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**ACRONYMS** 

CCSBT Commission for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna

CDS catch documentation scheme

CMM conservation and management measure (of the IOTC; Resolutions and Recommendations)

CoC Compliance Committee of the IOTC

CPC Contracting Party (or "Member") and cooperating non-Contracting Party

DFAD drifting fish aggregation device EMS electronic monitoring system FAD fish aggregation device

FAO Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

GIES FAO's Global Information Exchange System

ICCAT International Convention for the Conservation of Atlantic Tuna

IOTC Indian Ocean Tuna Commission
IUU illegal, unreported and unregulated
MCS monitoring, control and surveillance

OT Overseas Territory

RAV IOTC Record of Authorised Vessels

ROP Regional Observer Programme to monitor transhipments at sea

ROS Regional Observer Scheme

SCAF Standing Committee on Administration and Finance of the IOTC

SIOFA Southern Indian Ocean Fisheries Agreement

VMS vessel monitoring system

WGEMS Working Group on Electronic Monitoring Standards

WPICMM Working Party on the Implementation of Conservation and Management Measures

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#### Level 1: From a subsidiary body of the Commission to the next level in the structure of the Commission:

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#### Level 3: General terms to be used for consistency:

**AGREED**: Any point of discussion from a meeting which the IOTC body considers to be an agreed course of action covered by its mandate, which has not already been dealt with under Level 1 or level 2 above; a general point of agreement among delegations/participants of a meeting which does not need to be considered/adopted by the next level in the Commission's structure.

**NOTED/NOTING**: Any point of discussion from a meeting which the IOTC body considers to be important enough to record in a meeting report for future reference.

**Any other term:** Any other term may be used in addition to the Level 3 terms to highlight to the reader of and IOTC report, the importance of the relevant paragraph. However, other terms used are considered for explanatory/informational purposes only and shall have no higher rating within the reporting terminology hierarchy than Level 3, described above (e.g. **CONSIDERED**; **URGED**; **ACKNOWLEDGED**).

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#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

#### **Opening of the Session**

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Attendees comprised delegates of 26 Contracting Parties (Members), one Cooperating non-Contracting Party, and 12 Observers, including Invited Experts. The list of participants is provided at <u>Appendix 1</u>. The meeting was chaired by Mr Indra Jaya (IDN), the Chairperson of the Compliance Committee.

The following is a subset of the complete set of recommendations from the CoC22 to the Commission, which are provided at Appendix 8.

- CoC22.01 (Para. 20) The CoC22 **RECOMMENDED** that the work of the CDSWG be paused awaiting to the outcome of the work within ICCAT and the TCAC.
- CoC22.02 (Para. 21) The CoC22 **RECOMMENDED** that the Chair of the WPICMM provides updates on progress being made by ICCAT to implement a CDS on tropical tunas.
- CoC22.03 (Para. 31) The CoC22 **RECOMMENDED** the Commission postpone the VMSWG until the Commission defines the scope of a regional VMS in the IOTC and adopts an updated resolution on VMS.
- CoC22.04 (Para. 32) The CoC22 **RECOMMENDED** the Commission task the WPICMM to intersessionally define the scope of a regional VMS for the IOTC and its estimated cost, and submit a proposal to amend the VMS resolution to the 2026 Commission meeting.
- CoC22.05 (Para. 36) The CoC22 **RECOMMENDED** that the Commission amend Appendix V of the IOTC Rules of Procedure as per document IOTC-2025-S29-06.
- CoC22.06 (Para. 40) The CoC22 **RECOMMENDED** the Commission to endorse the consolidated set of recommendations adopted by the WIPCMM08 (Appendix 6).
- CoC22.07 (Para. 44) The CoC22 **RECOMMENDED** that the Commission adopt the Glossary of terms agreed by the WPICMM08.
- CoC22.08 (Para. 49) The CoC22 **RECOMMENDED** that the Commission adopt the amendments proposed in the revision of Resolution 24/10.
- CoC22.09 (Para. 53) The CoC22 **RECOMMENDED** to amend Resolution 24/05 to incorporate the changes agreed by the CoC22.
- CoC22.10 (Para. 72) The CoC22 **RECOMMENDED** the Secretariat to collaborate with developing coastal States to assess their needs for establishing robust data collection systems and to prepare a funding proposal for submission to donors.

#### 1. OPENING OF THE SESSION

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#### 2. LETTERS OF CREDENTIALS

- 3. The CoC22 **NOTED** that letters of credentials had been received from 29 CPCs: Australia, Bangladesh, China, Comoros, European Union, France (OT), India, Indonesia, Iran, Japan, Kenya, Korea (Republic of), Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldives, Mauritius, Mozambique, Oman, Pakistan, Philippines, Seychelles, Somalia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, Thailand, United Kingdom, Yemen and Liberia.
- 4. The CoC22 **NOTED** that one (1) CPC, Sudan, has not provided credentials.
- 5. The CoC22 NOTED that one Non-Contracting Party, Panama, has provided credentials.
- 6. The CoC22 **NOTED** that three (3) CPCs, Yemen, Somalia and Comoros, although provided credentials, did not attend or connect to the meeting.
- 7. The CoC22 **NOTED** that letters of Credentials had been received from 12 Observers, including Invited Experts.

#### 3. ADMISSION OF OBSERVERS

8. Pursuant to Article VII of the Agreement establishing the IOTC, the CoC22 admitted the following observers, as defined in Rule XIV of the IOTC Rules of Procedure (2023):

#### Members or Associate Members of the FAO

i. Panama

#### **Intergovernmental Organisations**

- ii. Commission for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna (CCSBT)
- iii. Southern Indian Ocean Fisheries Agreement (SIOFA)

#### Non-governmental organizations having special competence in the field of activity of the Commission.

- iv. Australian National Centre for Ocean Resources & Security (ANCORS)
- v. Bloom
- vi. International Seafood Sustainability Foundation (ISSF)
- vii. The Pew Charitable Trusts (PEW)
- viii. QMCS-Quingdao Marine Conservation Society
  - ix. Sharks Guardian
  - x. Shark trust
- xi. Sustainable Fisheries and Communities Trust (SFACT)

#### **Invited Experts**

xii. Taiwan, Province of China.

#### 4. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SESSION

9. The CoC22 **REQUESTED** that the order of the agenda be adjusted to address item 6 on the working groups' progress reports prior to the presentation of the WPICMM08 summary report

- 10. The CoC22 **NOTED** the request by Australia and the European Union to allocate time under agenda item 15, *Any Other Business*, to present to the plenary their proposals for amending various Resolutions including Resolution 19/04 and Resolution 15/03.
- 11. The CoC22 **ADOPTED** the amended Agenda provided at <u>Appendix 2</u>. The documents presented to the CoC22 are listed at <u>Appendix 3</u>.

#### 5. REPORTS OF THE WORKING GROUPS ON CDS, VMS AND APPENDIX V OF THE IOTC ROP

12. The CoC22 **NOTED** document <u>IOTC-2025-CoC22-11</u>, presenting the progress of the Catch Documentation Scheme, the Vessel Monitoring System Working Group and the ad hoc Working Group on Appendix V of the IOTC Rules of Procedure.

#### **5.1.** CATCH DOCUMENTATION SCHEME

- 13. The CoC22 **NOTED** that several CPCs supported the implementation of an IOTC CDS and **FURTHER NOTED** the current workload of the IOTC does not allow sufficient time to advance the CDS further. There were also concerns to implement an CDS for small-scale fisheries.
- 14. The CoC22 NOTED the lack of engagement of the majority of CPCs in the exercise.
- 15. The CoC22 **NOTED** that there is ongoing work within the context of ICCAT to develop a CDS for tuna and tuna-like species other than bluefin tuna by 2026, and **FURTHER NOTED** that the TCAC is set to conclude its work in 2027.
- 16. The CoC22 **NOTED** that addressing both VMS and CDS at the same time seem to cause difficulty for CPCs considering the high level of expertise required and hampers progress.
- 17. The CoC22 **NOTED** that there is a need to prioritize the work of the Commission and **FURTHER NOTED** that the main focus of the Commission on this regard should be to improve collection of mandatory catch statistics by each CPC.
- 18. The CoC22 **NOTED** that pausing the work of the CDSWG should not prevent CPCs from addressing national issues on data collection.
- 19. The CoC22 **NOTED** that the Chairperson of the WPICMM is also the Chairperson of the ICCAT Working Group on CDS.

#### Recommendation/s

- 20. The CoC22 **RECOMMENDED** that the work of the CDSWG be paused awaiting to the outcome of the work within ICCAT and the TCAC.
- 21. The CoC22 **RECOMMENDED** that the Chair of the WPICMM provides updates on progress being made by ICCAT to implement a CDS on tuna and tuna-like species other than bluefin tuna.

