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2025 **Final** Compliance Report for: Japan

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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

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 [Port of registration, Beneficial Owner and Company details, Photographs starboard side; Photographs bow]. SP : N/A.	All the required information was provided through e-RAV and e-MARIS by the deadline in January. There is no missing information on Japanese fishing vessels since then. Thus, this requirement should be assessed as "C"	Other remedies Japan has submitted all the required information by the deadline. Thus, this requirement should be assessed as "C". In any case, we will continue to provide all information through e-RAV and e-MARIS .
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4. Vessel Monitoring System

5. Mandatory statistical requirement – Flag State CPCs

5.1	Res 18/07 (4) (2023)	Nominal catches / Zero Catch Ma- trix – All Fisheries (Species presence in the catch)	30/6/2024	P/C	Received: 27.06.2024 & 17.12.2024. STD: NO - Positive catch of SSP & FAL in 1DR, but not in 1RC/1DI.	1DR (zero catch matrix) includes both observer data and logbook data, while 1RC and 1DI (retained and discarded catch) include logbook data only. The gap is due to the difference of data source.	Other remedies After consulting with the Secretariat and verifying our data, Japan concluded that the 1DR had data entry errors. Japan is ready to provide the updated 1DR, but e-MARIS prevents from doing so by closing this re- quirement. We will continue to submit mandatory data properly.
5.6	Res 15/02 (1, 5) (2023)	Size Frequen- cies Geo-refer- enced – Coastal/sur- face/longline fish- eries	30/6/2024	N/C2	STD: NO - Data NOT provided. Non-compliant in two or more consecutive years.	Due to the interruption of the observer deployment caused by the COVID-19 for several years and subse- quent changes in our internal observer data processing system, there has been a delay in data submission. Japan is currently finalizing this data and will provide it soon.	Additional info or address the issue Japan is in the process of finalizing the data and will submit it soon.

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

7. Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) Vessels

8. Transshipments

8.4	Res 24/05 (8, 9) (2024)	List Authorised carrier vessels	23/1/2025	P/C	LEG: N/A. STD: NO - mandatory information missing (GT) for three Japanese carrier vessels (GOUTA MARU, TAISEI MARU NO.15 and TAISEI MARU NO.24) SP : N/A.	All the information was provided through e-RAV and e-MARIS in February. There is no missing information on Japanese carrier vessels since then. Thus, this re- quirement should be assessed as "C".	Other remedies Japan has submitted all the required information by the deadline. Thus, this requirement should be as- sessed as "C". In any case, we will continue to provide all the neces- sary information through e-RAV and e-MARIS.
8.5	Res. 24/05 (33) (2024)	Report results of in- vestigations on pos- sible infractions	15/1/2025	P/C	Received 16.01.2025. One day after the dead- line. LEG: N/A. STD: YES - All responses to PI provided with all information required according, in the agreed format. SP : N/A. Obs.: the observer report and PI was commu- nicated via e-MARIS to Japan on 28 May 2024. The revised submission deadline of 15th Janu- ary was proposed by WPICMM03 and endorsed	This should be assessed as "C". First, Res. 24/05 para 33 states "Upon receiving such evidence, each CPC shall ... report the results of the investigation ... three months prior to the IOTC Compliance Committee." Japan received the observer report on January 10. It was impossible for us to provide the investigation re- sult before January 7, three months before the COC. Note that our response was on January 16, which was prompt enough from the receipt of the observer report. Second, the due date of this requirement was shown as	Additional info or address the issue, Actions proposed by the CPC After consulting with the Secretariat, Japan accepts to be assessed as P/C for this requirement. We will submit the results of the investigation by 15th January next year, if any. However, Japan emphasizes that the e-MARIS should show the correct deadline to prevent confusion in the future. Additionally, Japan points out the need to consolidate the two deadlines for this requirement i) 3 months before

					by the CoC and the Commission in 2020. This adjustment aimed at enabling the WPICMM to assess responses to PIs and to allow the IOTC Secretariat to prepare and submit a working paper to the WPICMM annually.	January 16 in e-MARIS. Our response was before this deadline.	the COC as in Res.24/05, para33, and ii) 15th January as endorsed in 2020. The latter should be incorporated into Res.24/05.
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9. Observers

9.4	Res. 22/04 (18) (2023)	At sea observer reports	17/11/2024	P/C	STD: NO - Mandatory observer reports NOT provided in the agreed format.	Although Japan has used our Excel format for long years and been assessed this as Compliant, we are considering using the format provided by the Secretariat from next year.	Additional info or address the issue Japan is considering using the format provided by the Secretariat from the next submission.
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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 Japan :

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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 :

03-07-2024

Summary of Japan 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 (%)
46	5	0	1	34	0	88.5

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

Having reviewed the 2025 Provisional Compliance Report for Japan, 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)
3.6	List of Authorized vessels	LEG: N/A. STD: NO - Information not provided at IOTC standard R19/04 (3); mandatory information missing [Port of registration, Beneficial Owner and Company details, Photographs starboard side; Photographs bow]. SP : N/A.	N/C2	P/C
5.1	Nominal catches / Zero Catch Matrix – All Fisheries (Species presence in the catch)	Received: 27.06.2024 & 17.12.2024. STD: NO - Positive catch of SSP & FAL in 1DR, but not in 1RC/1DI.	N/C2	P/C
9.4	At sea observer reports	STD: NO - Mandatory observer reports NOT provided in the agreed format.	N/C1	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”).