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2025 **Final** Compliance Report for: Pakistan

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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

1.1	Art. X Agreement (2024)	Report of Implementation	12/2/2025	N/C2	STD: NO - Implementation Report NOT provided.	-	-
1.2	Rules of Proc. (4.1) (2024)	Compliance Questionnaire	23/1/2025	N/C2	STD: NO - Compliance questionnaire NOT provided, in two or more consecutive years.	-	-
1.3	SC04 / CS04 (111) (2023)	National Scientific Report (NR)	17/11/2024	P/C	Received 27 & 30.11.2024. 9 days after deadline STD: YES - 2023 National scientific report and information provided in agreed format/at IOTC Standard.	-	-

2. Management Standards

2.7b	Res. 15/01 (11) (2024)	Coastal catch recording system	23/1/2025 (Since 2016)	N/C2	Missing, No submission. Not received. Has failed to ensure compliance with the obligation for two or more consecutive years.	-	-
2.8- Obj	Res. 12/12 (2) (5) (2024)	Ban on large-scale driftnets & MCS actions large-scale driftnets High Seas	12/2/2025	N/C2	Failed to implement, monitor, ensure compliance for two or more consecutive years.	-	-
2.10- b	Res. 23/01 (7) (2024)	Marking AFADs	23/1/2025	N/C1	Submission missing, Not Received LEG: NO - Not submitted/provided. SP : NO - NOT Provided & described for i) ii) iii).	-	-
2.11- b	Res 23/01 (4) (2025) (2025)	AFADs management plan	1/1/2025	N/C1	NO submission, NO information received LEG: NO - Not submitted/provided. STD: NO - Mandatory AFADs Plan not provided. SP : NO - NOT Provided & described for i) ii) iii).	-	-
2.11- c	Res 23/01 (8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15) (2024) (2024)	AFADs deployed, lost, abandoned, discard- ed, inspected	12/2/2025	N/C1	No submission, Not Received. LEG: NO - Not submitted/provided. STD: NO - Mandatory AFADs data/report not provided. SP : NO - NOT Provided & described for i) ii) iii).	-	-
2.13	Res. 16/07 (1&2) (2024) (2024)	Prohibition surface, submerged artificial lights to attract fish	23/1/2025	N/C1	LEG: YES - Deep Sea Fishing Licensing Policy, 2018. SP : NO - NOT Provided & described for i) ii) iii).	-	-
2.14	Res. 16/08 (1) (2024) (2024)	Prohibition aircrafts & unmanned aerial ve- hicles	23/1/2025	N/C2	Failed to implement, monitor, ensure compli- ance for two or more consecutive years.	-	-
2.21	Res. 18/07 (1) (2024) (2024)	Report actions tak- en implement report- ing obligations & im- prove data collection of catches	12/2/2025	N/C1	STD: NO - Report on actions taken to implement reporting obligations & improve data collection of catches in 2024 NOT provided.	-	-
2.22	Res. 11/02 (6) (2024)	Reports observations damaged data buoys	12/2/2025	N/C2	Failed to implement, monitor, ensure com- pliance for two or more consecutive years. Mandatory information, system / procedures not provided.	-	-
2.23	Res. 11/02 (2) (2024)	Prohibition intention- ally fishing within 1 nautical mile/inter- acting data buoy	23/1/2025	N/C2	Failed to implement, ensure compliance with the same obligation for two or more consecutive years. Mandatory information, legislation, system / procedures not provided.	-	-

2.24	Res. 11/02 (3) (2024)	Prohibition taking on board data buoy	23/1/2025	N/C2	Failed to implement, ensure compliance with the same obligation for two or more consecutive years. Mandatory information, legislation, system / procedures not provided.	-	-
2.27	Res. 19/03 (2) (2024)	Prohibition intentionally setting any gear type on mobulid rays	23/1/2025	N/C2	<u>LEG</u> : NO - Not submitted/provided, in two or more consecutive years. <u>SP</u> : NO - NOT Provided & described for i) ii) iii), in two or more consecutive years.	-	-

