

# IOTC-2025-CoC22-sCR05(Summary)-European Union [E]

## 2025 **Summary** Compliance Report for: European Union

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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

2.10-b	Res. 23/01 (7) (2024)	Marking AFADs	23/1/2025	-/-	N/C1	<p>Received 22.01.2025. <b>AFAD not marked.</b></p> <p><b>LEG:</b>YES - Article 216 (2) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.</p> <p><b>SP:</b>NO - CPC has NO system / procedure to monitor compliance with this binding measure, AND NO action in relation to potential infringements.</p> <p><b>OBS:</b> Has declared "No specific mark identifies the anchored FADs of Reunion. However, they are fixed and their positions are known and communicated to the CROSS which distributes them by AVURNAV. They are also listed by SHOM on nautical charts. The marking or numbering of the buoys in the chain encounters technical difficulties: erasure with the</p>	<p>1. FAD marking is still under consideration in Mayotte, Réunion, and at the national level in order to find the solution best suited to the specific local conditions and technical constraints of the floats currently in use. Several types of marking have been studied and tested without long-term results (the marking does not hold, causes the float to explode, or damages the rope). Additional tests will be held in 2025.</p> <p>2. For these reasons, it was not possible to mark the three FADs deployed in 2024.</p> <p>3. The new FADs will be installed in accordance with IOTC Resolution 23/01, taking into account the progress made in terms of marking. Tests are planned for 2025.</p>	-
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						sun, the sea, piercing of the buoy in the event of intrustation by heat. An option under study, not yet finalized, would consist of integrating a numbered plate and hanging in the whipping of each buoy".	However, the FADs are fixed and their position is known and communicated to the control and management units. They are listed on regularly updated nautical charts.	
2.11-b	Res 23/01 (4) (2025) (2025)	AFADs management plan	1/1/2025	N/C1	P/C	Received 18.12.2024 & 13.03.2025 <u>LEG:</u> Submitted Article 216 (2) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union. <u>STD:</u> NO – AFADs EU RUN plan submitted according to Annex 1 23/01. <b>AFADs MYT EU plan NOT submitted (Has provided a map of the AFADs deployed).</b> <u>SP:</u> YES – Provided for i) ii) iii). <u>OBS:</u> Has declared 'AFAD management plan of La Réunion submitted for 2024 is still valid for 2025. No update required' AND 'The AFAD management plan of Mayotte is still missing and will be provided at a later date'.	1. The Mayotte management plan is still being drafted: only 3 DCPa are still operational in Mayotte (11 were lost in 2024) and must be replaced in order to best meet local specificities and the requirements of resolution 23/01. The current management system is evolving with the upcoming structuring of professional representation. Finally, structural crises and natural disasters do not allow for linear progress in the evolution of the Park's management. Cyclone CHIDO destroyed the Matin natural park's servers on which all the work in progress was recorded, including on the DCPa, requiring a start from scratch for the drafting of documents. Updated map attached to this document (annex 1)	-
2.11-c	Res 23/01 (8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15) (2024) (2024)	AFADs deployed, lost, abandoned, discarded, inspected	12/2/2025	-/-	P/C	Received 12.02.2025 & 13.03.2025. <u>LEG:</u> YES - According to Article 216 (2) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union. <u>STD:</u> NO- Deployed 50 AFADs in EEZ; 3 in 2024. <b>Missing mandatory data: UNI number AND Type of AFADs AND Date deployment.</b> 26 AFAD Lost, abandoned, discarded (Cyclone). 13 AFADs inspected in 2024. <u>SP:</u> YES - Provided & described for i) ii) iii). <u>OBS:</u> Has declared "Consideration is still being given to the deployment of the UNI number, taking into account the specific management requirements for Mayotte and Réunion. Additional information is attached (annexes 2 and 3). A mobile monitoring application is currently being developed in Réunion, providing an overview of the status of DCPs, the necessary information, and reporting any damage".	Consideration is still being given to the deployment of the UNI number, taking into account the specific management requirements for Mayotte and Réunion. Additional information is attached to this document (Appendices 2 and 3). A mobile monitoring application is currently being developed in Réunion, providing an overview of the status of FADs, the necessary information, and the ability to report any damage.	-
2.12	Res 23/01 (6) (2024) (2024)	Progress report implementation AFADs management plan	12/2/2025	-/-	N/C1	Received 12.02.2025. <b>No report provided.</b> <u>STD:</u> NO - Has submitted (10.04.2024) 2 AFADs plans in 2024. Report of progress on implementation of 2024 AFADs management plans NOT provided in e-MARIS/IR.	The management plan for Mayotte is still being drafted (see 2.11b). The management plan for Réunion is implemented locally. It will be amended to take into account the addition of deployed FADs and advances in research.	-