#### 5.2. AN IOTC VESSEL MONITORING SYSTEM

- 22. The CoC22 NOTED the progress made on the design and implementation plan of the VMS Pilot Project.
- 23. The CoC22 **NOTED** the list of decision points requiring validation by the Commission (available as <a href="IOTC-2025-CoC22-11\_Add3">IOTC-2025-CoC22-11\_Add3</a>).
- 24. The CoC22 **NOTED** document <a href="IOTC-2025-CoC22-11">IOTC-2025-CoC22-11</a>\_ Add7 on a proposed work plan and **AGREED** to take elements of the work plan to the WPICMM with a focus on element 4 "consider improvements that can be made to Resolution 15/03", reduce the number of meetings proposed and take the opportunity to amend the ToR of the VMSWG.
- 25. The CoC22 **NOTED** the general support for a regional VMS and **FURTHER NOTED** that a regional system would complement national efforts to fight against Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) fishing.
- 26. The CoC22 also **NOTED** the legal concerns expressed by China, regarding the sharing of data to a third party, in addition to the financial and human resources capacity that would be required to operate a regional VMS.

- 27. The CoC22 **NOTED** that a CPC recalled that, while consensus is the established global practice of decision-making, the IOTC Agreement includes the objection mechanism in case that a CPC expressed serious concerns on any IOTC Conservation and Management Measure.
- 28. The CoC22 **NOTED** the need to address CPCs difficulties to participate in a regional VMS and proposed that the Commission first amend Resolution 15/03 in an appropriate way, however, this should not prevent interested CPCs from proposing a VMS Pilot Project.
- 29. The CoC22 **THANKED** the Chair of the VMSWG noting the valuable work accomplished through the VMSWG and the progress made in the development of a future pilot project for a regional VMS in the IOTC.
- 30. The CoC22 **NOTED** that the majority of CPCs participating in CoC22, encouraged CPCs who have expressed concerns about adopting a regional VMS system to engage in the work on a regional VMS with the goal of being able to adopt an amended resolution in 2026.

#### Recommendation/s

- 31. The CoC22 **RECOMMENDED** the Commission postpone the VMSWG until the Commission defines the scope of a regional VMS in the IOTC and adopts an updated resolution on VMS.
- 32. The CoC22 **RECOMMENDED** the Commission task the WPICMM to intersessionally define the scope of a regional VMS for the IOTC and its estimated cost, and submit a proposal to amend the VMS resolution to the 2026 Commission meeting.

#### 5.3. APPENDIX V OF THE IOTC RULES OF PROCEDURE

- 33. The CoC22 NOTED the information provided in document IOTC-2025-CoC22-11 Add1.
- 34. The CoC22 **CONSIDERED** that the proposed amendments have adequately clarified the preparatory works of the IOTC Compliance Committee.
- 35. The CoC22 **ENDORSED** the amendments proposed by the Ad Hoc Working Group on Appendix V of the IOTC Rules of Procedures (WGAV) to paragraphs 4. a) i), iii) and iv) of Appendix V of the IOTC Rules of Procedure.

#### Recommendation/s

36. The CoC22 **RECOMMENDED** that the Commission amend Appendix V of the IOTC Rules of Procedure as per document IOTC-2025-S29-06.

# 6. REPORT OF THE WORKING PARTY ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT MEASURES (WPICMM08)

- 37. The CoC22 **NOTED** document <u>IOTC-2025-CoC22-11</u>, presenting the progress of the Working Party on the Implementation of Conservation and Management Measures.
- 38. The CoC22 **NOTED** <u>IOTC-2025-WPICMM08-R</u> with a consolidated set of recommendations in its Appendix 4, presented in <u>Appendix 6</u> of this report.
- 39. The CoC22 **NOTED** that the European Union, in collaboration with other CPCs, has volunteered to work intersessionally on the Scheme to operationalise the FAO Voluntary Guideline for Fishing Gear and Fish Aggregating Devices in the IOTC Area, allowing for another round of comments to finalise it before publishing it on the IOTC website.

#### Recommendation/s

40. The CoC22 **RECOMMENDED** the Commission to endorse the consolidated set of recommendations adopted by the WIPCMM08 (<u>Appendix 6</u>).

#### 6.1. REVIEW OF THE IOTC GLOSSARY OF TERMS AND DEFINITIONS.

- 41. The CoC22 **NOTED** document <u>IOTC-2025-CoC22-11</u> Add4, presenting the glossary of terms and definitions as agreed upon by the S28 and the WPICMM08, intended to be used by Members as a guideline when drafting proposals for Resolutions for the Commission.
- 42. The CoC22 NOTED that all terms and definitions from the Glossary have been completed.
- 43. The CoC22 ENDORSED the terms and definitions from the Glossary without changes.

#### Recommendation/s

- 44. The CoC22 **RECOMMENDED** that the Commission adopt the Glossary of terms agreed by the WPICMM08.
- 6.2. PROPOSED REVISION OF RESOLUTION 24/10.
- 45. The CoC22 **NOTED** document <u>IOTC-2025-CoC22-11 Add5</u>, tabling a proposal of revision to Resolution 24/10 for recommendation to the Commission (S29).
- 46. The CoC22 NOTED the Proposal C (S29) from South Africa.
- 47. The CoC22 **NOTED** that the proposal from South Africa seeks to repeal Resolution 05/03 with an active requirement that should be incorporated within Resolution 16/11.
- 48. The CoC22 **AGREED** to modify Resolution 16/11 as proposed in the reference document IOTC-2025-CoC22-REF02.

#### Recommendation/s

- 49. The CoC22 **RECOMMENDED** that the Commission adopt the amendments proposed in the revision of Resolution 24/10.
- 6.3. AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTIONS REGARDING COMPLIANCE MATTERS.
- 50. The CoC22 **NOTED** document <u>IOTC-2025-CoC22-11 Add6</u>, presenting amendments to paragraph 33 of Resolution 24/05 and paragraph 31 of Resolution 24/03 regarding compliance matters.
- 51. The CoC22 **NOTED** that there was currently no consensus on the amendments to Resolution 24/03 to cross-list from NPFC.
- 52. The CoC22 AGREED to amend Resolution 24/05 as provided in document IOTC-2025-CoC22-11\_Add6.

#### Recommendation/s

53. The CoC22 **RECOMMENDED** to amend Resolution 24/05 to incorporate the changes agreed by the CoC22.

#### 7. REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF IOTC CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT MEASURES

#### 7.1. GLOBAL REVIEW OF SELECTED CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT MEASURES

- 54. The CoC22 **NOTED** document <u>IOTC-2025-CoC22-03</u> <u>Rev1</u>, prepared by the IOTC Secretariat, which summarised the level of compliance by CPCs with IOTC Resolutions and **FURTHER NOTED** that the current level of compliance of the Commission has increased from 56 percent for 2023, to 67.26 percent for 2024, at the moment of the presentation of the above-mentioned document.
- 55. The CoC22 **NOTED** that of the 86 individual requirements were assessed, of which 38 were assessed at below the 2024 Commission's average compliance rate, and 48 above.
- 56. The CoC22 **NOTED** that of the three mandatory reports assessed, two (IR, 70% and NR, 87%) were found to be above the Commission's average compliance rate (67.26%), while one, the compliance questionnaire (60%), fell below this benchmark.
- 57. The CoC22 **NOTED** the need for improvements regarding the timeliness of submissions of the three mandatory reports.
- 58. The CoC22 **REQUESTED** the Secretariat to present the non-compliance issues in a disaggregated manner within the Summary report on the level of compliance.

59. The CoC22 **ACKNOWLEDGED** the significant progress in the compliance ratings of several CPCs, including Iran, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mozambique, Oman and Tanzania, and **ENCOURAGED** other CPCs with lower compliance rates to seek assistance from the IOTC Secretariat to enhance their compliance performance for the following year.

#### **Implementation Reports**

60. The CoC22 **NOTED** that seven CPCs (Bangladesh, Kenya, Liberia, Pakistan, Somalia, Sudan and Yemen) did not submit an Implementation Report, and two CPCs submitted Implementation Reports after the deadline (Comoros and India).

#### **Compliance Questionnaires**

- 61. The CoC22 **NOTED** that six CPCs (Bangladesh, Liberia, Pakistan, Somalia, Sudan and Yemen) did not submit the Compliance Questionnaire. Three CPCs submitted it after the deadline (Comoros, United Kingdom and South Africa) and five were not fully completed (Comoros, Kenya, Mozambique, Oman and South Africa).
- 62. The CoC22 NOTED the need to improve the completeness of the Compliance Questionnaire.

#### Compliance issues related to data standards

#### Record of Authorised Vessels (Resolution 19/04)

63. The CoC22 **NOTED** that legacy data uploaded into the e-RAV continue to influence compliance (43%) with the reporting requirements for IMO numbers, volume of fish holds, beneficial owners, companies operating the vessels and photographs.

