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2025 **Final** Compliance Report for: Madagascar

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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

2.1	Res. 19/04 (11.c & 17.c) (2024)	Registration certificates, valid authorisation to fish/tranship on board	23/1/2025	P/C	Received 15.01 & 15.02.2025. <u>LEG</u> : YES - Law No. 2015 – 053 on the Fisheries and Aquaculture Code, Law No. 2018-026 on the revision of certain provisions of the law on the Fisheries and Aquaculture Code, Article 56 - Legislation prévoit seulement ADP a bord. NO - DECREE N090-267 Concerning registration and measurement of inland navigation vessels and fixing navigation and parking rights - Art.5. Any registered building must be equipped with. DECREE applicable for inland waters. <u>SP</u> : YES – Provided for i) ii) iii).	-	Amendments to national law A regulatory text on the obligation to carry the registration certificate on board will be developed for this year 2025, if possible. The standard memorandum of understanding, which contains the terms and conditions of the licenses, will also be updated.
2.7b				P/C	Received 17.01.2025	-	Actions proposed by the CPC

Res. 15/01 (11) (2024)	Coastal catch recording system	23/1/2025 (Since 2016)	<p><u>LEG</u>: YES – " Law-n°2018-026 Code Fishing Aquaculture".</p> <p><u>STD</u>: Partial - Not all costal fisheries / fishing gears / vessels below 24m fishing EEZ are covered.</p> <p><u>SP</u> : YES – Provided & described for i) ii) & iii).</p> <p><u>OBS</u>: <i>The implementation of this obligation was initiated in 2019 in three regions out of 13 in Madagascar. The reasons for this partial implementation are financial. Currently, five regions are concerned by the collection of data on coastal fisheries, and will be increased gradually depending on the available budgets.</i></p>	The data collection system (mobile application and WEB) for coastal fisheries was set up and operational in mid-October 2024 in five regions and extended to the south in March 2025. The coverage of this type of fishery is often the representativeness of the fishing unit in the stratum and depending on available budgets. In addition, the Secretariat's assistance mission at the end of March 2025 made it possible to improve and readjust the data collection system as well as sampling. However, the implementation of this measure remains a challenge for Madagascar, and depends on very significant financial resources.
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3. Reporting on Vessels

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	N/C2	<p>Received: 28.06.2024. Failed to ensure compliance for two or more consecutive years.</p> <p><u>STD</u>: NO - Not provided by IOTC standards; information split between coastal and industrial fisheries in 2 files.</p>	-	<p>Actions proposed by the CPC</p> <p>The Secretariat's assistance mission at the end of March 2025 enabled data personnel in Madagascar to strengthen our capacity to complete reports in accordance with the required standards. Thus, data on zero catches will be reported in the new form following the IOTC requirement.</p>
5.3	Res 15/02 (1, 2) (2023)	Nominal catches / Retained catches – All Fisheries	30/6/2024	N/C2	<p>Date received: 28.06.2024;</p> <p><u>STD</u>: No. Not provided by IOTC standards, splitting information of shark, coastal and industrial in 3 files, catches of shark reported aggregated, low coverage, and catches not for all landing sites. Failed to ensure compliance for two or more consecutive years.</p>	-	<p>Actions proposed by the CPC</p> <p>The Secretariat's assistance mission at the end of March 2025 enabled data personnel in Madagascar to strengthen our capacity to complete reports in accordance with required standards. Sampling coverage will be gradually increased (five regions in 2024 and an extension in the south for 2025). Madagascar is working closely with the Secretariat to improve sample selection, data processing and analysis. However, achieving this measure remains a challenge for Madagascar, and depends on very significant financial resources.</p>
5.4	Res 15/02 (1/2/3) 13/04 17/05 (6) 18/02	Catch discarded – IOTC species, sharks, turtles, seabirds, cetaceans, whale sharks, mobulids - All fisheries	30/6/2024	N/C2	<p>Date received: 28.06.2024;</p> <p><u>STD</u>: No. Not provided by IOTC standards. Using legacy form and no indication of the level of discard. Failed to ensure compliance for two or more consecutive years</p>	-	<p>Actions proposed by the CPC, Capacity building or assistance</p> <p>The Secretariat's assistance mission at the end of March 2025 enabled data personnel in Madagascar to strengthen our capacity to complete reports in accordance with the required standards. Thus, data on zero</p>

