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2025 **Final** Compliance Report for: Iran

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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

2.16-Obj210	Res. 19/01 (5-15)(12) (2023)	Catch limits - Nominal catch & Report methods for achieving YFT catch reductions	12/2/2025	N/C2	LEG: YES – Regulations for the establishment of the National IOTC Commission, Article 3, paragraphs 2 & 5. STD: NO - Exceeding quantitative limit established by the Commission in two or more consecutive year. SP: YES - Provided & described for i) ii) iii).	Due to the decline in the catch of yellowfin tuna in recent years, the catch amount for this YFT in 2023 around 37,350 tons, which shows a significant decrease compared to the past 3 years and also compared to the baseline year around 46,216 tons. It is important to note that Paragraphs 5, 6, and 7 of Resolution 19/01 specify catch limits for the purse seine, gillnet, and longline methods have been established. In recent years, Iran has experienced a decrease in catches for all of these fishing methods. However, it raises the question of why N/C2 with the resolution has not been taken into account in the assessment.	Additional info or address the issue In accordance with the requirements of Resolution 19/01 regarding the rebuilding of yellowfin tuna, which includes authorized vessels 24 meters in length overall or above and above, as well as vessels less than 24 meters, those operating in waters outside the Economic Exclusive Zone of the flag State, it should be noted that Iran engages in various methods of catching tuna and tuna-like species within the IOTC area of competency. The amount of yellowfin tuna caught by Iran has significantly decreased compared to previous years. One reason for this reduction is the temporary inactivity of the purse seine fleet and the reduced catch by gillnet vessels in the IOTC area. Regarding the catch
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							by gillnet vessels, there is a discrepancy in calculations from 2011 till 2014 for both coastal and high seas. During these years, fishing vessels did not specify the position of catch data due to the lack of access to VMS and logbook information. However, in recent years, with the installation of VMS and AIS and the enhancement of the data collection system in the integrated system, the catch position has been recorded with greater precision, distinguishing between high seas and coastal catches for gillnet vessels. The Iran statistics division is reviewing and correcting the data with the geographical position of the catch. The catch data from 2011 to 2014 related to the gillnet fishing method will be re-examined and corrected and will be reported to the IOTC to update the IOTC database.
2.20-Obj210	Res. 19/01 (20/23) (2024)	Gillnet, report level implementation paragraphs 20-23	12/2/2025	P/C	LEG: NO – Not provided. STD: NO - Leaves section on para. 20, about phasing out gillnetters and converting gillnetters to other gears, in blank. SP: YES - Provided/described for a), b) and c). Indicates that there exist SP to respond to instance of non-compliance via national law, but does not complete Section C on legislation.	In accordance with Para 2 of Article 3 of the Regulations for the establishment of the National IOTC Commission, the requirements of Resolution 19/01 were reviewed and communicated to the relevant departments for implementation in 2020 by Iran's Commissioner to the IOTC. Furthermore, in line with Paragraph 20 of Resolution 19/01, Iran has taken measures in recent years to reduce yellowfin tuna catch. One of these measures has been encouraging fishermen to convert to selective fishing methods, such as long-line, which is temporarily used during certain seasons of the year. Consequently, yellowfin tuna catches have significantly decreased over the past two years, as reflected in Iran's Scientific Committee report.	- -

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). Eleven (11) mandatory data fields missing (IMO number; IRCS; Total Volumen of Fish Holds; Name and Address of Beneficial Owner; Name, Address and Registration Number of the Company operating the vessel; Photographs starboard side; Photographs portside ; Photographs bow). Source: Section 2, subsection 2.1 of Compliance Questionnaire (IOTC-2025-CoC22-CQ09) SP : N/A.	-	-
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4. Vessel Monitoring System