## Reporting of mandatory statistics (Resolutions 15/02, 17/05 & 18/07) and Regional Observer Scheme (Resolution 22/04)

- 64. The CoC22 **NOTED** that, while the overall quality of data reporting to the IOTC has improved over the past decade for key datasets, the compliance rate with Resolution 15/02 (Catch statistics, 55%) and Resolution 22/04 (Observer scheme, 32%) remains low.
- 65. The CoC22 **NOTED** that the significant decline in reporting quality of retained catch for 2023, particularly for neritic and tropical tunas, is due to missing 2023 data.
- 66. The CoC22 **NOTED** that size frequency data reporting remains below the target of one fish per metric ton for most fisheries and **FURTHER NOTED** that data on discards remain sparse and not compliant with IOTC standards for most fisheries.
- 67. The CoC22 **NOTED** that overall, in terms of compliance with statistical data reporting requirements, three CPCs were assessed as fully compliant, 23 as partially compliant, three non-compliant and three not applicable.

#### Reporting on port inspections (Resolution 16/11)

- 68. The CoC22 **NOTED** that some port States did not provide port inspection reports, did not report the change of their designated ports to the Secretariat and did not inspect/monitor at least 5% of landing and transhipment in 2024.
- 69. The CoC22 **NOTED** that the e-PSM application, is equipped with a tool that allows port States to conduct inspection on board vessels with a tablet and that some port States using e-PSM have been trained and provided with tablets, allowing CPCs to comply with the three (3) days deadline to submit inspection reports.

#### Compliance issues related to legislation and systems and procedures

- 70. The CoC22 **NOTED** that some compliance issues are related to the lack of transposition of IOTC Resolutions into the national legislation and/or the non-submission of reporting of system and procedures.
- 71. The CoC22 **URGED** CPCs to provide to the Commission their laws, regulations or administrative instructions in force (including terms and conditions of flag State Authorisation to Fish having force of law) relating to the implementation of conservation and management of stocks covered by the IOTC Agreement, and to inform the Commission of any amendment or repeal of the legal or administrative instruments, in compliance with the Article XI.2 of the IOTC Agreement.

#### Recommendation/s

72. The CoC22 **RECOMMENDED** the Secretariat to collaborate with developing coastal States to assess their needs for establishing robust data collection systems and to prepare a funding proposal for submission to donors.

#### 7.2. REVIEW OF CPC'S COMPLIANCE REPORTS TOGETHER WITH ASSOCIATED REPORTS

#### **Compliance Reports**

- 73. The CoC22 **NOTED** that the assessments of CPCs were based on the following documents relevant to this agenda item, including:
  - a) Compliance review process and assessment criteria specified in Appendix V, IOTC Rules of Procedure (2023).
  - b) Conclusions derived from the meetings of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Appendix V of the IOTC Rules of Procedure (IOTC-2025-WGAV).
  - c) IOTC-2025-CoC22-IR01-30: Implementation Reports.
  - d) IOTC-2025-CoC22-CQ01-30: Compliance Questionnaires.
  - e) <u>IOTC-2025-CoC22-04a</u>: Report on establishing a Programme for Transhipment by Large-Scale Tuna Fishing Vessels.
  - f) Implementation of reporting obligations of nominal catch data (IOTC Resolution 18/07).
  - g) <u>IOTC-2025-CoC22-08a</u>: Summary of compliance with the drifting fish aggregating devices management plans.
  - h) <u>IOTC-2025-CoC22-08b</u>: Summary of compliance with the anchored fish aggregating devices management plans.
- 74. The CoC22 **NOTED** that although the Commission endorsed making the use of the e-PSM application mandatory, it has not been reflected in the Resolution 16/11
- 75. The CoC22 **REQUESTED** the Secretariat to propose to the next meeting of the WPICMM, an amendment to Resolution 16/11, to make the use of e-PSM mandatory.
- 76. The CoC22 **NOTED** that the IOTC is the first RFMO to connect to the FAO GIES and **FURTHER NOTED** that the information exchange has limitations as it is unidirectional and only accepts information from the regional system to the global system. The CoC22 **REQUESTED** the Secretariat to liaise with the FAO to find a solution to that situation.
- 77. The CoC22 **NOTED** the challenges faced by CPCs to collect size-frequency data and **REQUESTED** that the Working Party on Data Collection and Statistics (WPDCS), should provide the CoC23 with advice on the impact of lowering the requirement of 1 fish per metric ton, in cases where the quantities of catches are less than one metric ton for particular species.
- 78. The CoC22 **EMPHASIZED** the importance of the RAV for fisheries management and surveillance purposes, especially with regards to the proper identification of potential IUU vessels and **REQUESTED** CPCs to ensure that mandatory information on vessel identifiers and all photographs are provided for all vessels in the e-RAV, as per paragraph 3 of Resolution 19/04.
- 79. The CoC22 **NOTED** the difficulties from Iran to update the data of its vessels in the e-RAV system and that Iran is working with the Secretariat to submit the missing mandatory information. The CoC22 **REQUESTED** Iran to provide a timeline for the update of mandatory information, in particular with regard to photographs of the vessels.
- 80. The CoC22 **REQUESTED** that the IOTC Secretariat issue a circular towards the end of the year to remind CPCs of the need to update and complete all mandatory information on their vessel records.
- 81. The CoC22 **NOTED** the utility and benefits of e-MARIS and, while encouraging and expressing strong support for its use, do not perceive the need to make its use mandatory, allowing flexibility in its adoption.

- 82. The CoC22 **REQUESTED** the Secretariat, with regards to CPCs with compliance scores below 50%, to undertake compliance support missions to assist them to improve their overall compliance score.
- 83. The CoC22 **RECALLED** that the obligation to set gillnets 2 meters below the surface applies to all CPCs that operate with gillnets.
- 84. The CoC22 **ENCOURAGED** CPCs to ensure the timely payment of ROP fees to enable its smooth continuation and **AGREED** that the deadline for payment of the ROP fee should not be assessed.
- 85. The CoC22 **NOTED** that some CPCs (Comoros, Somalia, Sudan and Yemen) were not physically or virtually present during CoC22 and **AGREED** to defer discussions on their Compliance Report to the Commission (S29).
- 86. The CoC22 **NOTED** the concerns raised by one CPC concerning the interpretation of Requirement 10.3 (Resolution 01/06 on bigeye tuna statistical document programme) and **AGREED** to discuss its implementation at the next WPICMM meeting.
- 87. The CoC22 **NOTED** that the European Union has submitted to the IOTC Secretariat its revised catch data for 2018, which has been incorporated into the datasets of the IOTC, and **FURTHER NOTED** that a description of the methodology would be submitted to the IOTC Secretariat for distribution by the end of CoC22, for it to be discussed at the Scientific Committee.
- 88. The CoC22 **NOTED** that some CPCs have challenges related to the implementation of Requirement 11.3, on the submission of port inspection reports, and **AGREED** that discussions on the possibility of extending the currently established deadline of three working days be held at the next WPICMM.
- 89. The CoC22 **NOTED** that Iran does not issue fishing licenses for its vessels to operate in the area under the jurisdiction of other coastal States waters and does not allow the retention of any shark species.
- 90. The CoC22 **NOTED** that the European Union had transmitted evidence of sightings of vessels operating in the waters of another coastal State. The CoC22 **REQUESTED** relevant flag States to consider these sightings.
- 91. The CoC22 **NOTED** the case of one CPC who replaced its supply vessel by another vessel that was already registered on the RAV, under a different flag but with greater capacity, being given that the Resolution 21/01 refers to the number and not to the characteristics of the supply vessel. The CoC22 **AGREED** that this is allowed in Resolution 21/01.
- 92. The CoC22 **ACKNOWLEDGED** the withdrawal of an objection to the catch limits of yellowfin tuna from a CPC. The CoC22 **AGREED** to discuss the mechanism to address payback of over-catches that occurred under the previously applicable Resolution at the next WPICMM and **ALSO AGREED** not to apply such a payback to the CPC in 2025. The CoC22 **FURTHER REQUESTED** the CPC to work with the Secretariat to identify potential payback, if any, based on the conclusions of the discussions to be held at the WPICMM.
- 93. The CoC22 **NOTED** that one CPC reminded that some CPCs implemented a payback from Resolution 19/01, deducting the over-harvest from previous years to the catch limits applied on Resolution 21/01.
- 94. The CoC22 **ACKNOWLEDGED** the work of Oman to improve their catch data and **REITERATED** its request to Oman to accept a mission from the IOTC Secretariat to evaluate its system in place for the collection and analysis of data. The CoC22 **NOTED** that, while the work on the reconciliation of catch data that would be presented to the WPDCS is being finalized, Oman would accept an IOTC mission.
- 95. The CoC22 EXPRESSED STRONG CONCERNS on the recurrent absence to the CoC, low compliance rate, and lack of engagement by certain CPCs (Pakistan, Somalia, Sudan and Yemen) and FURTHER EXPRESSED CONCERNS that such CPCs are proposing additional obligations through submitting proposals for CMMs to the Commission.
- 96. The CoC22 **NOTED** Pakistan statement that Pakistan has attended CoC meetings, either in person or online. Pakistan takes serious note on the issues of low compliance score and taking required necessary actions to improve its compliance score. Pakistan reassured that they would further improve their compliance score in the coming years. Pakistan will submit the required follow-up action in line with the

- IOTC Rules of Procedures and further take measures to significantly improve its compliance score as of next year.
- 97. The CoC22 **RECALLED** the obligation of CPCs to submit their compliance action plan within three months after the Commission meeting, in accordance to the IOTC Rules of Procedure.
- 98. The CoC22 **AGREED** to discuss the interpretation of paragraph 11 on the applicable reductions to the threshold limits specified in paragraphs (5-10) of Resolution 19/01, to the next meeting of the WPICMM.
- 99. The CoC22 **NOTED** that changes to CPCs' summary Compliance Reports are reflected in the provisional Compliance Reports of the concerned CPCs. These changes are summarised in <u>Appendix 7</u>.
- 100. The CoC22 **AGREED** that the details of an AFAD replacement, even at the exact same position, need to be reported in accordance with Resolution 23/01, paragraph 8.

