

# IOTC-2025-CoC22-sCR21(Summary)-Seychelles [E]

## 2025 Summary Compliance Report for: Seychelles

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### Notes:

Requirements that do not apply to the CPC (by exclusion) are not included in the PDF version of this report.

Acronyms and definitions can be consulted [on the last page](#) of the Compliance Report.

Req. n°	Source (para n°) (year)	Information required	Deadline	Pre-vious status	Cur-rent status	Observations	CPC remarks	CPC Follow-up and/or Remedial actions/CoC-COM Rec(s)
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## 1. Implementation obligations

## 2. Management Standards

2.4	Res. 19/04 (20) (2024)	Fishing logbook on board, bound, consecutive numbered pages, 12 months recording	23/1/2025	P/C	N/C2	Received 13.01.2025 & 13.03.2025. <b>LEG:NO- Fisheries Act 2014 - PART 1-PRELIMINARY PROVISIONS – Article 4 and - PART II - MANAGEMENT OF FSHERIES Sub-Part 1- Management plans and management measures - Article 7.</b> Has provision for logbook on board. <b>Submitted legislation without all provisions identified for fishing logbook requirements. Provision not identified in legislation for: logbook bound, with consecutively numbered pages, original recordings for at least 12 months.</b> Outlined in framework agreements with Seychelles-flagged	While this requirement is outlined in our framework agreements with Seychelles-flagged vessels, which state that "The COMPANY's fishing vessel(s) shall, when in Seychelles waters, keep on board a bound fishing logbook with consecutive page numbering," the legal requirements will be formally addressed in the Fisheries and Aquaculture Bill, which is currently undergoing the legislative process and is expected to be completed before 31st December 2025. Resubmission on eMARIS completed on 13/03/2025.	-
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						vessels, "The COMPANY's fishing vessel(s) shall, when in Seychelles waters, keep on board a bound fishing logbook with consecutive page numbering". <b>ONLY APPLICABLE TO EEZ MISSING HGH SEA.</b> SP: YES – Provided & described for i) ii) & iii). OBS: Has declared - Requirement is outlined in our framework agreements with Seychelles-flagged vessels, which state that "The COMPANY's fishing vessel(s) shall, when in Seychelles waters, keep on board a bound fishing logbook with consecutive page numbering," the legal requirements will be formally addressed in the Fisheries and Aquaculture Bill, which is currently undergoing the legislative process and is expected to be completed before 31st December 2025.		
2.8	Res. 17/07 (2) (6) (2024)	Ban on large-scale driftnets IOTC Area & MCS actions large-scale driftnets IOTC Area	12/2/2025	C	P/C	LEG: NO – Provided Fisheries Act 2014, section 77(1) and (2)(y). No transposition of this specific provision into national law. STD: NON - MCS actions NOT provided in e-MARIS, in the agreed format. SP: YES – Provided/described for a), b) and c).	This requirement is being transposed in our new Fisheries and aquaculture Bill 2023 (to be enacted in 2025) which states: <b>Prohibition on use of large-scale driftnets and demersal trawl nets 19.</b> (1) No person shall make use of large-scale driftnets, dredge or demersal trawl nets in Seychelles waters, or by Seychelles vessels operating in areas beyond national jurisdiction, except under and in accordance with an authorization granted by the Authority. Re-submission on eMaris has made on 13/03/2025	-
2.18	Res. 21/01 (18) (2024)	Status/Plan reducing use supply vessel	12/2/2025	C	P/C	LEG: YES - Fisheries Act, 2014, Part II, Sub Part 1, Article 7. STD: YES - All mandatory information R21/01 (20), provided and completed. SP: YES - Provided & described for i) ii) iii).	-	-
2.23	Res. 11/02 (2) (2024)	Prohibition intentionally fishing within 1 nautical mile/interacting data buoy	23/1/2025	C	P/C	<b>LEG: NO – Submitted - Fisheries Act 2014 - PART I, II and III. No specific mention/provision on the ban found.</b> STD: N/A. SP: YES – Provided & described for a) b) c).	The transposition of this provision is being addressed in the Fisheries and Aquaculture Bill, expected to be in-acted in 2025 as follows: <b>Prohibition on fishing on data buoys17.</b> (1) An operator of a vessel shall not engage in fishing activities on a data buoy in Seychelles waters, or from a Seychelles vessel operating in areas beyond national jurisdiction, unless such activity has been authorised by the Authority.	-
2.24	Res. 11/02 (3) (2024)	Prohibition taking on board data buoy	23/1/2025	C	P/C	LEG: NO – Submitted - Fisheries Act 2014 - PART I, II and III. No specific mention/provision on the ban found. STD: N/A. SP: YES – Provided & described for a) b) c).	The transposition of this provision is being addressed in the Fisheries and Aquaculture Bill, expected to be in-acted in 2025 as follows: <b>Prohibition on fishing on data buoys17.</b> (1) An operator of a vessel shall not engage in fishing activities on a data buoy in Seychelles waters, or from a Seychelles vessel operating in areas beyond national jurisdiction, unless such activity has been authorised by the Authority. (2) The operator of a vessel in Seychelles	-