3. Reporting on Vessels

3.6	Res. 19/04 (3) (2024)	List of Authorized vessels	23/1/2025	N/C2	Failed to implement, monitor, ensure compliance for two or more consecutive years. Mandatory information, system / procedures not provided.	-	-
3.8	Res. 14/05 (1) (2024)	List of foreign vessels licensed in EEZ	15/2/2025	N/C1	Failed to implement, ensure compliance with the obligation. No submission. Not received. <u>STD</u> :NO - 2024 List of foreign flag vessels issued licences in the EEZ NOT provided in the agreed format/at IOTC Standard.	-	-
3.9	Res. 14/05 (6) (2024)	Foreign vessels denied a licence	15/2/2025	N/C1	No submission. Not received. <u>STD</u> :NO - 2024 information on license denial and denial reasons NOT provided, in the agreed format/at IOTC Standard.	-	-
3.10	Res. 14/05 (3 & 5) (2024)	Access Agreement information	12/2/2025	N/C1	No submission. Not received. <u>STD</u> :NO - 2024 information <i>Government-Government access agreement</i> provided NOT.	-	-
3.11	Res. 14/05 (7 & 8) (2024)	Official coastal State fishing License	23/1/2025	N/C1	Failed to implement, ensure compliance with the same obligation. No submission. Not received. <u>STD</u> :NO - Information licenses foreign flag vessels to fish in EEZs for species managed by the IOTC in the IOTC Area NOT provided in the agreed format/at IOTC Standard.	-	-
3.12	Res. 21/01	List of vessels fishing for yellowfin tuna	15/2/2025	N/C2	Failed to ensure compliance for two or more consecutive	-	-

(26) (2024)				years. STD: NO - 2024 List of vessels, which have fished for yellowfin tuna in the IOTC area of competence NOT provided in the agreed format/at IOTC Standard.	-
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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 Matrix – All Fisheries (Species presence in the catch)	30/6/2024	N/C2	No submission Not received. Failed to ensure compliance for two or more consecutive years STD: NO - No data provided.	-
5.3	Res 15/02 (1, 2) (2023)	Nominal catches / Retained catches – All Fisheries	30/6/2024	N/C2	Date received: 05.05.2024; STD: No. Not provided by IOTC standards; not using any template format; only providing catch by species per fisheries and missing the meta-data. Failed to ensure compliance for two or more consecutive years.	-
5.4	Res 15/02 (1/2/3) 13/04 17/05 (6) 18/02 (3) 18/05 (8) 12/04 (1) 23/07 (1/2) 13/02 (7) (2023)	Catch discarded – IOTC species, sharks, turtles, seabirds, cetaceans, whale sharks, mobulids - All fisheries	30/6/2024	N/C2	STD: No. No data provided. Failed to ensure compliance for two or more consecutive years	-
5.5	Res 15/02 (1/4, 6b) 17/05 (6) 18/02 (3) 18/05	Catch and Effort Geo-referenced – All Fisheries & FAD – Days at sea (Effort) by support vessels	30/6/2024	N/C2	STD: No. No data provided. Failed to ensure compliance for two or more consecutive years	-

	(8) (2023)						
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 by IOTC standards, in two or more consecutive years.	-	-