#### Recommendation/s

101. The CoC22 **RECOMMENDED** that the Commission task the Working Party on Data Collection and Statistics (WPDCS) to provide the CoC23 with advice on the impact of lowering the requirement of 1 fish per metric ton, in cases where the quantities of catches are less than one metric ton for particular species.

#### 8. REVIEW OF INDONESIA'S PILOT PROJECT ON AT SEA TRANSHIPMENTS

- 102. The CoC22 **NOTED** document <u>IOTC-2025-CoC22-05</u> on <u>Report on Indonesia's Pilot Project to monitor transhipment</u>, prepared by Indonesia, which outlined the improvements recorded by Indonesia during the last extension of the Pilot Project (2023-2025).
- 103. The CoC22 **NOTED** document <u>IOTC-2025-CoC22-05 Add1 Rev1 on Independent Review of Indonesia's Pilot Project for monitoring at sea transhipments</u>, prepared by a consultant, which concluded that from the 23 requirements assessed, 26% were fully implemented, 65% were partially implemented and 9% were not implemented.
- 104. The CoC22 **NOTED** the continued increase on the number of large-scale tuna longline vessels and carrier vessels participating in the Project and **EXPRESSED CONCERNS** on whether this still could qualify as a Pilot Project.
- 105. The CoC22 **NOTED** that the Pilot Project has been ongoing since 2017 and that there is a need to rethink the approach on how Indonesia could implement the at sea transshipment programme.
- 106. The CoC22 **NOTED** that the main impediment for Indonesia to participate in the ROP is due to wooden carrier vessels of Indonesia not being required, because of their tonnage, to implement the requirements of SOLAS Resolutions.
- 107. The CoC22 **NOTED** that as a potential way forward, Indonesia could consider to voluntarily implement the SOLAS Resolutions to facilitate its integration within the ROP, while recognizing other outstanding difficulties highlighted by the independent assessment.
- 108. The CoC22 **AGREED** that it is not appropriate to further extend Indonesia's Pilot Project and **FURTHER AGREED** that Indonesia should propose a way forward, such as a transition plan for its incorporation into the ROP, that would be considered at the Commission (S29).

#### Recommendation/s

109. The CoC22 **RECOMMENDED** the Commission consider all information provided in both the consultant's and Indonesia's report along with the interventions made at the CoC22 to endorse a way forward.

# 9. REVIEW OF INFORMATION RELATED TO **IUU** FISHING ACTIVITIES IN THE **IOTC** AREA OF COMPETENCE Information received against seven vessels for notification of illegal fishing activities to IOTC Secretariat.

- 110. The CoC22 **NOTED** paper <u>IOTC–2025–CoC22–06</u>, which provide contexts to the activities of seven vessels registered to China (1), India (1) and Sri Lanka (5), as reported by Seychelles, South Africa and the United Kingdom.
- 111. The CoC22 **NOTED** that both Seychelles and South Africa submitted information for the inclusion of the vessels (3) in the 2025 Draft IOTC IUU Vessels List after the established deadline of 70 days before the CoC22, and therefore, the vessels were not considered in the list.
- 112. The CoC22 **NOTED** that paper IOTC–2025–CoC22–06, serves as notification to India for the activities of the fishing vessel, BENEDICTA, registered to India.
- 113. The CoC22 **NOTED** that the vessel BENEDICTA was issued a fishing license when the vessel was still in the IOTC IUU Vessels List.
- 114. The CoC22 **NOTED** that India provided information about the legal action taken against this vessel and requested additional time to report on what this legal action consisted of.
- 115. The CoC22 **NOTED** progress reported by India, which had been requested to provide a VMS implementation plan and a progress report within six months following CoC21.
- 116. The CoC22 **NOTED** that paper IOTC–2025–CoC22–06, serves as notification to Sri Lanka of the activities of the five fishing vessels registered to Sri Lanka: IMUL-A-0603-CHW, IMUL-A-0778-CHW, IMUL-A-1562-MTR, IMUL-A-0835-KLT and IMUL-A-1895-MTR.
- 117. The CoC22 **NOTED** that Sri Lanka has undertaken legal actions and imposed sanctions against vessels IMUL-A-0603-CHW and IMUL-A-0778-CHW and **FURTHER NOTED** that vessel IMUL-A-1562-MTR, although detained for six months, could not be prosecuted due to insufficient evidence.
- 118. The CoC22 **NOTED** that Seychelles reported the IUU fishing activities for the two Sri Lankan vessels IMUL-A-0835KLT and IMUL-A-1895MTR, which were apprehended while fishing within Seychelles' waters without a valid coastal State fishing license and in violation of IOTC Conservation and Management Measures (CMMs).
- 119. The CoC22 **NOTED** Sri Lanka's commitment to prevent IUU fishing in the region and that Sri Lanka has no objection to the follow-up actions taken by other coastal States against its vessels that violated IOTC CMMs, and **FURTHER NOTED** that it would be advisable to provide communication to the IOTC Secretariat, so that Sri Lanka can be promptly informed and can take appropriate action.
- 120. The CoC22 **NOTED** South Africa's decision to withdraw their submission regarding a Chinese vessel.
- 121. The CoC22 **NOTED** paper <u>IOTC–2025–CoC22–06</u>a, from the United Kingdom, related to the reporting of vessels in transit, where it was noted that 952 transit reports were received from 440 different vessels, of which:
  - a) 8 Sri Lankan vessels were not authorised to fish for tuna and tuna-like species in the IOTC area at the time of transit.
  - b) 27 Sri Lankan vessels that were not on the e-RAV at the time of transit but have since been added.
  - c) 18 Sri Lankan vessels inspected were in a potential breach of CMMs (no ATF, VMS logbook, marking, gear marking).
  - d) One Indian vessel inspected was in a potential breach of CMMs in Resolution 19/04.
  - e) 3 of 19 vessels inspected were not registered on the e-RAV, or had expired authorisation period, all had IOTC species identified on board.
  - f) 3 of 19 vessels inspected could not produce an ATF when requested.
  - g) 10 of 19 vessels inspected did not have a functional VMS unit.
  - h) 16 of 19 vessels inspected had fishing gears which were either not marked at all or properly marked.

#### 10. REVIEW OF THE DRAFT 2025 ILLEGAL, UNREPORTED AND UNREGULATED VESSEL LIST - RESOLUTION 24/03

122. The CoC22 **NOTED** the information provided in documents <u>IOTC-2025-CoC22-07</u>, <u>IOTC-2025-CoC22-07</u>, <u>IOTC-2025-CoC22-07</u> and <u>IOTC-2025-CoC22-07</u> Add2, which will assist it in its deliberations for recommending a Provisional IUU Vessels List and any other changes to the IOTC IUU Vessels List, for the consideration of the Commission (S29).

#### Review of the Draft IUU Vessel List

- 123. The CoC22 **NOTED** the information provided in document <u>IOTC-2025-CoC22-07</u> containing the Draft IUU Vessels List, which the CoC22 should consider for recommending a Provisional IUU Vessels List for the consideration of the Commission (S29).
- 124. The CoC22 **NOTED** that information and evidence were received for five fishing vessels flagged to Indonesia and five fishing vessels flagged to Sri Lanka.
- 125. The CoC22 **NOTED** Indonesia's cooperation and constructive engagement, and **FURTHER NOTED** that all vessels involved were investigated and sanctioned. The CoC22 **NOTED** Indonesia's commitment to prioritize the installation of VMS on the SINAR LAUT 10 to ensure all the vessels are appropriately monitored.
- 126. The CoC22 **NOTED** that Indonesia has taken effective action and **AGREED** to not include the five vessels (REJEKI MAS, KARYA REJEKI 3, SINAR LAUT 10, KARYA REJEKI and ANUGRAH 32) into the IOTC IUU Provisional Vessels List.
- 127. The CoC22 **NOTED** that despite the numerous evidence reported on vessels IMUL-A-0168-PTM and IMUL-A-0833-KLT, Sri Lanka's own investigation concluded that there was insufficient supporting evidence to initiate legal proceedings.
- 128. The CoC22 **NOTED** the limited capacity of Sri Lankan investigation officers in evidence gathering and **FURTHER NOTED** the request of Sri Lanka for assistance to build the capacity of the investigation officers.
- 129. The CoC22 **AGREED** to include vessels IMUL-A-0168-PTM and IMUL-A-0833-KLT into the Provisional IOTC IUU Vessels List.
- 130. The CoC22 **AGREED** that vessels IMUL-A-0509-CHW and IMUL-A-2280-TLE not be included in the Provisional IOTC IUU Vessels List.
- 131. The CoC22 **NOTED** that legal proceedings are still ongoing for vessel IMUL-A-0892-KLT and **AGREED** to include it into the Provisional IOTC IUU Vessels List.
- 132. The CoC22 **NOTED** the proposals for one fishing vessels flagged to the Philippines (KUDA LAUT 03) and one flagged to South Africa (EL SHADDAI) for cross-listing from the IUU Vessels List of the Western Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) and the Southern Indian Ocean Fisheries Agreement (SIOFA), respectively.
- 133. The CoC22 **AGREED** to cross-list vessel KUDA LAUT 03.
- 134. The CoC22 **NOTED** that there was no consensus on whether to cross-list the vessel EL SHADDAI and **AGREED** to defer this discussion to the Commission (S29).

