seychelles pdf.pdf](#)

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

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:

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2. Monitoring, control, and surveillance actions are:

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Additional MCS actions in place:

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

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

For industrial fisheries:

- YES - Submitted

For artisanal/coastal fisheries:

- YES - Submitted

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:

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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:

Catch Assessment Survey (CAS) survey is ongoing for artisanal fishery and Port-base sampling is ongoing for semi-industrial (LLCO) fishery. Started data collection of length frequency data for artisanal fishery in 2022.

Measures taken and the implementation progress for Industrial IOTC fisheries:

Amended Logbook as and when required to collect all data as per IOTC requirement.

b. Port-based sampling or related fisheries surveys:

- Yes

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

Catch Assessment Survey (CAS) survey is ongoing for artisanal fishery and Port-base sampling is ongoing for semi-industrial (LLCO) fishery. Started data collection of length frequency data for artisanal fishery in 2022.

Measures taken and the implementation progress for Industrial IOTC fisheries:

Port-base sampling is ongoing for purse seine and semi-industrial fisheries (LLFR). Onboard sampling (self reporting) is ongoing for industrial longliner fishery

c. National observer scheme:

- Yes

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

Port sampling at landing sites is ongoing. Enumerators were trained to sample size data for IOTC species.

Measures taken and the implementation progress for Industrial IOTC fisheries:

EMS development and implementation for industrial LL and PS is in progress.

d. National Vessel registry:

- Yes

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

Existent and operational vessels registry, to be converted into a centralised database to be shared with all relevant national authorities, with the possibility of integration with the FIMs project.

Measures taken and the implementation progress for Industrial IOTC fisheries:

Existent and operational vessels registry, to be converted into a centralised database to be shared with all relevant national authorities, with the possibility of integration with the FIMs project.

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

- Yes

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

New web-based Data collection system has been developed in 2021 to allow data collection and capture on tablets at Landing sites for artisanal fishery. Training was conducted in November 2021. Data collection using the new system started in 2022.

Measures taken and the implementation progress for Industrial IOTC fisheries:

New logbook system has been developed for Purse seiners in Electronic Report System in the year 2021 and is to be fully implemented by 2024. The system is currently being tested. Development of ERS logbook system for longline fishery started in 2022 and is to be fully implemented in 2024.

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:

The System Information Halieutique (SIH) for data capture for artisanal fishery has been upgraded to a web-based version and it also include modules for logbooks system for handline, dropline, sport and recreational fishery. Implementation of logbook module for dropline started in 2024.

Measures taken and the implementation progress for Industrial IOTC fisheries:

New module has been developed for both longline and purse seine fishery in the Observe software. Training was conducted in April 2024. Implementation of Observe for both fisheries started in July 2024.

b. Development of data dissemination systems:

- Yes

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

A project to develop a Fisheries Information Management System (FIMS) to disseminate all fisheries data through an interactive web-based platform to the public started in September 2022. This entail all the datasets currently being publish in the Statistical report and extended to cover other dataset such as administrative data from MCS, Economic data and Research data. FIMS is updated with data up to year 2023.

Measures taken and the implementation progress for Industrial IOTC fisheries:

A project to develop a Fisheries Information Management System (FIMS) to disseminate all fisheries data through an interactive web-based platform to the public started in September 2022. This entail all the datasets currently being publish in the Statistical report and extended to cover other dataset such as administrative data from MCS, Economic data and Research data. FIMS is updated with data up to year 2023.

c. Frame surveys:

- Yes

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

A National Boat Frame Survey of all vessels engaged in fishing, including sport and recreational fishing was conducted from August 2023 to January 2024. The vessel registry for the Catch Assessment Survey has been updated with the boat frame survey data.

Measures taken and the implementation progress for Industrial IOTC fisheries:

SFA maintain complete records of all vessels licensed for industrial fishery. The records are updated as and when necessary

d. Coherence of data with alternative fisheries datasets:

- Yes

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

The data collected through catch assessment survey (CAS) is complemented with VMS data to identify trips that could be missing in the CAS.