								waters or a Seychelles vessel operating in areas beyond national jurisdiction shall provide to the Authority any information related to data buoys, including details of the deployment or interaction with data buoys and such other information as may be required in the form, manner and frequency as may be prescribed. (3) The operator of a vessel in Seychelles waters, or any Seychelles vessel in areas beyond national jurisdiction shall comply with all conditions as may be prescribed concerning fisheries activities that may be directly or indirectly related to data buoys. (4) Any person who contravenes any requirement under this section commits an offence and is liable on conviction to the fine – (a) not less than SCR3, 000,000 and not exceeding SCR12, 500, 000, if the offence involves the use of a foreign vessel, Seychelles registered vessel or a joint venture vessel; (b) any other vessel, to a fine not exceeding SCR3,000,000.
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### 3. Reporting on Vessels

3.6	Res. 19/04 (3) (2024)	List of Authorized vessels	23/1/2025	P/C	P/C	LEG: N/A. STD: NO - Information not provided at IOTC standard R19/04 (3); mandatory information missing [company registration number]. SP : N/A.	The 18 missing records have been updated on eRav and resubmission on eMaris has been made on 13/02/2025.	-
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### 4. Vessel Monitoring System

### 5. Mandatory statistical requirement – Flag State CPCs

5.3	Res 15/02 (1, 2) (2023)	Nominal catches / Retained catches – All Fisheries	30/6/2024	N/C2	P/C	Date received: 28.06.2024; STD: No. Not provided by IOTC standards; aggregated species (TUN, BIL, SKH) from several fisheries.	For artisanal fisheries (HL[SS]), data collection is conducted through a catch assessment survey, where sampled catches are aggregated during data extrapolation. Due to the low level of tuna catches unloaded by the fishery, it is challenging to extrapolate these catches at the species level. For semi-industrial longline vessels categorized as DL.FR[IN]TR and DL[SI]TR, some vessels reported species aggregation in their logbooks. The SFA is intensifying efforts to provide refresher training to skippers to enhance the quality of logbook data reporting. For the purse seine fishery, less than 0.01% of the total catch was reported as aggregated billfish.	-
5.4	Res 15/02	Catch discarded – IOTC species,	30/6/2024	P/C	N/C2	Date received: 28.06.2024;	Coastal fisheries consist of both artisanal fisheries (HL[SS]) and semi-industrial fisheries (DL[SI]TR). In	-

	(1/2/3) 13/04 17/05 (6) 18/02 (3) 18/05 (8) 12/04 (1) 23/07 (1/2) 13/02 (7) (2023)	sharks, turtles, seabirds, cetaceans, whale sharks, mobulids - All fisheries				STD: No. Not provided by IOTC standards; missing information on discards for small-scale fisheries.	artisanal fisheries, there are no discards as species of low commercial value are retained for personal consumption or used as bait. In semi-industrial fisheries, there has been a lack of discard reporting by the fleet. The Authority is intensifying efforts to provide refresher training to skippers to improve the quality of logbook data reporting.	-
5.5	Res 15/02 (1/4, 6b) 17/05 (6) 18/02 (3) 18/05 (8) (2023)	Catch and Effort Geo-referenced – All Fisheries & FAD – Days at sea (Effort) by support vessels	30/6/2024	N/C2	N/C2	Date received: 28.06.2024; STD: No. Not provided by IOTC standards; aggregated species (TUN, BIL, SKH) from several fisheries. Failed to ensure compliance for two or more consecutive years.	For artisanal fisheries (HL[SS]), data collection is conducted through a catch assessment survey, where sampled catches are aggregated during data extrapolation. Due to the low level of tuna catches unloaded by the fishery, it is challenging to extrapolate these catches at the species level. For semi-industrial longline vessels categorized as DL.FR[IN]TR and DL[SI]TR, some vessels reported species aggregated in their logbooks. The SFA is intensifying efforts to provide refresher training to skippers to enhance the quality of logbook data reporting. For the purse seine fishery, less than 0.01% of the total catch was reported as aggregated billfish.	-
5.6	Res 15/02 (1, 5) (2023)	Size Frequencies Geo-referenced – Coastal/surface/longline fisheries	30/6/2024	-/-	N/C2	STD: NO - Data NOT provided by IOTC standards, in two or more consecutive years. Less than 1 fish per metric tonne for some species.	The SFA is producing quarterly reports of catches to enhance monitoring and ensure that sampling are adjusted accordingly, with the aim of meeting the reporting requirement of one fish per tons.	-