#### Request to delete 26 Indian vessels from the IUU Vessels List

- 135. The CoC22 **NOTED** the information provided by India for 26 vessels included in the IOTC IUU Vessels List.
- 136. The CoC22 **NOTED** that a series of fundamental questions were raised in relation to the information provided by India and **AGREED** that the questions will be send to the Secretariat for onward transmission to India.
- 137. The CoC22 **AGREED** to defer discussions on the delisting of the 26 vessels from India to the Commission, pending receipt of the official responses from India.

#### Information on the intersessional delisting procedure of two Sri Lankan vessels from the IUU Vessels List

- 138. The CoC22 **NOTED** the information pertaining to two Sri Lankan vessels (IMUL-A-0846-KLT and IMULA-0730-KLT), which were the subject of an intersessional delisting process (IOTC Circulars 2024-44 and 2024-51) and **FURTHER NOTED** the unsuccessful outcome of the intersessional process to delist the vessels from the IOTC IUU Vessels List.
- 139. The CoC22 **EMPHASIZED** the requirement of responding to IOTC Circulars on the intersessional delisting procedures within the given time period for the smooth functioning of the process.
- 140. The CoC22 **NOTED** that there was no agreement to delist vessel IMULA-0846-KLT because of ongoing legal proceedings and **FURTHER NOTED** the information provided by Sri Lanka which indicates further legal disputes between the owner and the skipper.
- 141. The CoC22 **NOTED** that there was no quorum in the intersessional delisting process to delist the vessel IMULA-0730-KLT.
- 142. The CoC22 **AGREED** to delist the Sri Lankan vessel IMULA-0730-KLT from the IUU Vessels List.

#### Update of information on vessels in the IUU Vessels List

- 143. The CoC22 **NOTED** the information provided by Iran for the vessel KOOSHA 4, which was cross-listed by the IOTC from the IUU Vessels List of CCAMLR and **FURTHER NOTED** that the KOOSHA 4 is still listed by CCAMLR as an IUU vessel.
- 144. The CoC22 **NOTED** the status report from Sri Lanka for seven vessels included in the IOTC IUU Vessels List.
- 145. The CoC22 **NOTED** the additional information provided by Sri Lanka and the comments of Seychelles with regards to the conclusion of the legal proceedings against vessel IMUL-A-1053-TLE.
- 146. The CoC22 **NOTED** the request of Sri Lanka to delist vessel IMUL-A-1053-TLE, given that the legal proceedings against the vessel have been concluded.
- 147. The CoC22 **NOTED** the request of Sri Lanka and **FURTHER NOTED** that the request should have been made 15 days prior to CoC22.
- 148. The CoC22 **AGREED** to take the delisting of the Sri Lankan vessel IMUL-A-1053-TLE from the IUU Vessels List during the intersessional period and **STRESSED** the importance for CPCs to participate in the intersessional delisting process.

#### Change of details vessels in the IUU Vessels List and list of vessels for cross-listing

- 149. The CoC22 **NOTED** that the information received via the WCPFC's and the SIOFA's IUU Vessels Lists, for implementing the IOTC cross-listing process, has resulted in new information for the purpose of updating the details of four vessels included on the IOTC IUU Vessel List:
  - FU LIEN No. 1 Update Country and registration number of legal entity to M-01432, and Reference of supporting document and information to E13-1532 (source WCPFC),
  - NEPTUNE Update Country and registration number of legal entity to M-00545, Call sign to Unknown and Reference of supporting document and information to E11-5762; E13-1532 (source WCPFC),
  - YU FONG 168 Update Owner / beneficial owners to Chang Lin Pao-Chun (source WCPFC), and
  - QIAN YUAN Update Current flag to Unknown (source SIOFA).
- 150. The CoC22 **NOTED** the additional information provided by the European Union with regards to additional updates required to the IOTC IUU Vessels List:
  - JINZHANG: to add Sierra Leone as the last previous flag State of the vessel.
  - KIKI: to add LISBOA as the previous name and Senegal as previous flag State of the vessel.

151. The CoC22 **AGREED** to update the details of vessels in the IUU Vessels List and list of vessels for cross-listing.

#### Recommendation/s

- 152. The CoC22 **RECOMMENDED** that the vessels IMUL-A-0168-PTM, IMUL-A-0833-KLT, IMUL-A-0892-KLT and KUDA LAUT 03 be added into the Provisional IOTC IUU Vessels List.
- 153. The CoC22 **RECOMMENDED** that the five Indonesian vessels (REJEKI MAS, KARYA REJEKI 3, SINAR LAUT 10, KARYA REJEKI and ANUGRAH 32), in addition to the two Sri Lankan vessels (IMUL-A-0509-CHW and IMUL-A-2280-TLE) not be added to the Provisional IOTC IUU Vessels List.
- 154. The CoC22 **RECOMMENDED** that the changes indicated in paragraphs 149 and 150, above, be implemented in the IOTC IUU Vessels List.
- 155. The CoC22 **RECOMMENDED** that the Commission discuss the delisting of the 26 Indian vessels and the South African vessel EL SHADDAI.
- 156. The CoC22 **RECOMMENDED** that the Commission approve that the vessels included in the Provisional IUU Vessels List (Appendix 5) be included in the IOTC IUU Vessels List.

#### 11. REVIEW OF RECOMMENDATIONS REQUIRING INTERSESSIONAL ACTIONS FROM COC21

- 157. The CoC22 **NOTED** document <u>IOTC-2025-CoC22-09</u>, prepared by the IOTC Secretariat, on the progress made in relation to the implementation of the requests from CoC21.
- 158. The CoC22 **NOTED** that the majority of recommendations and requests had been implemented with the exception of one, which is ongoing.

# 12. REVIEW OF REQUESTS FOR THE RENEWAL OF THE STATUS OF COOPERATING NON-CONTRACTING PARTY — APPENDIX III OF THE IOTC RULES OF PROCEDURE

- 159. The CoC22 **NOTED** paper IOTC-2025-CoC22-CNCP01, on Panama's request for CNCP status.
- 160. The CoC22 **NOTED** the commitment expressed by Panama to uphold the objectives of the IOTC and respect the Commission's Conservation and Management Measures.
- 161. The CoC22 **AGREED** to support Panama's application for CNCP Status.
- 162. The CoC22 **NOTED** paper <u>IOTC-2025-CoC22-CNCP02</u>, on Liberia's request for the renewal of its CNCP status.
- 163. The CoC22 **RECALLED** Liberia confirmed its commitment to respect the Commission's Conservation and Management Measures.
- 164. The CoC22 **RECALLED** Liberia's commitment not to engage in harvesting activities but to operate carrier vessels in the IOTC Area of Competence.
- 165. The CoC22 **AGREED** to support Liberia's application for the renewal of their CNCP Status.
- 166. The CoC22 **NOTED** that Singapore has carrier vessels participating in the Regional Observer Programme to monitor transhipments at sea and **REQUESTED** the Secretariat to engage with Singapore with objective of inviting them to become a CNCP of the IOTC.

#### Recommendation/s

- 167. The CoC22 **RECOMMENDED** that the Commission approve Panama's request for Cooperating non-Contracting Party status.
- 168. The CoC22 **RECOMMENDED** that the Commission approve Liberia's request to renew its Cooperating non-Contracting Party status.

# 13. ACTIVITIES BY THE IOTC SECRETARIAT IN SUPPORT OF CAPACITY BUILDING FOR DEVELOPING CPCS (RESOLUTION 16/10)

- 169. The CoC22 **NOTED** document <u>IOTC-2025-CoC22-10</u>, prepared by the IOTC Secretariat, which provided information on the activities undertaken by the IOTC Secretariat in support of implementation of CMMs adopted by the IOTC.
- 170. The CoC22 **NOTED** the continued implementation of capacity building activities by the IOTC Secretariat to assist CPCs to improve their compliance with CMMs and strengthen the implementation of port State measures and **FURTHER NOTED** the appreciation from CPCs of the IOTC Secretariat's support.
- 171. The CoC22 **ENCOURAGED** CPCs to get in contact with the Secretariat to increase their capacity and solve any outstanding compliance issues and **NOTED** that some CPCs expressed their willingness to receive capacity building support.