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

6.1	Res. 17/05 (3) (2024)	Prohibition on sharks finning	23/1/2025 (Since 2017)	N/C1	LEG: NO - Not submitted/provided. SP: NO - NOT Provided & described for i) ii) iii).	-	-
6.2	Res. 12/09 (2) (2024)	Prohibition on thresher sharks - all species of family Alopiidae	23/1/2025 (Since 2010)	N/C1	LEG: YES - Deep Sea Fishing Licensing Policy, 2018. SP: NO - NOT Provided & described for i) ii) iii).	-	-
6.4	Res. 19/03 (3) (2024)	Prohibition to re- tain onboard, tran- ship, land, store mob- ulid rays	23/1/2025 (Since 2019)	N/C1	LEG: YES - Deep Sea Fishing Licensing Policy, 2018. SP : NO - NOT Provided & described for i) ii) iii), in two or more consecutive years.	-	-
6.5	Res. 19/03 (5, Annex 1) (2024)	Prohibition to gaff, lift by the gill slits/spir- acles, punch holes through the bodies. Obligation to release alive, implementation of live release han- dling procedures of mobulid rays	23/1/2025 (Since 2019)	N/C1	LEG: YES - Deep Sea Fishing Licensing Policy, 2018. SP : NO - NOT Provided & described for i) ii) iii), in two or more consecutive years.	-	-
6.9	Res. 12/04 (5) (2024)	Report progress im- plementation R12/04	12/2/2025	N/C2	Failed to implement, ensure compliance with the same obligation for two or more consecutive years. Mandatory information, legislation, system / procedures not provided.	-	-
6.10	Res 18/05 (5) (2024)	Prohibition to re- tain on board, tran- ship, land, any Striped Marlin, Black Marlin, Blue Marlin, Indo-pa- cific Sailfish small- er than 60 cm Lower Jaw Fork Length	23/1/2025 (Since 2018)	N/C2	Failed to implement, ensure compliance with the same obligation for two or more consecutive years. Mandatory information, legislation, system / procedures not provided.	-	-

7. Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) Vessels

8. Transhipments

9. Observers

9.3	Res. 22/04 (9) (2023)	5% landings coverage artisanal fishing ves- sels	17/11/2024	N/C2	LEG: NO - Not provided. STD: NO - Form 1-RC not submitted. SP: NO - Not provided & described for i) ii) iii).	-	-
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10. Statistical document programme

10.1	Res. 01/06 (5) (2024)	1st Semester report	1/10/2024	N/C1	STD: NO - Report NOT provided.	-	-
10.2	Res. 01/06 (5) (2023)	2nd Semester report	1/4/2024	N/C1	STD: NO - Report NOT provided.	-	-

11. Port inspection

11.1	Res 05/03 (8) (2023)	List of foreign vessels landings	1/7/2024	N/C1	STD:NO - Report NOT provided.	-	-
11.3	Res. 16/11 (13.1,15.1) (2024)	Inspection report & Report vessels en- gaged IUU fishing fol- lowing port inspec- tion	23/1/2025 (Since 2010)	N/C1	Failed to implement, ensure compliance with the obligation. Mandatory information, system / procedures not provided.	-	-
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)	N/C1	Failed to implement, ensure compliance with the obligation. Mandatory information, system / procedures not provided.	-	-

11.5	Res 16/11 (7.3) (2024)	Denial entry in port foreign fishing vessel	23/1/2025 (Since 2010)	N/C1	Failed to implement, ensure compliance with the obligation. Mandatory information, system / procedures not provided.	-	-
11.6	Res. 16/11 (9.3, 9.5) (2024)	Report denial use port / withdrawal denial use port	23/1/2025 (Since 2010)	N/C1	Failed to implement, ensure compliance with the obligation. Mandatory information, system / procedures not provided	-	-

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 Pakistan :

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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 Pakistan 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 (%)
2	1	20	19	44	0	4.8

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

Having reviewed the 2025 Provisional Compliance Report for Pakistan, 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)
1.1	Report of Implementation	STD: NO - Implementation Report NOT provided.	N/C1	N/C2
1.2	Compliance Questionnaire	STD: NO - Compliance questionnaire NOT provided, in two or more consecutive years.	N/C2	N/C2
1.3	National Scientific Report (NR)	Received 27 & 30.11.2024. 9 days after deadline STD: YES - 2023 National scientific report and information provided in agreed format/at IOTC Standard.	N/C2	P/C
2.7b	Coastal catch recording system	Missing, No submission. Not received. Has failed to ensure compliance with the obligation for two or more consecutive years.	N/C2	N/C2
2.8Obj	Ban on large-scale driftnets & MCS actions large-scale driftnets High Seas	Failed to implement, monitor, ensure compliance for two or more consecutive years.	N/C2	N/C2
2.13	Prohibition surface, submerged artificial lights to attract fish	LEG: YES - Deep Sea Fishing Licensing Policy, 2018. SP : NO - NOT Provided & described for i) ii) iii).	N/C2	N/C1
2.14	Prohibition aircrafts & unmanned aerial vehicles	Failed to implement, monitor, ensure compliance for two or more consecutive years.	N/C2	N/C2