4.1			30/6/2024	P/C	Received 30.06.2024.	-	-
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	Res. 15/03 (1, 11, 12) (2023)	Adoption VMS for vessels >24m and			<p><u>LEG</u>: YES - National Regulation of Fishery Management Plan - para. 2-5-1 of article 5.</p> <p><u>STD</u>: PARTIEL – Implemented partially due to international sanctions. Coverage <10%; 77 vessels in 2023; Report on the progress of implementation of VMS complete; no technical failure in 2023.</p> <p><u>SP</u>: NO - NOT Provided & described for a) or b) or c).</p> <p><u>Obs</u>: Has provided a VMS implementation plan, Target completion date is within two years, by 2024-2025. To enhance vessel monitoring capabilities, our technical team is exploring the development of a comprehensive solution that integrates VMS (Vessel Monitoring System) functionalities with existing AIS technology. The International Fisheries Organization (IFO) is committed to supporting this project until its successful implementation.</p>	-
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5. Mandatory statistical requirement – Flag State CPCs

5.6	Res 15/02 (1, 5) (2023)	Size Frequen- cies Geo-refer- enced – Coastal/sur- face/longline fish- eries	30/6/2024	P/C	STD: No - Data not provided for all species/fish- ery. Less than 1 fish per metric tonne for some species.	-
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6. Implementation of mitigation measures and bycatch of non-IOTC species

7. Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) Vessels

8. Transshipments

9. Observers

9.2	Res. 22/04 (3) (2023)	5% Observer cover- age mandatory at sea (all vessels)	17/11/2024	N/C1	<p><u>LEG</u>: YES - Law on the Protection and Exploita- tion of Aquatic Resources, Articles 53 & 65</p> <p><u>STD</u>: NO - Mandatory coverage not achieved for all fleet segments; purse seine, longline & han- dline fisheries.</p>	-
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					SP: NO - Provided & described for i) & iii) NOT for ii).		
9.4	Res. 22/04 (18) (2023)	At sea observer reports	17/11/2024	N/C2	STD: NO - No observer programme (at sea).	Due to some problems with the lack of accommodations, Iran fishing fleet has not been able to install observers on board the vessels. Iran has focused on improving the implementation of the observer scheme in ports and port sampling to meet the observer rate required by IOTC. Therefore, data and important biological and socio-economic information are collected by monitoring the fishing landing sites on a regular basis. This activity covers more than 10% of the active vessels.	- -

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 Iran :

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The Compliance Action Plan was :

Not received

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

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Summary of Iran 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 (%)
40	4	1	2	39	0	85.1

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

Having reviewed the 2025 Provisional Compliance Report for Iran, 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)
2.16-Obj2101	Catch limits - Nominal catch & Report methods for achieving YFT catch reductions	LEG: YES – Regulations for the establishment of the National IOTC Commission, Article 3, paragraphs 2 & 5. STD: NO - Exceeding quantitative limit established by the Commission in two or more consecutive year. SP: YES - Provided & described for i) ii) iii).	P/C	N/C2
2.20-Obj2101	Gillnet, report level implementation paragraphs 20-23	LEG: NO – Not provided. STD: NO - Leaves section on para. 20, about phasing out gillnetters and converting gillnetters to other gears, in blank. SP: YES - Provided/described for a), b) and c). Indicates that there exist SP to respond to instance of non-compliance via national law, but does not complete Section C on legislation.	N/C1	P/C
3.6	List of Authorized vessels	LEG: N/A. STD: NO - Information not provided at IOTC standard R19/04 (3). Eleven (11) mandatory data fields missing (IMO number; IRCS; Total Volume of Fish Holds; Name and Address of Beneficial Owner; Name, Address and Registration Number of the Company operating the vessel; Photographs starboard side; Photographs portside ; Photographs bow). Source: Section 2, subsection 2.1 of Compliance Questionnaire (IOTC-2025-CoC22-CQ09) SP : N/A.	N/C2	P/C
5.6	Size Frequencies Geo-referenced – Coastal/surface/longline fisheries	STD: No - Data not provided for all species/fishery. Less than 1 fish per metric tonne for some species.	N/C2	P/C
9.2	5% Observer coverage mandatory at sea (all vessels)	LEG: YES - Law on the Protection and Exploitation of Aquatic Resources, Articles 53 & 65 STD: NO - Mandatory coverage not achieved for all fleet segments; purse seine, longline & handline fisheries. SP: NO - Provided & described for i) & iii) NOT for ii).	N/C1	N/C1
9.4	At sea observer reports	STD: NO - No observer programme (at sea).	N/C1	N/C2

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”).