#### e-PSM application

- 172. The CoC22 **NOTED** the implementation of training programmes for port State CPCs, in accordance with paragraph 3 of Resolution 16/11 and the increasing use of the IOTC e-PSM application by port State CPCs and flag State CPCs.
- 173. The CoC22 **NOTED** that the connection between the IOTC's and FAO's PSM information exchange systems (e-PSM and GIES) has been established.
- 174. The CoC22 **NOTED** that the e-PSM application's dedicated funding under the Commission's regular budget shall ensure availability and sustainability of the application.

#### e-MARIS and e-RAV applications

- 175. The CoC22 **NOTED** in accordance with the recommendations of CoC15, the progress made by the IOTC Secretariat towards the work to implement the e-MARIS application to support the IOTC Compliance process.
- 176. The CoC22 **NOTED** the improvements implemented to facilitate reporting in e-MARIS, the new functionalities (Recall information from previous e-MARIS campaign) and integration with the e-RAV.
- 177. The CoC22 **NOTED** that the e-MARIS application's dedicated funding under the Commission's regular budget shall ensure availability and sustainability of the application.

#### Recommendation/s

- 178. The CoC22 **RECOMMENDED** the Secretariat to coordinate with CPCs with overall compliance rates below 50%, to conduct compliance support missions.
- 179. The CoC22 **RECOMMENDED** that CPCs engage with the Secretariat to request capacity building missions.

#### 14. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

180. The CoC22 **NOTED** that the CoC is normally held in the week before the meeting of the Commission and **FURTHER NOTED** that the date and venue of the 2026 Commission meeting (S30) will dictate when and where the next Compliance Committee meeting will take place.

#### 15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 181. The CoC22 **NOTED** Australia's request to introduce their proposal for amending Resolution 15/03 on VMS.
- 182. The CoC22 **ENCOURAGED** CPCs to contact Australia to provide input to Australia's proposal before it is discussed at the Commission (S29).

#### 16. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE 22<sup>ND</sup> SESSION OF THE COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE

183. The CoC22 **RECOMMENDED** that the Commission consider the consolidated set of recommendations arising from CoC22, provided at <u>Appendix 8</u>.

184.	The report of the 22 <sup>nd</sup> Session of the Compliance Committee was adopted on 11 <sup>th</sup> April 2025.

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# APPENDIX 2 ADOPTED AGENDA

Date: 07 – 09 April and 11 April, 2025 Location: NORDEV, St. Denis, La Réunion (Hybrid)

**Time:** 09:00 – 17:00 hrs

Chairperson: Prof Indra Jaya, Vice-chairperson: Mr Zahor El Kharousy

#### 07 - 09 April

- 1. Opening of the Session.
- 2. Letters of Credentials.
- 3. Admission of Observers.
- **4.** Adoption of the Agenda and arrangements for the Session.
- **5.** Reports of the Working Groups on:
  - **5.1** An IOTC Catch Documentation Scheme (CDS).
  - **5.2** An IOTC Vessels Monitoring System (VMS).
  - **5.3** Appendix V of the IOTC Rules of Procedure
    - 5.3.1 Review of the proposal to amend Appendix V of the IOTC Rules of Procedure (2023)
- Report of the Working Party on the Implementation of Conservation and Management Measures (WPICMM08).
  - **6.1** Review of the IOTC Glossary of terms and definitions.
  - **6.2** Proposed revision of Resolution 24/10.
  - **6.3** Amendment on the Resolutions regarding compliance matters.
- 7. Review of the implementation of IOTC Conservation and Management Measures (CMMs) together with associated reports and identification of challenges encountered in the implementation of IOTC CMMs Appendix V of the IOTC Rules of Procedure.
  - **7.1** Global review of CMMs.
  - **7.2** Review of CPCs Compliance Reports together with associated reports.
- **8.** Review of Indonesia's Pilot project on at sea transhipments
- 9. Review of information related to presumed IUU fishing activities in the IOTC Area of Competence.
- 10. Review of the Draft IUU Vessels List Res. 24/03.
- 11. Review of recommendations requiring intersessional actions, from CoC21.
- **12.** Review of requests for the renewal of the status of Cooperating Non-Contracting Party Appendix III of the IOTC Rules of Procedure.
- 13. Activities by the IOTC Secretariat in support of capacity building for CPCs Res. 24/10.
- 14. Date and venue of next meeting.
- 15. Any Other Business.
  - **15.1** Revision of Resolution 19/04, Resolution 15/03 and Resolution 24/10 (Australia/European Union/South Africa).

#### 11 April

**16.** Adoption of the Report of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Compliance Committee.

# APPENDIX 3 FINAL LIST OF DOCUMENTS

1. Meeting documents	Title	
IOTC-2025-CoC22-01a_Rev1	Adopted agenda for the 22nd Session of the Compliance Committee	
IOTC-2025-CoC22-01b_Rev3	Annotated agenda for the 22nd Session of the Compliance Committee	
IOTC-2025-CoC22-02	List of documents for the 22nd Session of the Compliance Committee	
IOTC-2025-CoC22-03_Rev2	Summary report on the level of compliance	
IOTC-2025-CoC22-04a	Report on Transhipment Resolution 24-05 - Secretariat's report	
IOTC-2025-CoC22-04b	A Summary of the IOTC Regional Observer Programme during 2023 – Contractor's Report	
IOTC-2025-CoC22-05	Report on Indonesia's Pilot Project to monitor transhipment - Indonesia's report	
IOTC-2025-CoC22-05_Add1_Rev1	Independent Review of Indonesia's Pilot Project for monitoring at sea transhipments	
IOTC-2025-CoC22-06	Additional Information related to presumed IUU fishing	
IOTC-2025-CoC22-06a	Reporting of vessels in transit (United Kingdom)	
IOTC-2025-CoC22-07	Review of the Draft IUU Vessels List	
IOTC-2025-CoC22-07_Add1_Rev1	Additional information and Checklists	
IOTC-2025-CoC22-07_Add2	Additional information	
IOTC-2025-CoC22-08a	Summary of compliance with and collection of the drifting fish aggregating devices management plans	
IOTC-2025-CoC22-08b	Summary of compliance with and collection of the anchored fish aggregating devices management plans	
IOTC-2025-CoC22-09	Implementation of Requests from CoC21	
IOTC-2025-CoC22-10	Compliance Support Activities	
IOTC-2025-CoC22-11	Working Groups Reports - WPICMM, VMSWG, CDSWG, WGAV	
IOTC-2025-CoC22-11_Add1	Amendment of the AppendixV of the IOTC RoP	
IOTC-2025-CoC22-11_Add2	Supplementary paper on key decisions on the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC) Catch Documentation Scheme (CDS) Concept Paper	
IOTC-2025-CoC22-11_Add3	Supplementary paper on key decision points for the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC) Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) Pilot Project	
IOTC-2025-CoC22-11_Add4	Glossary of terms and definitions which should be used by Members when drafting proposals for Resolutions for the Commission	

1. Meeting documents	Title	
IOTC-2025-CoC22-11_Add5	WPICMM08 proposal revision Resolution 24/10	
IOTC-2025-CoC22-11_Add6	Amendment on the existing Resolutions regarding compliance matters (Japan)	
IOTC-2025-CoC22-11_Add7	VMSWG proposed work plan	
2. Reference documents	Title	
IOTC-2025-CoC22-REF01	Mauritius Statements under Agenda items 2, 7.2, 9 and 10 of CoC22	
IOTC-2025-CoC22-REF02	PropX.IOTC-2016-S20-Resolution 16-11 E- PSM	
IOTC-2025-CoC22-REF03	France Statement regarding Tromelin Island	
3. Reports from other meetings	Title	
IOTC-2025-CDSWG	Reports from meetings of the IOTC Catch Documentation Scheme Working Group (CDSWG)	
IOTC-2025-VMSWG	Reports from meetings of the IOTC Vessel Monitoring System Working Group	
IOTC-2025-WGAV	Reports from meetings of the AD HOC Working Group on Appendix V of the IOTC Rules of Procedure	
IOTC-2025-WPICMM08	Report of the 8th Session of the IOTC Working Party on Implementation of Conservation and Management Measures	
IOTC-2025-WPICMM08-03_Rev2	New WPICMM Work Plan (FINAL REVIEW BY WPICMM08)	
IOTC-2025-WPICMM08- 07_Add1_Rev2	The e-MARIS campaign CoC23 (2026 assessment) Table list of requirements/Reports building (REQ 2.12; 2.19; 2.28; 11.2; 11.5) REVIEWED BY WPICMM08	
IOTC-2025-WPICMM08- 08_Add1_Rev2	Assessment criteria table REVIEWED BY WPICMM08 [IN TRACK CHANGE]	
4. Requests for the Cooperating non-Contracting Party status	Request from	
IOTC-2025-CoC22-CNCP01	Panama CNCP status request	
IOTC-2025-CoC22-CNCP02	Liberia CNCP renewal status request	
5. Consultant Reports	Title	
IOTC-2025-CDSWG11-02	Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC) Catch Documentation Scheme (CDS) and draft Resolution on an Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC) Catch Documentation Scheme (CDS) - Version 4 (Amended 12.03.2025) (CLEAN)	
IOTC-2025-CDSWG11-02	Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC) Catch Documentation Scheme (CDS) and draft Resolution on an Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC) Catch Documentation Scheme (CDS) - Version 4 (Amended 12.03.2025) (WITH TRACK CHANGE)	

