

IOTC-2025-S29-fCR01 (Final)-Australia [E]

2025 **Final** Compliance Report for: Australia

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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	Current 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

3. Reporting on Vessels

4. Vessel Monitoring System

5. Mandatory statistical requirement – Flag State CPCs

5.4	Res 15/02 (1/2/3)	Catch discarded – IOTC species, sharks, turtles, seabirds,	30/6/2024	P/C	Received: 28.06.2024. STD: No. Not provided by IOTC standards, missing information on discard data from coastal	In reference to purse seine fisheries, Australia's purse seine fishery is for southern bluefin tuna. catch, effort	Actions proposed by the CPC
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	13/04 17/05 (6) 18/02 (3) 18/05 (8) 12/04 (1) 23/07 (1/2) 13/02 (7) (2023)	cetaceans, whale sharks, mobulids - All fisheries			and purse seine fisheries. Data for the purse seine fisheries are only reported to CCSBT. The Secretariat will liaise with Australia to see how this information could also be reported to the IOTC Secretariat.	and discard data is reported to the Commission for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna and not the IOTC. Please remove from the reference to purse seine fisheries in the observations. We accept the P/C in reference to coastal fisheries and continue to work with the relevant fisheries jurisdiction in Australia to consider Australia's potential provision of this information in the future.	Australia will continue to work with the relevant Australian fisheries jurisdiction to consider the potential provision of this information in the future.
5.6	Res 15/02 (1, 5) (2023)	Size Frequencies Geo-referenced – Coastal/surface/longline fisheries	30/6/2024	P/C	STD: NO - Size-frequency (SF) data not provided for coastal fisheries due to very low catches; SF for industrial fisheries only provided for species with more than 1 metric tonne of catch.	In reference to SF for industrial fisheries, our interpretation of the measure is that SF samples for a particular species are not required to be provided when catch is less than 1 metric tonne. Please remove from the reference to SF for industrial fisheries from the observation. We accept the P/C in reference to coastal fisheries and continue to work with the relevant fisheries jurisdiction in Australia to consider Australia's potential provision of this information in the future.	Actions proposed by the CPC Australia will continue to work with the relevant Australian fisheries jurisdiction to consider the potential provision of this information in the future.

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

7. Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) Vessels

8. Transshipments

9. Observers

10. Statistical document programme

11. Port inspection

11.3	Res. 16/11	Inspection report & Report vessels engaged IUU fishing fol-	23/1/2025 (Since 2010)	P/C	LEG: N/A. STD: NO - Has provided the PIR via e-mail and not by e-PSM. Information not provided in the	Australia undertook one IOTC port inspection of a foreign flagged fishing vessel in 2024 and the inspection report was transmitted via email to the IOTC Sec-	Additional info or address the issue Noting our remarks, Australia intends to raise this during the CoC for discussion with CPCs to consider how
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	(13.1,15.1) (2024)	lowing port inspection			agreed format/IOTC standard. Call in port: 2 ; Foreign vessel inspected: 1 ; LAN/TRX monitored: 0. One PIRs provided. SP : N/A.	retariat and Flag State. No IOTC port inspections of foreign flagged fishing vessels occurred in 2022 or 2023. We understand eMaris includes use of the ePSM system as part of the assessment criteria and that the Commission endorsed a recommendation from the Compliance Committee to mandate the use of the ePSM system. However, resolution 16/11 has not yet been updated to reflect the obligation to use the ePSM system and until the measure is updated Australia does not believe a CPC's compliance status should be effected if they haven't used the ePSM system.	the obligation on using the ePSM system should be assessed until such time that 16/11 is updated.
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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 Australia :

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The Compliance Action Plan was :

Not required/applicable - Action proposed by Australia 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 Australia 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 (%)
48	3	0	0	35	0	94.1

Current issues on the level of implementation by Australia of IOTC Conservation and Management Measures identified at CoC22 in 2025

Having reviewed the 2025 Provisional Compliance Report for Australia, the Commission has identified the following significant repeated non-compliance issues and capacity building activities.

Repeated non-compliance issues

Requirement	Information required	Observations	Previous status (2024)	Current status (2025)
5.6	Size Frequencies Geo-referenced – Coastal/surface/longline fisheries	STD: NO - Size-frequency (SF) data not provided for coastal fisheries due to very low catches; SF for industrial fisheries only provided for species with more than 1 metric tonne of catch.	N/C2	P/C

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

Comments by the Compliance Committee or Commission

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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.

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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”).