### 3. Reporting on Vessels

3.8			15/2/2025	C	P/C		Personal mistake which shall not occur next year	-
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Res. 14/05 (1) (2024)	List of foreign ves- sels licensed in EEZ					<b>Received 16.02.2025. 1 day after the dead- line.</b> Foreign flag vessels (10 SYC) licensed to fish. <u>STD</u> : YES – Information provided according to para 1 R14/05.	-
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## 4. Vessel Monitoring System

## 5. Mandatory statistical requirement – Flag State CPCs

5.1	Res 18/07 (4) (2023)	Nominal catches / Zero Catch Ma- trix – All Fisheries (Species presence in the catch)	30/6/2024	N/C2	N/C2	ESP: Date received: 31.07.2024. 31 days after deadline. STD: Yes FRA: Date received: 28.06.2024. STD: Yes ITA: Received: 28.06.2024. STD: Yes PRT: Received: 30.06.2024. STD: Yes Failed to ensure compliance of the same obligation for two or more consecutive years.	EU-ESP: Waiting for the Flag State authorities to pro- vide explanation and follow-up actions.	-
5.2	Res 12/04 13/05 23/06 23/07 (2023)	Interactions with ETP species - All Fisheries	30/6/2024	-/-	N/C2	ESP: Date received: 31.07.2024. 31 days after deadline. STD: Yes FRA: Date received: 28.06.2024. STD: Yes ITA: Received: 28.06.2024. STD: Yes PRT: Received: 01.10.2024. 93 days after deadline Standard: No, missing national leg- islation reference Failed to ensure compliance of the same obligation for two or more consecutive years	EU-ESP: Waiting for the Flag State authorities to pro- vide explanation and follow-up actions. EU-PRT: Portugal has transposed several interna- tional conventions related to the protection of en- dangered species, including in the fisheries sector, through specific legislation: - Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES): This con- vention was approved for ratification by Decree no. 50/80, of July 23, and entered into force in Portu- gal on March 11, 1981. Decree-Law no. 121/2017 of September 20 subsequently ensured the implemen- tation of CITES in the national legal system, adapting it to the changes in Regulations (EC) nos. 338/97 and 865/2006; - Bern Convention: On the conservation of wildlife and the natural environment in Europe, approved for ratification by Decree No. 95/81 of July 23, 1981. The application of this convention was regulated by Decree-Law no. 316/89, of September 22, later amended by Decree-Law no. 196/90, of June 18. More recently, Decree-Law no. 38/2021, of May 31, approved the legal regime applicable to the protec- tion and conservation of wild flora and fauna and the natural habitats of the species listed in the Bern and Bonn Conventions; - Bonn Convention: Focused on the conservation of migratory species of wild fauna, it was approved for ratification by Decree-Law 103/80 of October 11. The	-