2.21	Report actions taken implement reporting obligations & improve data collection of catches	STD: NO - Report on actions taken to implement reporting obligations & improve data collection of catches in 2024 NOT provided.	N/C2	N/C1
2.22	Reports observations damaged data buoys	Failed to implement, monitor, ensure compliance for two or more consecutive years. Mandatory information, system / procedures not provided.	N/C2	N/C2
2.23	Prohibition intentionally fishing within 1 nautical mile/interacting data buoy	Failed to implement, ensure compliance with the same obligation for two or more consecutive years. Mandatory information, legislation, system / procedures not provided.	N/C2	N/C2
2.24	Prohibition taking on board data buoy	Failed to implement, ensure compliance with the same obligation for two or more consecutive years. Mandatory information, legislation, system / procedures not provided.	N/C2	N/C2
2.27	Prohibition intentionally setting any gear type on mobile rays	LEG: NO - Not submitted/provided, in two or more consecutive years. SP: NO - NOT Provided & described for i) ii) iii), in two or more consecutive years.	N/C2	N/C2
3.12	List of vessels fishing for yellowfin tuna	Failed to ensure compliance for two or more consecutive years. STD: NO - 2024List of vessels, which have fished for yellowfin tuna in the IOTC area of competence NOT provided in the agreed format/at IOTC Standard.	N/C2	N/C2
5.1	Nominal catches / Zero Catch Matrix – All Fisheries (Species presence in the catch)	No submission Not received. Failed to ensure compliance for two or more consecutive years STD: NO - No data provided.	N/C2	N/C2
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5.4	Catch discarded – IOTC species, sharks, turtles, seabirds, cetaceans, whale	STD: No. No data provided. Failed to ensure compliance for two or more consecutive years	N/C2	N/C2

	sharks, mobulids - All fisheries			
5.5	Catch and Effort Geo-referenced – All Fisheries & FAD – Days at sea (Ef- fort) by support vessels	STD: No. No data provided. Failed to ensure compliance for two or more consecutive years	N/C2	N/C2
5.6	Size Frequencies Geo-referenced – Coastal/sur- face/longline fisheries	STD: NO - Data NOT provided by IOTC standards, in two or more consecutive years.	N/C2	N/C2
6.1	Prohibition on sharks finning	LEG: NO - Not submitted/provided. SP: NO - NOT Provided & described for i) ii) iii).	N/C2	N/C1
6.2	Prohibition on thresher sharks - all species of family Alopiidae	LEG: YES - Deep Sea Fishing Licensing Policy, 2018. SP: NO - NOT Provided & described for i) ii) iii).	N/C2	N/C1
6.4	Prohibition to re- tain onboard, tran- ship, land, store mobulid rays	LEG: YES - Deep Sea Fishing Licensing Policy, 2018. SP : NO - NOT Provided & described for i) ii) iii), in two or more consecutive years.	N/C2	N/C1
6.5	Prohibition to gaff, lift by the gill slits/spira- cles, punch holes through the bod- ies. Obligation to release alive, im- plementation of live release han- dling procedures of mobulid rays	LEG: YES - Deep Sea Fishing Licensing Policy, 2018. SP : NO - NOT Provided & described for i) ii) iii), in two or more consecutive years.	N/C2	N/C1
6.9	Report progress implementation R12/04	Failed to implement, ensure compliance with the same obligation for two or more consecutive years. Mandatory information, legislation, system / procedures not provided.	N/C1	N/C2
6.10	Prohibition to re- tain on board, tran- ship, land, any Striped Marlin, Black Marlin, Blue	Failed to implement, ensure compliance with the same obligation for two or more consecutive years. Mandatory information, legislation, system / procedures not provided.	N/C2	N/C2

	Marlin, Indo-pacific Sailfish smaller than 60 cm Lower Jaw Fork Length			
9.3	5% landings coverage artisanal fishing vessels	LEG: NO - Not provided. STD: NO - Form 1-RC not submitted. SP: NO - Not provided & described for i) ii) iii).	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”).