Measures taken and the implementation progress for Industrial IOTC fisheries:

A system exist for the cross validation of data from various sources (VMS, Logbook, Landing/ Transshipment/ Observer programme/ Scientific port sampling). A move towards EMS and ERS is in progress.

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

- Yes

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

In June 2022, SFA started a project to review and upgrade the data processing system for the artisanal fishery. The project also includes developing an automatic report script in R Markdown. The script also enable automatic creation of the SFA Artisanal Technical Report. The technical report for year 2024 will be published in 2025.

Measures taken and the implementation progress for Industrial IOTC fisheries:

Development of data validation, processing and reporting script based on Observe database started in 2024. To be implemented in 2025.

f. Steps to minimise data entry errors:

- Yes

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

Currently, various systems are in place to verified data after input for all fisheries. The revised R-script for data processing for artisanal fishery also contain additional script for data verification.

Measures taken and the implementation progress for Industrial IOTC fisheries:

The new Observe system has in-build data validation check that minimize data entry errors. R-script to automatically transfer longline electronic logbook into Observe has been developed in 2024. To be implemented in 2025 so as to reduce manual data entry.

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:

VMS data is used to identified trips in artisanal fishery that may have been missed by the catch assessment survey. VMS data is used to validate positions reported on logbooks by semi industrial longliners . R-script has been developed to validate all coastal fishery data.

Measures taken and the implementation progress for Industrial IOTC fisheries:

VMS data are used to validate logbook data. This process with additional data validation procedures has been developed for the new Observe Modules for Longline and Purse seine fishery.

b. Improvements in sampling coverage:

Under the Performance Management System (PMS), technicians target are to sample at least 40% of trips at landing site.

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

Under the Performance Management System (PMS), technicians target are to sample at least 40% of trips at landing site.

Measures taken and the implementation progress for Industrial IOTC fisheries:

Sampling technicians are regularly updated with catch data by species for purse seine and small scale longliners to ensure sampling coverage are undertaken by species according to IOTC requirement. For large scale industrial tuna-longliners, the self reporting programme has been intensified.

c. Frame surveys:

In August 2023, SFA started to conduct a National Boat Frame Survey of all vessels engaged in fishing , including port and recreational fishing . The survey ended in January 2024.

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

In August 2023, SFA started to conduct a National Boat Frame Survey of all vessels engaged in fishing , including port and recreational fishing . The survey ended in January 2024.

Measures taken and the implementation progress for Industrial IOTC fisheries:

Regular update of the vessel registry as and when necessary.

d. Coherence of data with alternative fisheries datasets:

- Yes

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

VMS data are used to cross validate data reported by sampling technicians.

Measures taken and the implementation progress for Industrial IOTC fisheries:

Verification and validation is part of the process and data from various sources are cross validated.

e. Comparability of data from previous years:

- Yes

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

There has been improvement in data collected and reported in 2024 since SFA has cleared all of its backlog from previous years.

Measures taken and the implementation progress for Industrial IOTC fisheries:

Data comparability for year 2024 from previous year is yet to be analyzed due to implementation of new data management software in 2024 (Observe).

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

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
- Flag State regular inspections are conducted to verify compliance of vessels with the IOTC obligations
- Control & enforcement regime over vessels with monitoring tools, VMS, logbooks/documentation & compliance observers
- Control & enforcement regime over vessels include flag State inspection regimes at sea & in port
- Registration/licensing procedures - Prior assessment of vessel's history of compliance & ability to comply with national & IOTC obligations
- Exchange information & coordinate activities among relevant national enforcement agencies relating to the verification of IOTC obligations

Describe : Undertaken through fishing access agreement.

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

- Established in national law implemented by Government
- Established by national regulation implemented by Government
- Analysis of infringements findings to identify opportunities to improve compliance controls & monitoring procedures

Describe : Stated in License and ATF terms and conditions.

c. Actions in relation to potential infringements are :

- Suspend/cancel/revoke a licence/ATF

- Forfeiture of property such as vessel, gear, and fish
- Fine
- Other sanctions (specify below)

Describe : All infractions are investigated for legal action.