							<p>implementation of this convention is also ensured by Decree-Law no. 38/2021, of May 31;</p> <p>In addition, the Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC, of May 21, 1992), which aims to conserve natural habitats and wild fauna and flora, was transposed into Portuguese law by Decree-Law no. 140/99, of April 24, as amended by Decree-Law no. 49/2005, of February 24.</p> <p>- Regulation of technical standards that stipulate specifications regarding the construction of fishing gear, namely alterations or additional devices to increase selectivity or to minimize the negative impact on the ecosystem or reduce the accidental capture of endangered, threatened and protected species, in accordance with Article 8(b) of Decree-Law 73/2020 of 23 September, which establishes the legal framework for the exercise of professional commercial maritime fishing activity and the authorization, registration and licensing of vessels used in said activity.</p> <p>Provision is also made for sanctions, which cover violations of RFMO rules and, in particular, for catches of prohibited species, in accordance with Article 12(1)(b) and (2)(f) of Decree-Law 35/2019 of March 11.</p>	
5.3	Res 15/02 (1, 2) (2023)	Nominal catches / Retained catches – All Fisheries	30/6/2024	C	N/C2	<p>ESP: Date received: 31.07.2024. 31 days after deadline. STD: Yes</p> <p>FRA: Date received: 28.06.2024. STD: Yes</p> <p>ITA: Received: 28.06.2024. STD: Yes</p> <p>PRT: Received: 30.06.2024. Standard: Yes</p> <p>Failed to ensure compliance of the same obligation for two or more consecutive years</p>	<p>EU-ESP: Waiting for the Flag State authorities to provide explanation and follow-up actions.</p>	-
5.4	Res 15/02 (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)	Catch discarded – IOTC species, sharks, turtles, seabirds, cetaceans, whale sharks, mobulids - All fisheries	30/6/2024	N/C2	N/C2	<p>ESP: Date received: 31.07.2024. 31 days after deadline. STD: Yes</p> <p>FRA: Date received: 28.06.2024. STD: Yes</p> <p>ITA: Received: 28.06.2024. STD: Yes</p> <p>PRT: Received: 01.10.2024. 93 days after deadline. STD: Yes</p> <p>Failed to ensure compliance of the same obligation for two or more consecutive years</p>	<p>EU-ESP: Waiting for the Flag State authorities to provide explanation and follow-up actions. EU-PRT: deadlines issues should not occur again.</p>	-
5.5	Res 15/02 (1/4,	Catch and Effort Geo-referenced – All Fisheries & FAD –	30/6/2024	N/C2	N/C2	<p>ESP: Date received: 21.07.2024. 31 days after deadline. Aggregated sources of data</p>	<p>EU-ESP: Waiting for the Flag State authorities to provide explanation and follow-up actions.</p>	-

	6b) 17/05 (6) 18/02 (3) 18/05 (8) (2023)	Days at sea (Effort) by support vessels				(EL+LG+OB+TR) and no coverage (type & value) for LL fishery. FRA: Date received: 28.06.2024. STD: Yes ITA: Date received: 28.06.2024. STD: Yes PRT: Date received: 30.06.2024. STD: Yes Failed to ensure compliance of the same obligation for two or more consecutive years		
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.	Waiting for the Flag State authorities to provide explanation and follow-up actions. Details of the non-compliance was provided too close to the deadline to be able to provide substantive answer at this stage. the EU will provide follow-up actions for each specific issues in the action plan, to be submitted before the compliance committee and presented during the compliance committee	-
5.7	Res 19/02 (22) 24/02 (45) (2023)	Drifting floating objects (DFOB) related activities (FADs set by type)	30/6/2024	N/C2	N/C2	ESP: Date received: 31.07.2024 and 14.11.2024. 31/137 days after deadline. STD: No FRA: Date received: 28.06.2024. STD: Yes ITA: Received: 28.06.2024. STD: Yes Failed to ensure compliance of the same obligation for two or more consecutive years.	EU-ESP: Waiting for the Flag State authorities to provide explanation and follow-up actions.	-

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

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

## 8. Transhipments

8.2	Res. 24/05 Annexe 1 (6) (2024)	Transhipments in port report	12/2/2025	C	P/C	Received 12.02.2025. <u>STD</u> :NO - Missing information for ITA.	EU-ITA: Waiting for the Flag State authorities to provide explanation and follow-up actions.	-
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## 9. Observers

9.2	Res. 22/04 (3) (2023)	5% Observer coverage mandatory at sea (all vessels)	17/11/2024	P/C	P/C	LEG: YES - Regulation (EU) 2022/2343 Articles 30, 33 & 51(6),(7) STD: NO - Mandatory coverage not achieved for all fleet segments; data not provided for ESP LL fishery. SP: YES - Provided & described for i) ii) iii).	EU-ESP: Waiting for the Flag State authorities to provide explanation and follow-up actions.	-
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9.4	Res. 22/04 (18) (2023)	At sea observer reports	17/11/2024	P/C	P/C	STD: NO - Mandatory coverage not achieved for all fleet segments; data not provided for ESP LL fishery.	EU-ESP: Waiting for the Flag State authorities to provide explanation and follow-up actions.	-