5. Consultant Reports	Title	
IOTC-2025-VMS Pilot Project-01	Final Consultant Report - Proposal, Design and Requirements of the IOTC VMS Pilot Project	
IOTC-2025-VMS Pilot Project-02	Final Consultant Report - Implementation Plan of the IOTC VMS Pilot Project	
6. Summary Compliance Reports	Members	
IOTC-2025-CoC22-sCR01_Rev1	Australia (with FUA)	
IOTC-2025-CoC22-sCR02_Rev1	Bangladesh (with FUA)	
IOTC-2025-CoC22-sCR03_Rev1	China (with FUA)	
IOTC-2025-CoC22-sCR04_Rev1	Comoros (with FUA)	
IOTC-2025-CoC22-sCR05_Rev1	European Union (with FUA)	
IOTC-2025-CoC22-sCR06	France (OT)	
IOTC-2025-CoC22-sCR07_Rev1	India (with FUA)	
IOTC-2025-CoC22-sCR08_Rev1	Indonesia (with FUA)	
IOTC-2025-CoC22-sCR09_Rev1	Iran, Islamic Republic of (with FUA)	
IOTC-2025-CoC22-sCR10_Rev1	v1 Japan (with FUA)	
IOTC-2025-CoC22-sCR11_Rev1	Kenya (with FUA)	
IOTC-2025-CoC22-sCR12_Rev1	_Rev1 Korea, Republic of (with FUA)	
IOTC-2025-CoC22-sCR13_Rev1	3_Rev1 Madagascar (with FUA)	
IOTC-2025-CoC22-sCR14	Malaysia (no FUA)	
IOTC-2025-CoC22-sCR15_Rev1	Maldives (with FUA)	
IOTC-2025-CoC22-sCR16_Rev1	Mauritius (with FUA)	
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IOTC-2025-CoC22-sCR18_Rev1	Oman (with FUA)	
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IOTC-2025-CoC22-sCR20_Rev1	Philippines (with FUA)	
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IOTC-2025-CoC22-sCR23_Rev1	South Africa (with FUA)	
IOTC-2025-CoC22-sCR24_Rev1	Sri Lanka (with FUA)	
IOTC-2025-CoC22-sCR25	Sudan (no FUA)	
IOTC-2025-CoC22-sCR26_Rev1	1 Tanzania, United Republic of (with FUA)	
IOTC-2025-CoC22-sCR27_Rev1	Thailand (with FUA)	
IOTC-2025-CoC22-sCR28_Rev1	United Kingdom (with FUA)	
IOTC-2025-CoC22-sCR29	Yemen (no FUA)	

6.1. Summary Compliance Reports	Cooperating non-Contracting Parties	
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IOTC-2025-CoC22-CQ22	Somalia (Not submitted - Non soumis)
IOTC-2025-CoC22-CQ23	South Africa
IOTC-2025-CoC22-CQ24	Sri Lanka
IOTC-2025-CoC22-CQ25	Sudan (Not submitted - Non soumis)
IOTC-2025-CoC22-CQ26	Tanzania, United Republic of
IOTC-2025-CoC22-CQ27_Rev1	Thailand
IOTC-2025-CoC22-CQ28	United Kingdom
IOTC-2025-CoC22-CQ29	Yemen (Not submitted - Non soumis)
8.1. Compliance Questionnaire	Cooperating non-Contracting Parties
IOTC-2025-CoC22-CQ30	Liberia (Not submitted - Non soumis)

# APPENDIX 4 STATEMENTS ON SOVEREIGNTY



#### REPUBLIC OF MAURITIUS

### MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, REGIONAL INTEGRATION AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE

### No:-01/2025 (18570/46/142)

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade of the Republic of Mauritius presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC) and has the honour to refer to the 22<sup>nd</sup> Session of the IOTC Compliance Committee to be held from 07 to 09 and 11 April 2025 at the Nordev Parc des Expositions, La Réunion, France.

The Ministry has further the honour to transmit copy of four statements by the Republic of Mauritius on Agenda items 2, 7.2, 9 and 10. The Ministry would appreciate it if the attached statements by Mauritius could be annexed to the report of the meeting and posted on the IOTC website. The original statements are being despatched.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade of the Republic of Mauritius avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC) the assurances of its highest

consideration,

Port Louis, 04 April 2025

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## 22<sup>nd</sup> Session of IOTC Compliance Committee 7-9 and 11 April 2025, St. Denis, La Réunion

#### **Agenda Item 2: Letters of Credentials**

#### Statement by the Republic of Mauritius

The long-standing position of the Republic of Mauritius as regards the United Kingdom's purported membership of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission as a "coastal State situated wholly or partly within the Area [of competence of the Commission]" remains unchanged.

The Republic of Mauritius requests that this statement be annexed to the report of this meeting.

### 22<sup>nd</sup> Session of IOTC Compliance Committee 7-9 and 11 April 2025, St. Denis, La Réunion

### Agenda Item 7.2: Review of CPCs Compliance Reports together with associated reports

#### Statement by the Republic of Mauritius

The Republic of Mauritius reiterates the statements which it made with regard to the Chagos Archipelago and the Island of Tromelin at the 19<sup>th</sup> Session of the Compliance Committee held from 8-10 and 12 May 2022 in Seychelles and which are annexed to the report of that meeting (Document IOTC-2022-CoC19-R[E], Appendix 4).

The Republic of Mauritius requests that this statement be annexed to the report of this meeting.

### 22<sup>nd</sup> Session of IOTC Compliance Committee 7-9 and 11 April 2025, St. Denis, La Réunion

## Agenda Item 9: Review of information related to presumed IUU fishing activities in the IOTC Area of Competence

#### Statement by the Republic of Mauritius

The Republic of Mauritius strongly objects to the disclaimer which the IOTC Secretariat has added to the document entitled "Reporting of vessels in transit through BIOT/Chagos archipelago waters for potential breach of IOTC Conservation and Management Measures" (IOTC-2025-CoC22-06a) as it is inconsistent with UN General Assembly Resolution 73/295 and the legal advice provided by the FAO Legal Counsel on 6 May 2022 in relation to Agenda item 4 of the 26<sup>th</sup> Session of the Commission.

In Resolution 73/295, the UN General Assembly has recognized, in accordance with the Advisory Opinion of the International Court of Justice of 25 February 2019, that as a matter of international law, the Chagos Archipelago forms an integral part of the territory of the Republic of Mauritius. It has also called upon the United Nations and all its specialized agencies as well as all other international, regional and intergovernmental organizations to recognize that the Chagos Archipelago forms an integral part of the territory of the Republic of Mauritius, to support the decolonization of the Republic of Mauritius as rapidly as possible, and to refrain from impeding that process by recognizing, or giving effect to any measure taken by or on behalf of, the so-called "British Indian Ocean Territory".

In her legal advice, the FAO Legal Counsel stated that "the FAO and the Depositary recognize that "the Chagos Archipelago forms an integral part of the territory of Mauritius.""

She also made it clear that the United Kingdom is not entitled to be a member of the IOTC as a coastal State.

Since the United Kingdom is not the coastal State in relation to the Chagos Archipelago and cannot lawfully take any action in respect of the Chagos Archipelago, including reporting on vessels in transit through the waters of the Chagos Archipelago, it would not be appropriate for

the Committee to consider the above-mentioned document purportedly submitted by the United Kingdom and for the United Kingdom to be requested to present the document.

The Republic of Mauritius requests that this statement be annexed to the report of this meeting.

#### 22<sup>nd</sup> Session of IOTC Compliance Committee 7-9 and 11 April 2025, St. Denis, La Réunion

### Agenda Item 10: Review of the Draft IUU Vessels List - Res. 24/03

#### Statement by the Republic of Mauritius

The Republic of Mauritius reiterates that it does not condone IUU fishing and that it is not opposed to the adoption and implementation of any measure against IUU fishing provided that any such measure is taken or implemented in conformity with international law, including the rights of the Republic of Mauritius under such law.