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:

- Mechanism to transpose IOTC Resolutions in national legislation
- Mechanism to implement IOTC Resolutions through national regulation
- Adopted legislation including principles/rules/standards of relevant international instruments and any applicable RFMO CMMs
- Adopted legislation national framework with national plans/programmes, to manage capacity/fishing effort,/catch limits/output control & to combat IUU fishing or fishing related activities in support of such fishing

Punitive Actions:

- Administrative punitives actions
- Legal punitives actions

Sanctions:

- Penalty/Fine imposed by court
- Penalty/Fine imposed by administration

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:

- Implement IOTC Resolutions through terms & conditions of flag State Authorisation to Fish (ATF) updated every years

Punitive Actions:

- Administrative punitives actions
- Legal punitives actions
- Suspends/cancels/revokes a licence/ATF

Sanctions:

- Penalty/Fine imposed by court
- Penalty/Fine imposed by administration

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 paragraphs 11.c) 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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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:

- 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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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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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:

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Sanctions:

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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):

Yes The 10 February 2025 - 14:05

Legislation : [Bill 23 2023 - Fisheries and Aquaculture Bill 2023.pdf](#) [Fisheries Act 2014.pdf](#) [Res 19 04 - Report template on the official Authorisation to Fish of the flag Seychelles pdf.pdf](#)

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

[Fisheries Act 2014, Section 77 \(1\) and \(2\) \(y\)](#)

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:

- YES - Seychelles suspect the vessel(s) 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 in 2024

Additional information:

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Vessel name</u> | <u>Vessel Flag</u> | <u>Vessel identifiers</u> | <u>Actions taken</u> |
|----------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|--|
| 11th June 2024 | IMULA0835KLT | Srilanka | IMULA0835KLT | <p>Penalties: The captain was fined SCR 400,000.00, and the catch on board was forfeited to the Seychelles Republic.</p> <p>Compliance: The fine has been paid, and both the captain and vessel have been released. This indicates compliance with the immediate penalties imposed by the Seychelles.</p> <p>Outstanding Issue: The flag state has not yet provided any information regarding further actions they might take. This is a crucial step, as the flag state has the primary responsibility for enforcing fisheries regulations on vessels flying their flag.</p> |
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| - | - | - | - | - |
| - | - | - | - | - |



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 :

- NO - Nil report - No chartered vessels and no chartering agreement in 2024

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:

- Yes

| Charter | Start | End | Flag CP | Observer Coverage | Fishing Effort | Catch | Vessel No |
|---------|-------|-----|---------|-------------------|----------------|-------|-----------|
| 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 :

Describe :

Methods of YFT catch reductions adopted monitored and controlled by government fisheries administration with institutional procedures implemented, Control & enforcement regime over vessels with monitoring tools, VMS, logbooks/documentation & compliance observers, EMS, Control & enforcement regime over vessels includes mandatory requirements to verify methods of YFT catch reductions adopted, Registration/licensing procedures - Prior assessment of vessel's history of compliance & ability to comply with national & IOTC obligations & methods of YFT catch reductions adopted, In port inspection procedures (SOP) implemented by National MCS agencies include verification of methods of YFT catch reductions adopted, Procédures d'enregistrement/licence - Évaluation préalable historique de conformité du navire et capacité à se conformer aux mesures nationales & obligations de la CTOI & methods of YFT catch reductions adopted
Administrative procedures are in place for monitoring of compliance in accordance with the option selected under a. Kindly make reference to attached SOP on PROCEDURES ON CONDITIONS FOR THE EXERCISE OF FISHING ACTIVITIES BY THE COMPANY VESSEL(S) IN WATERS OF SEYCHELLES

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

Describe :