## 10. Statistical document programme

10.3	Res. 01/06 (6) (2023)	Annual report	12/2/2025	N/C1	N/C1	STD: - No report provided. Import from EU flag vessels reported by China, Japan, Mauritius & Republic of Korea.	The EU does not necessarily agree with the interpretation that those were export from the EU. The EU would like this resolution and this paragraph to be discussed during the Compliance Committee so the interpretation of this paragraph is shared among all CPCs and with Secretariat.	-
10.4	Res. 01/06 (2 & 3) (2024)	Information on authorised institutions and personnel	23/1/2025	C	P/C	Received 07.10.2024 & 13.03.2025 <b>STD:</b> NO - Report provided with information on national authorities and authorized officers - Reported 1 new institution and 3 new officer(s) and change of seal in 2024. <b>Missing information on institution(s) and / or officer(s) that are not anymore authorised (Section 4.2 not responded / completed).</b>	Specified. This was an overlook in eMaris.	-

## 11. Port inspection

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 European Union :

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The Compliance Action Plan was :

Received by the deadline

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

01-08-2024

## Summary of European Union 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 (%)
55	7	3	7	14	0	76.4

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

Having reviewed the 2025 Draft Compliance Report for European Union, 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)
2.11b	AFADs management plan	Received 18.12.2024 & 13.03.2025 <u>LEG</u> :Submitted <i>Article 216 (2) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union</i> . <u>STD</u> :NO – AFADs EU RUN plan submitted according to Annex 1 23/01. <b>AFADs MYT EU plan NOT submitted (Has provided a map of the AFADs deployed).</b> <u>SP</u> :YES – Provided for i) ii) iii). <u>QBS</u> :Has declared 'AFAD management plan of La Réunion submitted for 2024 is still valid for 2025. No update required' AND ' <i>The AFAD management plan of Mayotte is still missing and will be provided at a later date.</i> '	N/C1	P/C
5.1	Nominal catches / Zero Catch Matrix – All Fisheries (Species presence in the catch)	ESP: Date received: 31.07.2024. 31 days after deadline. STD: Yes FRA: Date received: 28.06.2024. STD: Yes ITA: Received: 28.06.2024. STD: Yes PRT: Received: 30.06.2024. STD: Yes Failed to ensure compliance of the same obligation for two or more consecutive years.	N/C2	N/C2
5.4	Catch discarded – IOTC species, sharks, turtles, seabirds, cetaceans, whale sharks, mobulids - All fisheries	ESP: Date received: 31.07.2024. 31 days after deadline. STD: Yes FRA: Date received: 28.06.2024. STD: Yes ITA: Received: 28.06.2024. STD: Yes PRT: Received: 01.10.2024. 93 days after deadline. STD: Yes Failed to ensure compliance of the same obligation for two or more consecutive years	N/C2	N/C2
5.5	Catch and Effort Geo-referenced – All Fisheries & FAD – Days at sea (Effort) by support vessels	ESP: Date received: 21.07.2024. 31 days after deadline. Aggregated sources of data (EL+LG+OB+TR) and no coverage (type &value) for LL fishery. FRA: Date received: 28.06.2024. STD: Yes ITA: Date received: 28.06.2024. STD: Yes PRT: Date received: 30.06.2024. STD: Yes Failed to ensure compliance of the same obligation for two or more consecutive years	N/C2	N/C2
5.7	Drifting floating objects (DFOB) related activities (FADs set by type)	ESP: Date received: 31.07.2024 and 14.11.2024. 31/137 days after deadline. STD: No FRA: Date received: 28.06.2024. STD: Yes ITA: Received: 28.06.2024. STD: Yes Failed to ensure compliance of the same obligation for two or more consecutive years.	N/C2	N/C2
9.2		LEG: YES - Regulation (EU) 2022/2343 Articles 30, 33 & 51(6),(7) STD: NO - Mandatory coverage not achieved for all fleet segments; data not provided for ESP LL fishery.	P/C	P/C

	5% Observer coverage mandatory at sea (all vessels)	SP: YES - Provided & described for i) ii) iii).		
9.4	At sea observer reports	STD: NO - Mandatory coverage not achieved for all fleet segments; data not provided for ESP LL fishery.	P/C	P/C
10.3	Annual report	STD: - No report provided. Import from EU flag vessels reported by China, Japan, Mauritius & Republic of Korea.	N/C1	N/C1

*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”).