	(3) 18/05 (8) 12/04 (1) 23/07 (1/2) 13/02 (7) (2023)						catches will be reported in the new form following the IOTC requirement.
5.5	Res 15/02 (1/4, 6b) 17/05 (6) 18/02 (3) 18/05 (8) (2023)	Catch and Effort Geo-referenced – All Fisheries & FAD – Days at sea (Effort) by support vessels	30/6/2024	N/C2	Date received: 28.06.2024; STD: No. Not provided by IOTC standards, splitting information of shark, coastal and industrial fisheries in 3 files, catches of shark reported aggregated, low catch, and catches not for all landing sites. Failed to ensure compliance for two or more consecutive years	-	Actions proposed by the CPC, Capacity building or assistance The Secretariat's assistance mission at the end of March 2025 enabled data personnel in Madagascar to strengthen our capacity to complete reports in accordance with required standards. As for sampling coverage, it will be gradually increased (five regions in 2024 and an extension in the south for the year 2025). Madagascar is working closely with the Secretariat to improve sample selection, data processing and analysis.
5.6	Res 15/02 (1, 5) (2023)	Size Frequencies Geo-referenced – Coastal/surface/longline fisheries	30/6/2024	N/C2	STD: NO - Data NOT provided by IOTC standards, in two or more consecutive years.	-	Actions proposed by the CPC The data collection system (mobile and web application) for coastal fishing was set up and operational in mid-October 2024 in five regions and extended to the south in March 2025, including the collection of size frequency data. For industrial fishing, data collectors will ensure the measurement at the landing port.

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

7. Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) Vessels

8. Transshipments

9. Observers

9.3	Res. 22/04 (9) (2023)	5% landings coverage artisanal fishing vessels	17/11/2024	P/C	LEG: NO - Not submitted. STD: YES - Mandatory coverage achieved, according to Form 1-RC. SP: YES - Provided & described for i) ii) iii).	-	Amendments to national law A regulatory text on the coverage of landings by artisanal fishing vessels will be drawn up for this year 2025.
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10. Statistical document programme

11. Port inspection

11.2	Res 16/11 (5.1) (2024)	List of designated ports, Competent Authority, Prior notification periods	23/1/2025 (Since 2010)	P/C	Received 23.01.2025. Has designated 5 ports: MGDIE - Antsiranana; MGMJN - Majunga (Mahajanga); MGTGA - Toamasina; MGEHL - Ehoala; MGTLE - Tulear. LEG: NO – Not provided. Has declared the ports are NOT designated by national legislation. STD: YES - Has provided the mandatory information for all ports, in the agreed format/IOTC standard. No update in 2024. SP: YES – Provided & described for i) ii) iii).	-	Amendments to national law A regulatory text on port inspections (Designated ports, inspections of at least 5% LAN and TRX, refusal of port use and withdrawal of refusal of port use among others) will be developed for this year 2025.
11.3	Res. 16/11 (13.1,15.1) (2024)	Inspection report & Report vessels engaged IUU fishing following port inspection	23/1/2025 (Since 2010)	P/C	LEG: N/A. STD: NO - Has NOT provided all PIRs in mandatory e-PSM application within 3 working days. 35 PIRs received after 3wd. Partially using the mandatory e-PSM application 15 PIRs missing. SP : N/A.	-	Actions proposed by the CPC Where possible, PIRs will be submitted to the e-PSM application within the specified timeframe. Capacity building on the use of e-PSM applications for fisheries inspectors and shipowners will be carried out to address this difficulty. (However, it should be noted that landings can last up to 5 days or more, and the PIR will not be finalized until all products have been landed, so the 3-working-day deadline may not be met in this case. This issue could be discussed within the MCG Implementation Working Group.)
11.4	Res. 16/11 (10.1, 19.2, 19.3) (2024)	At least 5% inspection of LAN or TRX	23/1/2025 (Since 2010)	P/C	LEG: NO - Law 2015-053 establishing the fishing and aquaculture code. (art.62). Establishes that no aquatic organism on board this vessel must be unloaded or transhipped without the prior inspection of the vessel, OR without the landing or transshipment authorization. It does not transpose the obligation. STD: YES - Has declared 9 port calls for the purpose of landing, 1 involving transshipment; 1 landing & transshipment operations monitored. e-PSM data: 25 landing and transshipment port calls, 4 landings monitored by inspectors 3 by third party. Result: 16% landing/transshipment operations monitored by inspectors. SP : YES - Provided & described for a) b) c).	-	Amendments to national law A regulatory text on port inspections (Designated ports, inspections of at least 5% LAN and TRX, refusal of port use and withdrawal of refusal of port use among others) developed for this year 2025.
11.6	Res. 16/11 (9.3, 9.5) (2024)	Report denial use port / withdrawal denial use port	23/1/2025 (Since 2010)	P/C	LEG: NO - Submitted: Law 2015-053 on the Fisheries and Aquaculture Code. Article 70. The Secretariat can not identify any specific on the obligation or mention within the law to the denial of use port and withdrawal of the denial of use of port. The extract of the legal text provided alludes only to denial of port entry.	-	Amendments to national law A regulatory text on port inspections (Designated ports, inspections of at least 5% LAN and TRX, refusal of port use and withdrawal of refusal of port use among others) developed for this year 2025.