## 6. Implementation of mitigation measures and bycatch of non-IOTC species

## 7. Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) Vessels

## 8. Transhipments

## 9. Observers

9.2	Res. 22/04	5% Observer coverage mandatory at sea (all vessels)	17/11/2024	P/C	N/C1	LEG: YES - Fisheries Act, 2014, Article 56. STD: NO - 5% mandatory coverage not achieved.	Preliminary data for 2023 were submitted on 13.03.2025	-
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	(3) (2023)					SP : YES - Provided & described for i) ii) iii).	
9.4	Res. 22/04 (18) (2023)	At sea observer reports	17/11/2024	P/C	N/C1	Received 13.03.2025 - More than 15 days after the deadline. STD: YES - Mandatory observer report provided.	- -

## 10. Statistical document programme

## 11. Port inspection

11.1	Res 05/03 (8) (2023)	List of foreign vessels landings	1/7/2024	C	P/C	Received 01.07.2024 <b>STD:</b> NO - Report provided - Information e-PSM indicates 3 landing flag missing [KEN, KOR, TWN CHN] and difference <b>quantity declared: e-MARIS [15,816 Tons], e-PSM quantity landed declared AREP [133,801 Tons], PIR verified [69,273 Tons].</b>	The missing information will be submitted to the secretariat through the e-MARIS application as they become available.	- -
11.3	Res. 16/11 (13.1,15.1) (2024)	Inspection report & Report vessels engaged IUU fishing following port inspection	23/1/2025 (Since 2010)	P/C	P/C	LEG: N/A. STD: NO - Has conducted 13 port inspections. Number of PIRs and OLTs submitted through e-PSM: 9 and 29 respectively. Only 2 out of 38 PIRs + OLTs provided within 3 working days. SP : N/A.	Seychelles acknowledges that some inspection reports were submitted later than the required 3-day timeframe due to unexpected delays in receiving the necessary documents from agents, which subsequently impacted our verification process. To address this, Seychelles is taking steps to rectify the issue by allocating additional resources.	- -
11.4	Res. 16/11 (10.1, 19.2, 19.3) (2024)	At least 5% inspection of LAN or TRX	23/1/2025 (Since 2010)	P/C	P/C	<b>LEG: NO. Provided "Fisheries Act 2014". The legal reference provided does not establish the obligation to carry out inspections of at least 5% of landings or transshipments in its ports during each reporting year.</b> STD: YES - Has declared a total of 164 landings, 70 transshipments and 113 landing&transshipments, of which a total of 7, 2, 21, respectively, were monitored. e-PSM data: a total of 34 were monitored. Result: 10%. SP: YES – Provided & described for a), b) & c).	The requirement for at least 5% inspection of LAN or TRX is being transposed in our new Fisheries and Aquaculture Bill which is expected to be enacted in 2025 and will be followed with appropriate Regulation in 2026.	- -
11.5	Res 16/11 (7.3) (2024)	Denial entry in port foreign fishing vessel	23/1/2025 (Since 2010)	C	P/C	LEG: NO - Provided "Fisheries Act 2014". The Act does not include any specific provision on the obligation. STD: YES – Nil Report. SP: YES – Provided & described for a), b), c).	The requirement is being transposed in our new Fisheries and Aquaculture Bill (to be enacted in 2025): Denial of port entry and use of port: 103.(1)- Where the Authority has sufficient evidence that a foreign vessel has engaged in or supported IUU fishing or related activities, including being listed as an	- -