Established in national law implemented by Government, Established in administrative orders implemented by Government, Analyse of infringements findings to identify opportunities to improve compliance controls & monitoring procedures related to the methods of YFT catch reductions adopted, Appropriate system for the acquisition, collection, preservation and maintenance of the integrity of evidence, related to the methods of YFT catch reductions adopted, Implementation of corrective/preventative actions to prevent recurrence of non-compliance & infringements related to the methods of YFT catch reductions adopted
Legal and Administrative system are in place and implementation are done according to options selected under b above. Kindly make reference to attached SOP on PROCEDURES ON CONDITIONS FOR THE EXERCISE OF FISHING ACTIVITIES BY THE COMPANY VESSEL(S) IN WATERS OF SEYCHELLES

c. Actions in relation to potential infringements are :

Describe :

Suspend/cancel/revoke a licence/ATF, Administrative punitive actions - Fine imposed by administration on fishing master and/or master

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 | - | - | 28329.22 | - |
| Longline | - | - | 5695.22 | - |
| 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 ?

[Fisheries Act 2014 - PART 1- PRELIMINARY PROVISIONS – Article 4](#)

[Fisheries Act 2014 - PART II - MANAGEMENT OF FISHERIES Sub-Part 1- Management plans and management measures - Article 7](#)

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

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Information required: Report on plans/status of reducing the use of supply vessels in 2024 - Deadline: 12/2/2025

1 . Did you implement the obligation ?

- YES - Implemented

1. A system or procedures exist to monitor and to ensure compliance with the reduction of supply vessels in purse seine operations (Plan)?

- 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 :

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Describe :

Reduction supply vessels in purse seine operations monitored and controlled by government fisheries administration with institutional procedures implemented, Procedures defined under the fisheries MCS scheme implemented by Government Agencies include verification of reduction supply vessels in purse seine operations, Control & enforcement regime over vessels includes flag State inspections regime at sea to verify reduction supply vessels in purse seine operations, Control & enforcement

regime over vessels includes flag State inspections regime in port to verify reduction supply vessels in purse seine operations, Registration/licensing procedures - Prior assessment of vessel's history of compliance & ability to comply with national & IOTC obligations including reduction supply vessels in purse seine operations, Control & enforcement regime over vessels includes mandatory requirements to verify reduction supply vessels in purse seine operations

Administrative procedures are in place for monitoring of compliance in accordance with the option selected under a. Kindly make

reference to attached SOP on PROCEDURES ON CONDITIONS FOR THE EXERCISE OF FISHING ACTIVITIES BY THE COMPANY

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

Describe :

Established in national law implemented by Government, Established in administrative orders implemented by Government, Analyse of infringements findings to identify opportunities to improve compliance controls & monitoring procedures related to reduction supply vessels in purse seine operations, Appropriate system for the acquisition, collection, preservation and maintenance of the integrity of evidence, related to reduction supply vessels in purse seine operations, Implementation of corrective/preventative actions to prevent recurrence of non-compliance & infringements related to reduction supply vessels in

purse seine operations

Legal and Administrative system are in place and implementation are done according to options selected under b above.

Kindly make reference to attached SOP on PROCEDURES ON CONDITIONS FOR THE EXERCISE OF FISHING ACTIVITIES BY THE

COMPANY VESSEL(S) IN WATERS OF SEYCHELLES

c. Actions in relation to potential infringements are :

Describe :

Suspend/cancel/revoke a licence/ATF, Administrative punitive actions - Fine imposed by administration on beneficial owner/owner/operator, Administrative punitive actions - Fine imposed by administration on fishing master and/or master Due diligence are conducted by relevant SFA personnel from license administration department to ensure that the Purse seine vessel to supply ratio are maintained annually and monitoring ensure compliance

2. CPC has PS/SP vessels on the Record of authorized vessels ?

- YES - CPC has purse seiner (PS) and supply vessel (SP) on the IOTC Record of Authorised Vessels

3. The plan for reducing the use of supply vessel was provided for ?

- 2019
- 2023
- 2022
- 2021
- 2020
- 2024

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