However, since the Republic of Mauritius is the only State which is lawfully entitled to exercise sovereignty and sovereign rights over the Chagos Archipelago and its maritime zones, it cannot endorse any recommendation for the inclusion on the IOTC IUU Vessels List of vessels reported by the United Kingdom purporting to act as the coastal State in relation to the Chagos Archipelago.

The Republic of Mauritius requests that this statement be annexed to the report of this meeting.

### 22 ème session du comité de conformité de la CTOI – 7-9 avril 2025 Déclaration de la République française en réponse à la déclaration de la République de Maurice

En réponse à la déclaration de la République de Maurice, la République française réitère la déclaration relative à l'île de Tromelin effectuée lors de la 19<sup>e</sup> session du Comité de Conformité qui s'est tenue du 08 au 10 et 12 mai 2022 aux Seychelles, et qui est annexée au rapport de ladite réunion (Document IOTC-2022-CoC19-R[E], Appendix 4). La République française demande que cette déclaration soit annexée au rapport de la présente réunion.

In response to the statements by the Republic of Mauritius, the French Republic reiterates the statements which it made with regard to the Island of Tromelin at the 19<sup>th</sup> Session of the Compliance Committee held from 8-10 and 12 May 2022 in Seychelles and which are annexed to the report of that meeting (Document IOTC–2022–CoC19–R[E], Appendix 4). The French Republic requests that this statement be annexed to the report of this meeting.

# APPENDIX 5 PROVISIONAL IUU VESSELS LIST 11 APRIL 2025

The complete details of vessels listed are available at the following link:

**Provisional IUU Vessels List for 2025** 

# APPENDIX 6 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM WPICMM08

- WPICMM08.01 (Para. 18) The WPICMM08 **RECOMMENDED** that the Compliance Committee (CoC22) review component 9.1 and activities 9.1.2 to 9.1.11 of the WPICMM's work plan, presented in document IOTC-2025-WPICMM08-03 Rev2.
- WPICMM08.02 (Para. 19) The WPICMM08 **RECOMMENDED** the Compliance Committee (CoC22) to endorse the work plan of the WPICMM for the next six years.
- WPICMM08.03 (Para. 41) The WPICMM08 **RECOMMENDED** the Compliance Committee (CoC22) to encourage fleets to respond and take action with regards to the possible infractions in the shortest possible time to enable timely corrective actions and prevent the recurrence of possible infringements.
- WPICMM08.04 (<u>Para. 79</u>) The WPICMM08 **RECOMMENDED** the CoC22 to endorse the changes to the assessment criteria, for the CoC23 2026 assessment campaign.
- WPICMM08.05 (Para. 85) The WPICMM08 **RECOMMENDED** the Compliance Committee (CoC22) to request the Commission to clarify whether there exists consensus for implementing a regional IOTC VMS and if not, whether the VMSWG should continue with its technical discussions.
- WPICMM08.06 (<u>Para. 101</u>) The WPICMM08 **RECOMMENDED** that the Compliance Committee review the modifications to the agreed terms and definitions of the Glossary, as approved by the WPICMM and available as <u>Appendix 5</u>, with a view to endorsing them.
- WPICMM08.07 (Para. 114) The WPICMM08 **RECOMMENDED** the IOTC Compliance Committee to table the revision of Resolution 24/10, as endorsed by the WPICMM, in order to repeal obsolete CMMs.
- WPICMM08.08 (Para. 120) The WPICMM08 **RECOMMENDED** that the Compliance Committee consider the consolidated set of recommendations arising from WPICMM08, provided at Appendix 4.

APPENDIX 7

CONSOLIDATED SET OF CHANGES TO CPCS' SUMMARY COMPLIANCE REPORTS AGREED AT THE COC22

СРС	Requirement number	sCR Assessment	Assessment changed to
AUS	NONE		
BDG	3.10	N/C1	N/A
CHN	8.6	P/C	С
COM	NONE		
EU	NONE		
FRAOT	NONE		
IND	NONE		
IDN	NONE		
IRN	NONE		
JPN	NONE		
KEN	3.8	NC1	N/A
	3.9	NC1	N/A
	3.10	NC2	N/A
KOR	NONE		
LBR	NONE		
MDG	NONE		
MYS	NONE		
MDV	NONE		
MUS	8.6	P/C	С
	2.18	P/C	С
MOZ	5.2	NC1	С
	5.4	NC1	С
OMN	5.2	N/C2	N/A
	5.4	N/C2	N/A
	8.6	P/C	С
PAK	NONE		
PHL	NONE		
SYC	NONE		
SOM	NONE		
ZAF	NONE		
LKA	NONE		
SDN	NONE		
TZA	NONE		
THA	NONE		
UK	2.8	P/C	N/A
YEM	NONE		

#### **APPENDIX 8**

# CONSOLIDATED SET OF RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE 22<sup>ND</sup> SESSION OF THE COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE (07 – 09 APRIL & 11 APRIL 2025) TO THE COMMISSION

- CoC22.01 (Para. 20) The CoC22 **RECOMMENDED** that the work of the CDSWG be paused awaiting to the outcome of the work within ICCAT and the TCAC.
- CoC22.02 (Para. 21) The CoC22 **RECOMMENDED** that the Chair of the WPICMM provides updates on progress being made by ICCAT to implement a CDS on tropical tunas.
- CoC22.03 (Para. 31) The CoC22 **RECOMMENDED** the Commission postpone the VMSWG until the Commission defines the scope of a regional VMS in the IOTC and adopts an updated resolution on VMS.
- CoC22.04 (Para. 32) The CoC22 **RECOMMENDED** the Commission task the WPICMM to intersessionally define the scope of a regional VMS for the IOTC and its estimated cost, and submit a proposal to amend the VMS resolution to the 2026 Commission meeting.
- CoC22.05 (Para. 36) The CoC22 **RECOMMENDED** that the Commission amend Appendix V of the IOTC Rules of Procedure as per document IOTC-2025-S29-06.
- CoC22.06 (Para. 40) The CoC22 **RECOMMENDED** the Commission to endorse the consolidated set of recommendations adopted by the WIPCMM08 (Appendix 6).
- CoC22.07 (Para. 44) The CoC22 **RECOMMENDED** that the Commission adopt the Glossary of terms agreed by the WPICMM08.
- CoC22.08 (Para. 49) The CoC22 **RECOMMENDED** that the Commission adopt the amendments proposed in the revision of Resolution 24/10.
- CoC22.09 (Para. 53) The CoC22 **RECOMMENDED** to amend Resolution 24/05 to incorporate the changes agreed by the CoC22.
- CoC22.10 (Para. 72) The CoC22 **RECOMMENDED** the Secretariat to collaborate with developing coastal States to assess their needs for establishing robust data collection systems and to prepare a funding proposal for submission to donors.
- CoC22.11 (Para. 101) The CoC22 **RECOMMENDED** that the Commission task the Working Party on Data Collection and Statistics (WPDCS) to provide the CoC23 with advice on the impact of lowering the requirement of 1 fish per metric ton, in cases where the quantities of catches are less than one metric ton for particular species.
- CoC22.12 (Para. 109) The CoC22 **RECOMMENDED** the Commission consider all information provided in both the consultant's and Indonesia's report along with the interventions made at the CoC22 to endorse a way forward.
- CoC22.13 (Para. 152) The CoC22 **RECOMMENDED** that the vessels IMUL-A-0168-PTM, IMUL-A-0833-KLT, IMUL-A-0892-KLT and KUDA LAUT 03 be added into the Provisional IOTC IUU Vessels List.
- CoC22.14 (Para. 153) The CoC22 **RECOMMENDED** that the five Indonesian vessels (REJEKI MAS, KARYA REJEKI 3, SINAR LAUT 10, KARYA REJEKI and ANUGRAH 32), in addition to the two Sri Lankan vessels (IMUL-A-0509-CHW and IMUL-A-2280-TLE) not be added to the Provisional IOTC IUU Vessels List.
- CoC22.15 (Para. 154) The CoC22 **RECOMMENDED** that the changes indicated in paragraphs 149 and 150, above, be implemented in the IOTC IUU Vessels List.
- CoC22.16 (Para. 155) The CoC22 **RECOMMENDED** that the Commission discuss the delisting of the 26 Indian vessels and the South African vessel EL SHADDAI.

- CoC22.17 (Para. 156) The CoC22 **RECOMMENDED** that the Commission approve that the vessels included in the Provisional IUU Vessels List (Appendix 5) be included in the IOTC IUU Vessels List.
- CoC22.18 (Para. 167) The CoC22 **RECOMMENDED** that the Commission approve Panama's request for Cooperating non-Contracting Party status.
- CoC22.19 (Para. 168) The CoC22 **RECOMMENDED** that the Commission approve Liberia's request to renew its Cooperating non-Contracting Party status.
- CoC22.20 (Para. 178) The CoC22 **RECOMMENDED** the Secretariat to coordinate with CPCs with overall compliance rates below 50%, to conduct compliance support missions.
- CoC22.21 (Para. 179) The CoC22 **RECOMMENDED** that CPCs engage with the Secretariat to request capacity building missions.