

IOTC-2025-CoC22-sCR24(Summary)-Sri Lanka [E]

2025 **Summary** Compliance Report for: Sri Lanka

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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	P/C	Received 02.12.2024. LEG: Submitted - "Fish Catch Data Collection Regulations, 2014". Legislation obliges FV to carry on board: bound logbook. No provision for logbooks with consecutively numbered pages / original recordings for at least 12 months. SP: YES – Provided & described for i) ii) & iii), based on legislation and National Plan of Control and Inspections of Fishing Vessels Sri Lanka" (NPCISL).	Agree	- -
2.8	Res. 17/07	Ban on large-scale driftnets IOTC Area & MCS actions	12/2/2025	P/C	P/C	LEG: NO - Banned only on the high seas by the "High Seas Fishing Operations Regulations No.1 of 2014" published in Gazette Ex-	Agree	- -

	(2) (6) (2024)	large-scale driftnets IOTC Area				traordinary 1878/12 and by the Terms and Conditions of the ATF. STD: YES - MCS actions provided in e-MARIS, in the agreed format. SP: YES – Provided/described for a), b) and c).		
2.20	Res. 21/01 (21/24) (2024)	Gillnet - Report level implementation paragraphs 21-23	12/2/2025	P/C	P/C	LEG: NO - Provided "High Seas Fishing Operations Regulations No. 1 of 2014" and "Circular on implementation of port sampling". Secretariat unable to identify the R21/01 (21-23) provisions/requirements. STD: YES - Although information on the level of implementation of para. 21-23 is provided in section A on System and Procedures, instead of Section B. SP: NO - Provided/described for a), but not for b) and c).	Agree	- -
2.23	Res. 11/02 (2) (2024)	Prohibition intentionally fishing within 1 nautical mile/interacting data buoy	23/1/2025	C	P/C	LEG: YES – Submitted - " High Seas Fishing Operations Regulations No. 1 of 2014 (x)". Prohibition only applies in high seas, not in the entire IOTC area of competence. STD: N/A. SP: YES – Provided / described for a), b) and c).	Agree	- -
2.24	Res. 11/02 (3) (2024)	Prohibition taking on board data buoy	23/1/2025	C	P/C	LEG: YES – Submitted - " High Seas Fishing Operations Regulations No. 1 of 2014 (x)". Prohibition only applies in high seas, not in the entire IOTC area of competence. STD: N/A. SP: YES – Provided / described for a), b) and c).	Agree	- -

3. Reporting on Vessels

3.6	Res. 19/04 (3) (2024)	List of Authorized vessels	23/1/2025	N/C2	P/C	LEG: N/A. STD: NO - Information not provided at IOTC standard R19/04 (3); mandatory information missing [IMO Number, IRCS, Beneficial Owner Details, Company Details, Fish Hold Volume, Photographs starboard side; Photographs portside ; Photographs bow]. SP : N/A.	Agree	- -
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4. Vessel Monitoring System

5. Mandatory statistical requirement – Flag State CPCs

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

6.9	Res. 12/04 (5) (2024)	Report progress implementation R12/04	12/2/2025	P/C	P/C	LEG: N/A. STD: NO - Report on progress implementation of R12/04 NOT fully completed by IOTC standards. Missing information requirements: Collaborate with IOSEA. SP: N/A.	Agree	-
6.11	Res 24/06 (1) (2024)	Retention of target tuna species (YFT/SKJ/ BET) on board vessel	12/2/2025 (Since 2024)	C	P/C	LEG: YES - Submitted: High Seas Fishing Operations Regulations No. 1 of 2014 published in Gazette Extraordinary 1878/12 and Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (Amendment) Act No.35 of 2013. It affects purse seiners only. The scope of the obligation is limited to high seas and not to the entire IOTC area of competence. STD: N/A. SP: YES – Provided & described for a) b) c).	Agree	-
6.12	Res 24/06 (3) (2024)	Retention of non target species on board vessel	12/2/2025 (Since 2024)	C	P/C	LEG: NO- Submitted: Specific conditions for fishing operations - XI. It applies the ban for purse seiners only. The scope of the obligation is limited to high seas and not to the entire IOTC area of competence. STD: N/A. SP: YES – Provided & described for a) b) c).	Agree	-

7. Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) Vessels

7.1	Res. 24/03 (19) (2024)	IUU listing (at previous sessions)	18/3/2025	N/C2	N/C2	STD: 3 vessels listed on IOTC IUU vessels list in 2024, in two consecutive years 2024 and 2023	Agree	-
7.2	Res. 24/09 (1) (2024)	Compliance by nationals (at previous sessions)	18/3/2025	N/C2	N/C2	Nationals on 3 vessels listed on IOTC IUU vessels list in 2024 and 2023.	Agree	-

8. Transhipments

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 - High Seas Fishing Operations Regulations STD: YES - Mandatory coverage not achieved for all fleet segments; purse seine, longline, pole & line, gillnet & other fisheries. SP: YES - Provided & described for i) ii) iii).	Agree	-
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10. Statistical document programme

11. Port inspection

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)	C	P/C	LEG: N/A. STD: NO - Declares that conducted 15 port inspections during 2024. Number of PIRs through e-PSM: 15, of which 3 PIRs were not provided within 3 working days. SP : N/A.	Not Agree *The PIR "TERRE_FRA_20240607_34732 PIR_FRANCHE" submitted through using the offline PIR application (Tablet). But there was a system error and couldn't submitted within 3 days. We informed the issue to IOTC on 07.06.2024 through email (florian.giroux@iotc.org, epsm@iotc.org, Jose.Acuna@fao.org). Problem was solved on 24.09.2024 and submitted the PIR. *Submission of the PIR "YOU_TWN_20240301_33698 PIR_YU" and "NO.212_TWN_20240801_35848 LIH PIR_JAIN " got late because of a connection error. However without these 3 late submissions we submitted 12 PIR's to IOTC through IOTC e-psm on-time. It covered the 5% coverage according to the IOTC resolution 16/11(Paragraph 10.1)Therefore we complied with the IOTC resolution 16/11. Therefore this "P/C" should be amended as "C"	-
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	LEG: NO - Provided 2024 Permit Conditions: Foreign vessels entering South Africa's EEZ and designated ports. Secretariat unable to identify provision Resolution 16/11 for 9.5 (withdrawal of denial).	Agree	-

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 Sri Lanka :

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The Compliance Action Plan was :

Not required/applicable - Action proposed by Sri Lanka during the CoC

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

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Summary of Sri Lanka 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 (%)
37	12	0	3	34	0	71.2

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

Having reviewed the 2025 Draft Compliance Report for Sri Lanka, 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)
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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”).