							<p>IUU vessel by an RFMO, the Authority shall deny the vessel authorisation to enter any port in Seychelles. (2) Notwithstanding subsection (1), the Authority may permit the vessel port entry exclusively for the purpose of inspection or for taking other appropriate actions in conformity with international law, provided such actions are at least as effective as denying port entry in preventing, deterring and eliminating IUU fishing and related activities. (3) The Authority may also deny port entry to a vessel if there are reasonable grounds to believe the vessel has contravened any provisions of this Act. (4) Where port entry or use of a port facilities is denied under subsection (1) or (3), the Authority shall notify the decision to – (i) the vessel and its operator; (ii) relevant port authorities; (iii) the flag State of the vessel; (iv) relevant coastal States; and (v) relevant RFMOs and international organisations</p>	
11.6	Res. 16/11 (9.3, 9.5) (2024)	Report denial use port / withdrawal denial use port	23/1/2025 (Since 2010)	-/-	P/C	<p>LEG: NO - Provided "Fisheries Act 2014". The Act does not include any specific provision on the obligation.  STD: YES – Nil Report.  SP: YES – Provided &amp; described for a), b), c).</p>	<p>SFA will develop appropriate Regulation on Port State Measures in 2026, following the enactment of the Fisheries and Aquaculture Bill in 2025.</p>	- -

Pursuant to Annex A of Appendix V, of the Rules of Procedure (2023), for all requirements assessed as N/C2, the concerned CPCs “*shall submit, within 3 months from the end of the Commission annual session, a detailed plan and timeline on how it intends to address the non-compliance of category 2 identified*”. The deadline for submission was the 17 August 2024.

The non-compliance of category 2 identified (N/C2) at the previous session of the Compliance Committee (CoC21), were for Seychelles :

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The Compliance Action Plan was :

Not received

If the submission of the Compliance Action Plan was required/applicable, the date of reception was :

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## Summary of Seychelles 2025 compliance assessment (CoC22)

Compliant (C)	Partially Compliant (PC)	Non-compliant category 1 (NC1)	Non-compliant category 2 (NC2)	Not Applicable (NA)	Capacity building in progress (CB)	Compliance Rate (%)
57	11	2	4	12	0	77

# Current issues on the level of implementation by Seychelles of IOTC Conservation and Management Measures identified for discussion in the CoC22 in 2025

Having reviewed the 2025 Draft Compliance Report for Seychelles, the Chair of the Compliance Committee has identified the following significant repeated non-compliance issues for discussion.

## Repeated non-compliance issues

Requirement	Information required	Observations	Previous status (2024)	Current status (2025)
2.4	Fishing logbook on board, bound, consecutive numbered pages, 12 months recording	<p>Received 13.01.2025 &amp; 13.03.2025.</p> <p><b>LEG:</b> NO- Fisheries Act 2014 - PART 1-PRELIMINARY PROVISIONS – Article 4 and - PART II - MANAGEMENT OF FISHERIES Sub-Part 1- Management plans and management measures - Article 7. Has provision for logbook onboard. <b>Submitted legislation without all provisions identified for fishing logbook requirements. Provision not identified in legislation for: logbook bound, with consecutively numbered pages, original recordings for at least 12 months.</b></p> <p>Outlined in framework agreements with Seychelles-flagged vessels, "The COMPANY's fishing vessel(s) shall, when in Seychelles waters, keep on board a bound fishing logbook with consecutive page numbering". <b>ONLY APPLICABLE TO EEZ MISSING HGH SEA.</b></p> <p><b>SP:</b> YES – Provided &amp; described for i) ii) &amp; iii).</p> <p><b>OBS:</b> Has declared - Requirement is outlined in our framework agreements with Seychelles-flagged vessels, which state that "The COMPANY's fishing vessel(s) shall, when in Seychelles waters, keep on board a bound fishing logbook with consecutive page numbering," the legal requirements will be formally addressed in the Fisheries and Aquaculture Bill, which is currently undergoing the legislative process and is expected to be completed before 31st December 2025.</p>	P/C	N/C2
3.6	List of Authorized vessels	<p><b>LEG:</b> N/A.</p> <p><b>STD:</b> NO - Information not provided at IOTC standard R19/04 (3); mandatory information missing [company registration number].</p> <p><b>SP :</b> N/A.</p>	P/C	P/C
5.3	Nominal catches / Retained catches – All Fisheries	<p>Date received: 28.06.2024;</p> <p><b>STD:</b> No. Not provided by IOTC standards; aggregated species (TUN, BIL, SKH) from several fisheries.</p>	N/C2	P/C
5.4	Catch discarded – IOTC species, sharks, turtles, seabirds, cetaceans, whale sharks, mobulids - All fisheries	<p>Date received: 28.06.2024;</p> <p><b>STD:</b> No. Not provided by IOTC standards; missing information on discards for small-scale fisheries.</p>	P/C	N/C2
5.5	Catch and Effort Geo-referenced – All Fisheries & FAD – Days at sea (Ef-	<p>Date received: 28.06.2024;</p> <p><b>STD:</b> No. Not provided by IOTC standards; aggregated species (TUN, BIL, SKH) from several fisheries. Failed to ensure compliance for two or more consecutive years.</p>	N/C2	N/C2

