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2025 **Final** Compliance Report for: China

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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

2.8	Res. 17/07 (2) (6) (2024)	Ban on large-scale driftnets IOTC Area & MCS actions large-scale driftnets IOTC Area	12/2/2025	P/C	LEG: NO – Submitted " Notification on the Issuance of Indian Ocean Tuna Fisheries Compliance Elements Nongbanyu (2024) 18", which in its section "V. Time and Area of Fishing Operation and Fishing Gear" states that Chinese fishing vessels are prohibited from using large scale drift net on the high seas. The prohibition does not cover all the IOTC area of competence (i.e. coastal EEZs). Following the assessment China provides an update of the previous notification issued on 07 February 2025, valid for next compliance campaign cycle CoC23-2026. STD: YES. SP: YES – Provided/described for a) b) and c).	Bureau of Fisheries, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs of China issued new national legislation: Notification on the Issuance of Indian Ocean Tuna Fisheries Compliance Elements (07/02/2025) in which the related text is 'It is prohibited from using aircrafts and unmanned aerial vehicles for the purpose of fish finding and other fishing aids. It is prohibited from using large scale drift net.' indicating the drift net is prohibited in both high seas and EEZ.	Amendments to national law Notification on the Issuance of Indian Ocean Tuna Fisheries Compliance Elements (07/02/2025) in which the related text is 'It is prohibited from using aircrafts and unmanned aerial vehicles for the purpose of fish finding and other fishing aids. It is prohibited from using large scale drift net.' indicating the drift net is prohibited in both high seas and EEZ.
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3. Reporting on Vessels

3.6	Res. 19/04 (3) (2024)	List of Authorized vessels	23/1/2025	P/C	LEG: N/A. STD: NO - Information not provided at IOTC standard R19/04 (3); mandatory information missing [Photographs starboard side (4 ves- sels);Photographs portside (10 vessels); Pho- tographs bow (23 vessels)]. SP : N/A.	The missing photos were submitted in 2025 January.	Additional info or address the issue The missing photos are uploaded gradually..
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4. Vessel Monitoring System

5. Mandatory statistical requirement – Flag State CPCs

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

7. Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) Vessels

8. Transshipments

8.1	Res. 24/05 (30) (2023)	At sea transshipments – CPC reports	15/9/2024	P/C	LEG:N/A STD:NO - Has reported total quantity tran- shipped 13,134.364 T but ROP database records 16,150.632 T. Has reported 72 LSTLVs but ROP database records 74 LSTLVs. SP:N/A	Some quantities were not included because the vessel owner failed to report but the reason of most missing quantities cannot be specified.	Enhanced monitoring of fleet China enhanced the level of management of the tran- shipment in IOTC area of competence to make sure the quantity is submitted correctly.
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9. Observers

10. Statistical document programme

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 China :

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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 :

11-06-2024

Summary of China 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 (%)
47	3	0	0	36	0	94

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

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

Repeated non-compliance issues

Require- ment	Information re- quired	Observations	Previous status (2024)	Current status (2025)
3.6	List of Authorized vessels	LEG: N/A. STD: NO - Information not provided at IOTC standard R19/04 (3); mandatory information missing [Photographs starboard side (4 vessels);Photographs portside (10 vessels); Photographs bow (23 vessels)]. SP : N/A.	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.

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”).