					STD: NIL report - Foreign vessels were NOT denied use of port. SP : YES - Provided & described for a) b) c).		
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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 Madagascar :

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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 Madagascar 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 (%)
42	7	0	5	32	0	77.8

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

Having reviewed the 2025 Provisional Compliance Report for Madagascar, 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)
2.7b	Coastal catch recording system	Received 17.01.2025 <u>LEG</u> : YES – "Law-n°2018-026 Code Fishing Aquaculture". <u>STD</u> : Partial - Not all coastal fisheries / fishing gears / vessels below 24m fishing EEZ are covered. <u>SP</u> : YES – Provided & described for i) ii) & iii). <u>OBS</u> : The implementation of this obligation was initiated in 2019 in three regions out of 13 in Madagascar. The reasons for this partial implementation are financial. Currently, five regions are concerned by the collection of data on coastal fisheries, and will be increased gradually depending on the available budgets.	N/C1	P/C
5.1	Nominal catches / Zero Catch Matrix – All Fisheries (Species presence in the catch)	Received: 28.06.2024. Failed to ensure compliance for two or more consecutive years. <u>STD</u> : NO - Not provided by IOTC standards; information split between coastal and industrial fisheries in 2 files.	N/C2	N/C2
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5.4	Catch discarded – IOTC species, sharks, turtles, seabirds, cetaceans, whale sharks, mobulids - All fisheries	Date received: 28.06.2024; STD: No. Not provided by IOTC standards. Using legacy form and no indication of the level of discard. Failed to ensure compliance for two or more consecutive years	N/C2	N/C2
5.5	Catch and Effort Geo-referenced – All Fisheries & FAD – Days at sea (Effort) by support vessels	Date received: 28.06.2024; STD: No. Not provided by IOTC standards, splitting information of shark, coastal and industrial fisheries in 3 files, catches of shark reported aggregated, low catch, and catches not for all landing sites. Failed to ensure compliance for two or more consecutive years	N/C2	N/C2
5.6	Size Frequencies Geo-referenced – Coastal/sur-	STD: NO - Data NOT provided by IOTC standards, in two or more consecutive years.	N/C2	N/C2

	face/longline fisheries			
9.3	5% landings coverage artisanal fishing vessels	LEG: NO - Not submitted. STD: YES - Mandatory coverage achieved, according to Form 1-RC. SP: YES - Provided & described for i) ii) iii).	N/C1	P/C
11.2	List of designated ports, Competent Authority, Prior notification periods	Received 23.01.2025. Has designated 5 ports: MGDIE - Antsiranana; MGMJN - Majunga (Mahajanga); MGTOA - Toamasina; MGEHL - Ehoala; MGTLE - Tulear. <u>LEG</u> : NO – Not provided. Has declared the ports are NOT designated by national legislation. <u>STD</u> : YES - Has provided the mandatory information for all ports, in the agreed format/IOTC standard. No update in 2024. <u>SP</u> : YES – Provided & described for i) ii) iii).	P/C	P/C
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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”).