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9.2	5% Observer coverage mandatory at sea (all vessels)	LEG: YES - Fisheries Act, 2014, Article 56. STD: NO - 5% mandatory coverage not achieved. SP : YES - Provided & described for i) ii) iii).	P/C	N/C1
9.4	At sea observer reports	Received 13.03.2025 - More than 15 days after the deadline. STD: YES - Mandatory observer report provided.	P/C	N/C1
11.3	Inspection report & Report vessels engaged IUU fishing following port inspection	LEG: N/A. STD: NO - Has conducted 13 port inspections. Number of PIRs and OLTs submitted through e-PSM: 9 and 29 respectively. Only 2 out of 38 PIRs + OLTs provided within 3 working days. SP : N/A.	P/C	P/C
11.4	At least 5% inspection of LAN or TRX	<b>LEG: NO. Provided "Fisheries Act 2014". The legal reference provided does not establish the obligation to carry out inspections of at least 5% of landings or transshipments in its ports during each reporting year.</b> STD: YES - Has declared a total of 164 landings, 70 transshipments and 113 landing&transshipments, of which a total of 7, 2, 21, respectively, were monitored. e-PSM data: a total of 34 were monitored. Result: 10%. SP: YES – Provided & described for a), b) & c).	P/C	P/C

*Note: if the table above is empty, it means there were no repeated compliance issues identified this year.*

# Reading instructions

(1) Information is to be provided in the Report of Implementation

(2) 24 meters overall length and over, and under 24 meters if they fished outside their EEZ

(Year) = year reporting on/year assessed.

**LEG:** Legislation - Transposition of Commission decisions, Legislation or administrative orders.

**STD :** Standard - Reporting format, IOTC standard

**SP:** System or procedures - Provision of information on system or procedures a) to monitor and ensure compliance of vessels and persons OR b) to prepare and submit information, data, report to the Commission.

i) ii) iii) = a) b) c)

## Assessment

### Compliance

- **C:** Compliant
- **C/B:** Capacity building
- **N/A:** Not applicable
- **N/C1:** Not compliant 1
- **N/C2:** Not compliant 2
- **P/C:** Partially compliant

## CoC/Commission recommendations

- **Additional info or address the issue:** Provide additional information or address the compliance issue within a given period of time, and at the latest before the following annual meeting.
- **Actions proposed by the CPC:** Actions proposed by the CPC and endorsed by the Commission.
- **Investigation by the CPC:** Completion of an investigation by the CPC regarding a compliance issue and reporting back to the Compliance Committee, where required.
- **Enhanced monitoring of fleet:** Enhanced monitoring of the fleet.
- **Amendments to national rules:** Amendments to domestic procedures, legislation or policy including penalties, where required.
- **Detailed plan and timeline:** Submit, within 3 months from the end of the Commission annual session, a detailed plan and timeline on how it intends to address the non-compliance of category 2 identified.
- **Capacity building or assistance:** Provision of capacity building or technical assistance for a specified amount of time.
- **Other remedies:** Other remedies.

## “Missing” values:

- “-/-”: no possible value (e.g.: no previous assessment possible because this is the first campaign in which the requirement is assessed);
- “None”: no value provided by the Secretariat (e.g. requirement assessed as Compliant, no text provided in “Observations”);
- “Not assessed”: for timeliness and compliance when no assessment has been made yet or the requirement is not assessable;
- “-”: no information provided by the CPC for this question (e.g. nothing entered in a text entry field, no boxes checked...);
- “Not Submitted”: the value will only be available after submission of the report (e.g. the “Report date”).